

*Tuesday, April 1, 1975
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From NYA TRANG.....

From PALM SPRINGS.....

From LONDON..... comes today's news. Good evening. I'm Stuart Novins, CBS News, sitting in for Lowell Thomas and reporting on the CBS Radio Network.

The South Vietnamese Army is offering little or no opposition as the North Vietnamese forces cut farther into the coastal regions. The Saigon government now controls only about a third of the country.

The communists are driving toward the most populous areas. They are now in control of the port city of Nya Trang, about two-hundred-miles north of Saigon. The U.S. consulate there burnt its papers this morning and the personnel left.

Gradually the lines are closing into a perimeter, an arc in which Saigon itself becomes the principal target.

The communists now hold fifteen of the country's forty-four provinces. That includes all of the northern part of the country, all of the central region and scattered areas in the Mekong Delta, south of Saigon. Airplane ticket sales out of Saigon have nearly doubled.

WHITE HOUSE

White House News Secretary Ron Nessen said today the Administration has been - and now is - involved in diplomatic efforts to secure a negotiated settlement in Vietnam. But, Nessen said, the efforts have been futile. Tonight Nessen said he was misinformed.

PENTAGON

The Pentagon has ordered seven-hundred- U.S. marines to South Vietnam from their base in Okinawa, to help in the evacuation efforts. The Defense Department underlines that the marines will be used to keep order aboard the evacuation vessels and will not leave the ships.

More after this...

SHELYEPIN

The controversial visit to Britain of the former Soviet Secret Police chief, Alexander Shelyepin is ending, apparently sooner than expected. The British Trade Unions Council which has invited him to London says now Shelyepin will leave tomorrow. His two-day visit had been expected to last four days. Shelyepin was invited because he now holds the post of the head of the Soviet Trade Union organization.

His movements yesterday and today were dogged by sporadic outburst from demonstrating East Europeans and sympathizers of Soviet Jews. One report says he may fly to Scotland briefly before returning to Moscow.

GOODS

For the first time in six months the volume of new orders for manufactured goods rose during February. The government figures released today say industrial sales rose by one-point-three-percent. Concurrently with that, there was a lowering of the growth of inventories. When those inventories are reduced, the economist say, more production will get underway - and that means the possibility of more jobs.

AUTO WORKERS

There are about forty-four thousand Chrysler auto-workers who have been laid off. A special fund has been paying them up to ninety-five of their normal salaries. But the Auto Workers Union said today, that special fund will be exhausted next week. Most of those laid-off employees are in the Detroit area.

INTERNAL REVENUE

The Internal Revenue Service says it will begin to mail out those Nineteen-Seventy-Four income-tax rebates on May 9th. Most of the mailing, it says, should be completed by the end of June. About seventy-eight^{Million} checks will be placed in the mails. They'll range in value from one hundred dollars - the minimum - to two hundred dollars - the maximum.

More news after this....

LAND

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is making available several thousands of acres of state land to citizens who want to grow their own vegetables. The Governor says it's a good way to beat inflation. Governor Dukakis has a vegetable garden in his own front yard.

NEWS CONFERENCE

The White House says President Ford has scheduled a news conference for Thursday afternoon. It will be held in San Diego. The President is currently vacationing at Palm Springs.

GOP

The Republican leader of the Senate, Hugh Scott, had words of warning for his party today. Scott says if Conservatives try to exclude moderates and liberals from the GOP, the Party will be destroyed.

SUEZ

The Egyptian government turned the lights on along the Suez Canal last night - the first time that's happened in nearly eight years. It was a test of navigational gear, preparatory to the opening of the waterway scheduled for June Fifth.

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Israeli Prime Minister Rabin says the re-opening of the Canal will not mean anything to his country. He said he does not consider it as a contribution to the promotion of relations between Egypt and Israel.