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HUE-SAIGON

In South Vietnam - the exodus continues; with more and more northern and central provinces - all but abandoned to <sup>the</sup> Communist forces; and more than a million refugees - attempting to escape to the south.

In addition, the truce that was supposed to be in effect <sup>did</sup> apparently ~~break~~ <sup>breaking</sup> down. Communist gunners at Hue - again shelling a refugee column, ~~as they did yesterday~~ also, shelling the Hue airport -killing at least ten. And, at the same time, a Communist attack on the town of Kien Duc <sup>where there is</sup> ~~in the midst of~~ another massive evacuation.

Meanwhile, an attempt today - to beef up government defenses around Saigon. This including the reassignment of key units - newly returned from forward combat positions; also, a special alert - for the city's self-defense militia; with Communist troops advancing on the capital from the north and east - <sup>advancing</sup> ~~now~~ virtually unopposed.

**NESSEN FOLLOW HUE-SAIGON**

*Here at home - the White House was again blaming Congress - for what's happening now in Indochina.*

*Spokesman Ron Nessen citing editorials - in the New York Times, the Washington Post and the Christian Science Monitor; saying these agreed with the President that Saigon's ~~present~~ plight - was due mainly to the "failure of Congress to provide the aid the President requested."*

*Nessen adding that the South Vietnamese have thus been left with no recourse - but "to pull back to what they could defend."*

*Nessen also taking Congress to task - for attempting to attach all kinds of amendments to the President's proposed tax cut. "The President is generally opposed to all amendments" - said Nessen. Adding that all he really wants - is a "clean, simple tax cut bill."*

# JERUSALEM

In the Middle East - Secretary of State Kissinger <sup>Today</sup>

returned to Jerusalem - with a new set of Egyptian peace

proposals. Dr. Kissinger then meeting with the Israeli

officials - for two hours; <sup>Followed by</sup> ~~after which~~ a special Israeli

Cabinet meeting - running well into the Jewish sabbath.

## CAPE TOWN

At Cape Town, South Africa - a verdict of guilty today - in the case of the first South African doctor ever accused of a mercy killing. The judge in the case noting that Dr. Alby Hartman - had clearly caused the death of his eighty-seven-year-old father, a terminal cancer patient. This by ordering an overdose - of morphine and sodium pentothal. But the judge also noted there were "mitigating circumstances" - therefore, suspending sentence. - <sup>So</sup> ~~and~~ the doctor walking ~~ing~~ from the courtroom a free man.

## CAPITOL HILL FOLLOW NESSEN

~~However,~~ on Capitol Hill, the Senate was continuing today - to tack on additional amendments, ~~These~~ including a thirteen-week extension of unemployment benefits - a new deduction for child care payments by working parents - and a special tax break for Chrysler and other hard-pressed companies.

PLAINS  
WHITE HOUSE

A White Plains, New York, firm has just been given a Million-Dollar government contract - to build a new experimental taxicab - just one. AMF, Incorporated, ~~to try and~~ <sup>to</sup> turn out a steam-powered cab, <sup>and</sup> <sub>λ</sub> to help eliminate air pollution; a vehicle also to be equipped with a sliding door and a special ramp ~~the~~ <sup>to</sup> better to take on disabled persons and those in wheelchairs.

# WARWICK

From Warwick, Maine - the story of young

~~chap by the name of~~ James Campiano; one of two hundred applicants # for a job on a local forestry crew. Like the others, young Campiano told to report for an interview - at Eight O'Clock the following morning - at the top of nearby Mount Grace. And he did - braving knee-deep snow to get there. *And - he turned out to be* The only one of all ~~the~~ two hundred # who managed to make it.

And P.S. - he got the job.

*now this -*

**RICHMOND**

**Coming this Sunday at Richmond, Virginia - the two hundredth anniversary of one of the most moving events in American history. It happened at historic Henrico Parish Church. Patrick Henry asking his fellow Virginia delegates: "Is life so dear, or peace so sweet - as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery?" "Forbid it, almighty God" Then, as you know, he added: - ~~he went on saying~~ "I know not what course others may take, but as for me - give me liberty, or give me death."**

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