

*Friday, March 28, 1975  
Reid Collins*

*From Washington.....*

*From Da Nang.....*

*From the Chattanooga comes today's news. Good*

*Evening, Everybody. This is Reid Collins sitting in for*

*Lowell Thomas.*

## TAX CUT

President Ford has reached a decision on the tax cut measure and he will tell the nation what it is tomorrow evening.

The White House says Mr. Ford will make a speech at Seven-Thirty-Eastern time Saturday evening in which he'll deal with economic matters, including the tax bill which goes considerably further than he had requested.

After the speech, Mr. Ford will fly to Palm Springs, California, to begin his Eastern vacation. He also has several speeches and business stops on his schedule.

As for the decision - to sign or veto - the White House is holding it a closely guarded secret. The President's remarks will be heard ~~live~~ tomorrow evening at 7:30 on many of these CBS radio network stations.

The President has another speech in the works - this one dealing with global matters. Secretary Ron Nessen says the President will ask for a joint meeting of Congress on April Ninth or Tenth when he wants to air his views on

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foreign policy, a subject deferred from his state  
of the union message early this year.

## DA NANG

*The military commander of Da Nang has imposed a curfew and ordered his troops to shoot anybody creating civil disorder.*

*There was so much disorder earlier that the airlift planned to get thousands of refugees out of the clogged ~~city~~ city had to shut down.*

*There was a battle between North and South Vietnamese troops today just twenty-five miles south of Da Nang. There have been reports, unconfirmed, that the communists have fired rockets into the Da Nang air field.*

*Pentagon analysts say they expect Da Nang to fall to the Communists in two or three weeks, depending on how much pressure the North Vietnamese bring to bear.*

*The other airlift, the one into Phnom Penh, was suspended again today. A barrage of rockets landed in and near the field, Two people were killed and five were wounded.*

## VATICAN

At St. Peter's in Rome--Pope Paul today led tens of thousands of pilgrims--in celebrating the advent of Good Friday; to Catholics and Protestants around the world--the beginning of a period of deepest mourning; to last until Easter Morn--when the Christian faithful will rejoice to the news that: "Hallelujah, He is risen."

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## HOLY LAND FOLLOW VATICAN

Good Friday in the Holy Land--marked today by two bomb blasts in Jerusalem. These--apparently set by Arab guerillas; leaving three hospitalized--but none killed. And the observance of Good Friday by thousands of pilgrims there--proceeding as it always does; along the way of the cross--through the narrow streets of Jerusalem--to the hill over Calvary.

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**CHURCH FOLLOW HOLY LAND**

*Here at home - President Ford was also taking note of the date; today attending a morning Good Friday service - at the little Church of the Presidents across from the White House.*

**ST LOUIS**

*A man accused of stealing secret documents from the Howard Hughes Corporation that dealt with the CIA financed raising of a Russian submarine has surrendered to police in St. Louis.*

*Thirty-four-year-old Donald Woolbright was accused of the theft of documents last June from the Hughes subsidiary Summa Corporation under whose auspices the ship that raised the submarine was built.*



## HATHAWAY

*Former Wyoming Governor Stanley Hathaway is refusing to say whether he is the President's choice to become Interior Secretary.*

*Contacted by telephone, Hathaway says he's not at liberty to comment on the news stories of the past twenty four hours.*

*The stories say that when Rogers Morton moves from Interior to Commerce, Hathaway will be nominated to replace him.*

## WEATHER

Spring or no, there were snowdrifts piled up to ten feet deep today--across a thousand-mile stretch of the upper U.S.; the result of a raging blizzard--all the way from Montana and Wyoming to Upper Michigan.

In the wake of the storm--a small army of helicopters, snow plows and snowmobiles; attempting to search out--those who may have been caught in the post-winter blast. First reports indicating at least ~~thirteen~~ <sup>fourteen</sup> dead--with another twenty or more, at last report, still missing.

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## CHATTOOGA RIVER

The wild and wooly Chattooga River in South Carolina --scene of the book and movie, "Deliverance;" and ever since--a magnet for daredevil canoers; so much so that nineteen have died there--in just the past couple of years.

As a result--the U.S. Forest Service finally stepping in; blocking roads leading to the river--so that ultimately there will be only four ways to reach it. Forest Ranger Bill Craig saying: "People just don't realize--how rugged the river is." And he adds: "It has six-to-eight-foot drops--which I don't think I'll ever be competent enough to take in a canoe."

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