

CAPITOL HILL

Tues. Apr. 15-75

Secretary of State Kissinger ~~went to~~ <sup>EN</sup> Capitol Hill today <sup>made</sup> ~~in~~ a last-ditch attempt to win additional aid for South Vietnam. Dr. Kissinger telling the Senate Appropriations Committee <sup>that</sup> President Ford would welcome a "contingency fund" for evacuation purposes. Stressing, however, the need for additional military aid - to prevent a collapse of the Saigon regime; <sup>which would surely be followed</sup> ~~and following that~~ <sup>by a</sup> ~~by a~~ bloodbath.

Dr. Kissinger saying: "We cannot by our actions alone - insure the survival of South Vietnam; but, we can, alone, by our inaction - assure its demise."

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And ~~the latest:~~ The Senate Foreign Relations  
Committee <sup>has</sup> ~~approved~~ <sup>ed</sup> the draft of a resolution--setting  
up a South Vietnam emergency fund. ~~It is to be \$200 million~~  
of Two Hundred Million, <sup>perhaps</sup> to be used mainly for evacuating  
Americans--<sup>and</sup> ~~but also~~ some Vietnamese; ~~with the help of~~  
<sup>to help</sup> U.S. troops--<sup>if</sup> necessary.

PHNOM PENH-BIEN HOA FOLLOW CAPITOL HILL

~~Measurable~~ In Southeast Asia - Communist troops

<sup>today</sup> were tightening their noose on Phnom Penh; ~~with a~~  
~~and a rebel~~  
~~broadcast~~ <sup>and</sup> claiming victory ~~is~~ now at hand.

Communist forces <sup>were</sup> also pressing their advantage  
today - in Vietnam; bringing ~~up~~ their big guns <sup>up</sup> to within  
thirty miles of Saigon; close enough to launch ~~a~~ <sup>an</sup> ~~artillery~~  
barrage - on the ~~government's~~ <sup>Hueh</sup> vital Bien Hoa air base.

CONNALLY

In the <sup>Washington</sup> ~~State~~ Connally trial <sup>pen</sup> ~~in Washington~~ - an  
attempt <sup>was made</sup> today to shake the defendant's credibility.

Prosecutor Frank Teurkheimer pointing out <sup>what he called</sup> ~~a number of~~  
apparent errors ~~in~~ in Connally's testimony last year before  
a grand jury. The former Texas Governor insisting, however  
- his only fault lay in not preparing himself well enough.

"I thought I would simply go and tell the truth" - said he.

Adding: "Never in my wildest nightmares - did I ever  
dream I would be sitting here today."

~~Both the defense and the prosecution - later~~

~~resting, with~~ Closing arguments <sup>are</sup> set for tomorrow. - and Then,  
~~it's~~ up to the jury.

WASHINGTON

Pres. Ford told  
~~Washington again - a meeting of~~ the Daughters  
of the American Revolution, ~~with President Ford,~~ <sup>today that we will</sup> ~~the main~~  
~~was~~ ~~today~~ ~~speaker saying~~ ~~the U.S. will~~ emerge from ~~the~~ ordeal in  
Indochina - a stronger, ~~and~~ wiser nation; also, calling for  
public support - of his new Ninety-Five Billion-Dollar  
defense budget, ~~This - said he - in order~~ "to sustain our  
ability to react appropriately to threats to our interests -  
far from our shores."

TEL AVIV FOLLOW WASHINGTON

A similar note was sounded today by Israeli

Prime Minister ~~Yitzhak~~ Rabin - in <sup>an</sup> ~~a nationwide TV~~ address  
on Israel's Memorial Day, ~~Rabin~~ saying ~~Israel~~ "is striving  
~~at one and the same time - to advance towards peace and to~~  
~~strengthen itself militarily."~~ Adding, "If we believe in  
peace and also prepare for war - we shall achieve peace."

BEIRUT

At Beirut in Lebanon - a third straight day of bitter clashes ~~today~~ between Palestinian guerillas and extreme right wing Phalangists. Police ~~proving~~ unable as yet to separate the warring factions ~~and~~ the government threatening<sup>s</sup> to send in troops. The fighting so far - said to have left <sup>(at least 105 ~~and~~ dead and 2 hundred ~~and fifty~~)</sup> ~~more than a hundred and sixty killed or~~ wounded.

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LONDON

Britain's Labor government today announced the details of its new ~~economic~~ program - ~~which proved to be~~ even worse than expected; calling for drastic cuts in government spending - along with an increase in the British income tax, sales tax and luxury tax - also, tax hikes on whiskey, cigarettes, cars and even bingo.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, <sup>saying</sup> ~~in his speech~~ - ~~blaming what he called "the harsh reality of the world we live in."~~ ~~Adding:~~ "Whereas last year Britain was not alone in having a high inflation rate - there is a risk that this year" she will be ~~out on her own,~~ "far ahead of the field."



TAIPEI

Vice President ~~Nelson~~ Rockefeller arrived <sup>today</sup> ~~today~~  
in Taipei <sup>for</sup> ~~where he will represent the U.S. tomorrow at~~  
the funeral of Chiang Kai-Shek, <sup>today</sup> ~~Rockefeller also praised~~  
the Generalissimo ~~in a brief arrival statement;~~ saying  
Chiang "will long be remembered by the American people -  
for his determination, courage and patriotism - and his  
contributions to the Allied cause during the second World  
War."

## FAIRBANKS

From Fairbanks, Alaska - ~~a report that~~ the  
waiting list for Alaska pipeline jobs - is now running into  
the tens of thousands. <sup>With a</sup> ~~and so a~~ warning today from the  
Alaska Department of Labor <sup>^</sup>: ~~which says:~~ "Do not come to  
Alaska - without a guaranteed job." ~~A spokesman adding if~~  
~~you do - you'd better bring~~ <sup>And</sup> "at least a Thousand Bucks <sup>in</sup> ~~for~~  
your pocket just for a  
~~the~~ first month's expenses, - and, a round-trip plane ticket!"

SAN BERNARDINO ~~FOLLOW ATHENS~~

*Have you heard the*  
~~In the same vein, here at home,~~ complaint

~~today~~ about ~~the~~ grades ~~now~~ being given to American college students? ~~not~~ That they are too ~~low~~ - ~~but too~~ high?

~~It's~~ According to <sup>Prof</sup> Edward White - of California

State at San Bernardino, ~~Professor White saying in~~

<sup>in</sup>  
"general grading practice today" → a C is seen "as an

indication of attendance - a B as attendance with work done

- and an A as attendance with work done on time." ~~Perhaps~~

~~worst of all though~~ - ~~He~~ says <sup>there's</sup> a growing trend to let

students - simply grade themselves.

MOSCOW

This ~~was~~ from Moscow; ~~but it~~ might have been

datelined - almost anywhere, ~~around the globe~~. A class of

Q <sup>class</sup> kindergarten ~~pupils~~ told to draw pictures of, quote,

"Daddy working around the house." The "Daddies" they

~~then~~ drew? - Virtually <sup>all of them in the pictures were asleep, or</sup> ~~all sleeping on the couch or sofa~~

watching TV.

And now - if you are awake - this m -

## AGING

From the National Council on Aging - a report today on a study aimed at dispelling some of the myths - about old age. The most prevalent of these myths, it seems - a general consensus that old age is a rather miserable time of life. ~~But~~ not so - says the Council. Adding <sup>that</sup> "four out of five older people - look back on their past lives with satisfaction; three in four feel that their present - is as interesting as it ever was; and over half - are making plans for the future." How do the next 10 yrs. look to you?

1/2 and now for -