

SAIGON

Tues. Apr. 22-'75

In the face of a mounting Communist offensive
~~and growing uncertainty in government~~ ^{there was} a mass exodus
today from Saigon, ~~with~~ ^{with} Hundreds of foreign
diplomats and more than three thousand Americans
and their families - ~~flying out to safety - while here~~ ^{getting away by plane.}
~~While~~ ^{While} ~~at home~~ ^{was} President Ford ^{was} pledging that only a
"skeleton force" of Americans will ~~also still~~ be in
Vietnam by the end of the day.

~~The next question - whether any~~ ^{How many} South Vietnamese
~~will be~~ ^{are} included in the final American pull out?
~~and if so - how many.~~ White House spokesman Ron
Nessen ^{merely} saying: "~~No government really knows what~~
~~will happen next.~~" ~~Adding, however,~~ "The hope is that
whatever happens - will happen in a humane, ~~controlled~~
controlled way."

CAPITOL HILL FOLLOW SAIGON

On Capitol Hill the House armed services committee today killed a bill - aimed at providing additional military aid to Vietnam. Congressman Leggett of California ~~for one~~, saying: "This chess game is over." ^{TP} Both ~~the~~ house and senate ~~also~~ ^{were} delaying action on related bills ^{for} ~~aimed at providing~~ humanitarian aid to Vietnam.

~~However,~~ ⁹ The Senate Judiciary Committee did approve a bill - to provide entry into the U S for up to one-hundred-and-thirty-one thousand war refugees. These to include up to fifty-thousand South Vietnamese - whose lives would be jeopardized by a Communist take-over; also, up to seventy-five thousand more Vietnamese ^{who are} - [^] either immediate relatives of Americans or permanent resident aliens.

TEL AVIV

Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon ~~met~~ ^{after meeting} with

^{Sec. of State}

~~Henry~~ Kissinger, ~~yesterday~~ and today he flew back to Israel;

^{and} on arrival at Tel Aviv - ^{told} ~~telling~~ of an apparent improvement

in U.S. and Israeli relations. "The ice has melted" - said

he. Adding: "We have moved from a distant relation - toward

a return to the old closeness."

ATHENS

The U.S. Ambassador to Greece today filed an official protest ^{regarding} ~~over that attack~~ ^{attack on} yesterday ~~on the U.S.~~

^{an} Embassy in Athens. ~~At the same time, a similar protest~~

^{also} ~~from~~ Greece's two Communist parties ^{were} charging the Greek police with over-reaction.




ADD ATHENS

And, ~~the latest~~ The Greek government tonight
pledging a ~~legal~~ crack-down ^{on} ~~against~~ the extreme
leftist revolutionary Communist movement of Greece.

BUENOS AIRES

~~Speaking of evacuations, as I was a moment ago -~~
~~another was taking place~~ Today at Buenos Aires. ~~A total~~
of fifty Americans - members of the staff of the U.S.
Embassy ~~in Buenos Aires~~ and their families - ~~flew~~ ^{flew} to
Montivideo for at least a day or two. This in fear of
possible demonstrations - as a result of ~~Henry~~ ^{the} Kissinger's
~~again canceling~~ ^{ation of his} scheduled visit to Argentina.



CORDOBA FOLLOW BUENOS AIRES

and

~~To the North~~ - at Cordoba, Argentina *there was*

a battle
~~shootout~~

today between police and alleged leftist guerillas;

with

~~First reports~~ ~~indicating~~ at least five dead.

TEGUCIGALPA

In Honduras - ~~the scene today of~~ a bloodless coup.

General Oswaldo Lopez Arriano - ousted as President

of Honduras; ~~and then~~ ^{was} quickly replaced - by army

chief of staff Colonel Juan Melgar Castro. The

removal of Lopez Arriano ~~follows~~ ^{ed} following charges

that he was one of those who ~~had~~ took bribes -

from the giant United Brands ~~fruit~~ company; ~~and~~

~~this an attempt - said the new government - at~~

~~restoring the good name of Honduras.~~

ROME

~~An estimated~~ ^{Some} twelve million Italian workers
went on strike today ^{- striking} for periods ranging from
thirty minutes to eight hours, ^{in an} ~~The strike~~ attempt
to demonstrate ~~their~~ solidarity in opposition to
an alleged ^{resurgence} ~~rebirth~~ of Mussolini-style fascism.

This in the midst of a wave of ~~the~~ political violence -
that has claimed three lives in Italy in ~~just~~ the past
week.

BRUSSELS

~~From~~ Brussels ^{comes word} ~~a report today~~ from a ~~blue-ribbon~~
committee on European unity, ^{which} ~~coming to the conclusion~~
that all steps toward a unification of Western Europe - have
failed, ^{with} "Europe is no nearer to economic and monetary
union now - than in Nineteen-Sixty-Nine" - ~~Says~~ the report.
~~Adding: "in fact,"~~ "If there has been any movement - it has
been backward."

PARKERSBURG

From Parkersburg, West Virginia - the story of Edward Die - at age seventy-nine - feeling "bad" as he put it - "about a few things." So he went to a bridge - and plunged eighty feet into the Ohio River. Instead of ending it all as he had hoped - he suffered with only minor injuries, and told his doctors - "I'm never gonna do that again - that water's too dang cold."