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# ORPHANS' NEW HOME

Saigon: A City Awaits Its Doom

Pickets Post Lines At Eastbay Parks



Safe at last, a tiny survivor of the horrors of war joyfully grasps the hands of welcome

# Saigon Awaiting Death Blow

By RAYMOND LAWRENCE Foreign News Analyst

Saigon, sensing doom, braced today for the final Communist attack.

numbering more than 50,000 men, are poised in two directions for the assault on the capital.

To the northwest and northeast of the city-at a distance of 30 to 50 milesthere are five North Vietnamese divisions, while there are an undisclosed number of Communist divisions to the south in the Mekong Delta.

Although there was little fighting and no more government retreats reported, the South Vietnamese army, now disorlost half its 13 divisions in surrendering even listening to his opponents.

without much of a fight the northern and

In the Saigon area the government North Vietnamese and Viet Cong, also has approximately 50,000 men, weary from defeat and lacking ammunition, and in the Mekong Delta southwest of the capital three more divisions.

> Opposition to President Nguyen Van Thieu is growing daily in Saigon and the Viet Cong again renewed its offer of peace negotiations if Thieu is overthrown and a new government formed.

But Thieu, despite the stunning and unexpected military debacle, and stubborn and authoritarian as ever, gave no ganized and demoralized, already has indication he might quit or that he was

Panic and disorder threaten in Saicentral parts of the country. The Com- gon, which is jammed with thousands of munists have captured two-thirds of the civilian refugees from captured areas in the north and with armed military stragglers who slipped into the city without reporting to the army.

> Saigon's military commander forbade mass assemblies, demonstrations and the carrying of weapons without a permit. He announced:

"Local authorities have orders to in Vietnam and brought them here. shoot and kill on the spot those violators who try to resist or flee."

Strength of the "dump Thieu" movement was demonstrated yesterday when the formerly pro-government Senate broke with him and called for a "new leadership" to end the war.

# Regional Park District **Employes Begin Strike**

The East Bay Regional Park District today faced the first strike in its history.

Picket lines were posted at the district's 28 parks in Alameda and Contra Costa counties and the headquarters at 11500 Skyline Boulevard, Oakland, by Local 2428 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employes, representing 185 workers.

The walkout is over terms of a new agreement, including a district proposal to remove 18 supervisory and confidential positions from the bargaining unit.

Management, backed by a recent independent study, claims that the exemptions are necessary to improve ad-

#### **IRA Breaks Cease-Fire**

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)-The Irish Republican Army bombed a travel agency in downtown Belfast yesterday in its first official breach of the cease-fire it declared Feb. 10.

ministration. Union leaders counter that it is an effort to destroy the union because persons holding the positions also are leaders of Local 2428.

Negotiations broke down last week when the union rejected a settlement recommended by fact-finder Morris Myers and accepted by the district direc-

It would have provided for a 15.3 per cent average increase in salaries and fringe benefits and would cost the district an estimated \$450,000 for the first year and \$275,000 for the second year.

District negotiators said the union was demanding a 68.1 per cent hike which would have a price tag of \$2,100,-000 the first year.

A proposal by the union to renew negotiations yesterday was turned down by the district directors Tuesday night.

The former agreement expired Mon-

### Ford: Airlift Not Blocked by U.S.

Special to The Tribune

SAN DIEGO - President Ford said today he was not aware of any interference by U.S. Embassy or foreign aid officials in World Airways president Ed Daly's aborted plan to bring hundreds of orphans to the United States from Viet-

"I am not aware of any specifics," he said at a private breakfast here for newspaper and broadcast executives. "There are certain laws applicable, laws passed by Congress concerning refugees. I understand the attorney general has under consideration a broad waiver to help South Vietnamese refugees."

He said how much the United States can de to help refugees will depend in part on the attitude of the North Vietnamese government. "I hope they would be receptive to whatever we try and other nations try," the President added.

"You can't fight your way in. In the first place, Congress won't let us."

Of the immigration regulations he added, "I can assure you that within the law we will be very humanitarian."

# Orphans 'At Home' in S.F.

Fifty-eight Vietnamese and Eurasian saw so many happy kids in my life." war orphans, over half of them the children of American soldiers and Vietnamese women they left behind, were resting today at San Francisco's Presidio, half a world away from the charnel house that Vietnam has become.

They landed at Oakland International Airport last night after a 14-hour dash across 7,000 miles of the Pacific that started when their DC8 jet left a closed airport at Saigon without official clear-

More on Airlift, Page 4

ance in the face of an expected Viet Cong

Today they await new lives with adopted parents in the United States. Only the oldest among them will remember the horrors that left them homeless

Some of the orphans were on their way to their new homes this morning, but most were playing on mattresses on the floor of a gymnasium-type building at the Presidio.

"It was like a giant playground," Army Sgt. Ronald Renouf said. "I never

Four of the 58 were hospitalized for pneumonia, fever or body sores.

Several hundred people were on hand to meet the World Airways air freightliner when it touched down shortly before 11 p.m., including medical and social service volunteers, Vietnamese students and immigrants living in the Bay Area, federal officials and a legion of report-

"I came to see my countrymen," said Tran Nhung, a student at San Jose State College who volunteered to be an interpreter. "It gave me a good feeling when I saw the children. It was very kind of the Americans to take the children."

The number that finally reached Oakland was pitifully small compared with the 1,500 orphans World Airways president Ed Daly offered last weekend to fly to adopted homes in America and Aus-

The project was scaled down several times as the days passed, first because the Australian government decided to use air force planes to fly 200 orphans there, and then because an adoption agency decided against sending 500 chil-

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# Children Here; a Time For Smiles and Tears

ere sick of, but when the residue of the ar became children-young children, rphaned and homeless-and when an bakland airline president decided he ould rescue some of them from the avaged streets of South Vietnam, it became a big story, indeed, for Oakland.

The "mercy flight" of World Airways Flight 805, a special run of a "stretch" OC8 jet, was due into Oakland Airport at 10:45 last night, some 14 hours elapsed air time from Saigon with precious cargo, and when the glistening white plane set down at the exact minute the huge airline hangar was filled with 200 waiting press, radio and TV people, floodlights, cameras, tape recorders, microphones and the feeling of excitement newspeople exude when a big, human story is at hand.

On the offloading ramp outside World's big hangar and in an inside waiting room an almost carnival atmosphere prevailed, people massed on load-

It was a nasty foreign war people ing ramps to have a vantage point, a platoon of sheriff's deputies, Red Cross women, Oakland police, highway patrol officers, five chartered buses waiting, a crowd outside the fenced area watching from atop parked cars, and none was disappointed.

> The aircraft, its jet engines hissing, coasted along the runway after touchdown, circled the outer perimeters of the field and glided to a stop in the appointed spot, its "World Airways" insignia almost fluorescent in the lights, a mercy mission completed, a public relations dream. At the windows along the fuselage were small Oriental faces, wideeyed, of children literally given a new lease on life, children snatched from whatever uncertain future South Vietnam may have, at this precise moment getting their first glimpses of a strange America, a blacktop tarmac under floodlights at night, a mass of Caucasian

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informed Playtex and the post office. This is an important problem. Won't you help

Just don't move again for the next six weeks. When I contacted Leonard Berger.

me?-Ruth Trenholm, Livermore.

• My bra problem still prevails. I wrote

home and work phone numbers.

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Speak- commitments to them will not Asia" should not undermine ing of serious and dramatic be honored." setbacks in Southeast Asia,

In an address prepared for President Ford said today a White House-sponsored conthat, despite events in Viet- ference here on energy and nam, "no allies or time-tested the economy, Ford said "the friends of the Unted States current confusion and changshould worry or fear that our ing situation in Southeast

the faith of allies in the United States.

"We stand ready to defend ourselves and support our allies as surely as we always have," the President said.

In these "sad and troubled times," he said, "what is essential now is that we keep our nerve and our essential unity as a powerful but peaceloving nation."

Ford said he "would not be frank and honest with you if I were to ignore the serious claring that "only the strong setbacks we have suffered in are free.' recent weeks in our quest for peace in the Middle East and, more recently and more dramatically, in Southeast Asia."

The comment was his first publicly on the deteriorating South Vietnam situation since the Asian country began losing large land areas in the last two weeks.

The President continued:

"Even as I speak, the di-

wondering what we can do."

Ford said the United States will take all possible humanitarian measures to help Vietnamese refugees and provide for the safety of all American's in South Vietnam.

He added that he will ask Congress next week "for a firm American commitment to humanitarian assistance for the helpless victims of North Vietnamese aggression . .

The President also made an appeal for support of his defense spending program, de-

Ford said: "I reject the prophets of doom who see nothing but depression at home and despair abroad. I will reject any advice to pull down the Stars and Stripes and sail home from the seas of the world to the safe anchorage of San Diego Bay. If we do so, this anchorage will no longer be safe

"Under my presidency we mensions of human catastro- will neither furl the flag nor phe in Southeast Asia increase abandon hope. We will main-All Americans are tain constancy and credibility shocked and saddened and in American policy, at home and abroad.

### Simon Sees Hopes for Recovery

WASHINGTON (AP) -Treasury Secretary William E. Simon said today government economic experts are more certain now of economic recovery from the current recession "than at any time in the past."

But the nation's unemployment rate still may rise to about 9 per cent later in the year, Simon told Congress. He indicated his own prediction is for a fourth quarter recov-

"These are positive developments that are happenging,' Simon said.

But he said the unemployment rate, 8.2 per cent in February, probably will increase before declining toward the end of the year.

He questioned the five-year economic outlook contained in President Ford's budget for fiscal 1976. These projections are for an unemployment rate averaging 7.9 per cent in 1976 and 7.5 per cent in 1977. "I believe we can do better. Simon said.

# Tape of Connally's Plea to Nixon Heard at Bribe Trial

nally bribery trial played a price supports for the coming White House tape today, showing the former Treasury secretary pushed hard to get President Nixon to raise milk price supports in 1971.

Connally is accused of illeeach from a big Dairy cooperative, Associated Milk Producers Inc., in return for his help on getting milk prices

Connally's lawyer, Edward jury yesterday that the government's star witness, Jake Jacobson, is a liar and a thief who actually embezzled the falsely accused Connally of

President Nixon, Connally and frankly." six other presidential advisers Connally urged Nixon to at an Oval Office meeting the raise milk prices for 1971 and

vear.

Nixon he should overrule the Agriculture Department, which had announced that gally taking two gifts of \$5,000 milk prices would be frozen. pressure from Congress dictated a price hike.

"I'm not trying to talk about it or discuss at any great length the economics of Bennett Williams, told the it, but as far as politics is concerned - looking to 1972, it appears very clear to me that you're going to have to move strong in the Midwest,' \$10,000 for himself and then the tape shows Connally told the President.

"These dairymen are organ-The tape played by the pros- ized; they're adamant; they're ecution today and released in militant," Connally said. transcript by the House Judi- "And they, they're amassing ciary Committee last year an enormous amount of monduring its impeachment inqui- ey that they're going to put ry. It records the voices of into political activities very

Prosecutors in the John Con- when Nixon decided to raise press for any new increase in

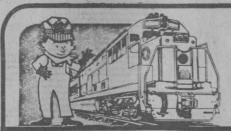
"If you do something for Connally dominated the ear- them this year, they think ly part of the meeting, telling you've done it because they've got a good case and because you're their friend," Connally said on the tape.

"If you wait till next year, I Connally said politics and don't care what you do for them . . . you get no credit for

> Connally said he had received two calls from House Ways and Means Chairman Wilbur Mills and a call from House Speaker Carl Albert, both urging an increase in price supports.

The tape shows Nixon accepted Connally's judgment that Congress would pass a bill to increase prices. "My political judgment is that Congress is going to pass it," the President said. "I could not veto it . . . not because they're milk producers, but because they're farmers . . . I think the best thing to do is to just relax and enjoy it.'

Nixon then ordered prices



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prospective puns are endless, but let's not get carried away. The important thing, Ms. Trenholm, is that you will soon be in good shape again.

• In this day of amnesty for draft dodgers and deserters can a man who served in the Army get his undesirable discharge changed to something society accepts? Okay, I went off the path, but I DID SERVE 30 months in the Army, including 18 in Korea. Someone who allegedly knows the laws says I don't stand a chance. Who will at least listen to me?-I.W., Oakland.

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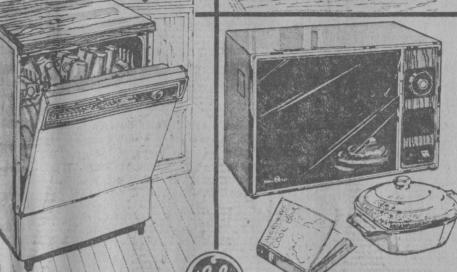


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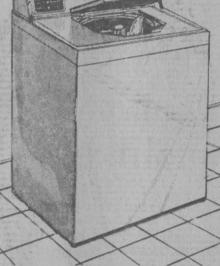
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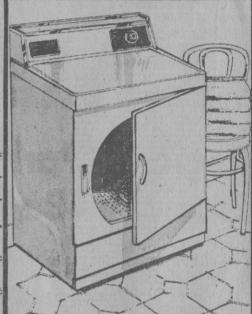
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# **New BART Board Active**

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Just four months after it with almost no success. board of directors is reshap- job. costs and intensifying efforts

the reliability of the trains, manager the board has halted plans to expand service.

may be conducted only during the Christmas season.

young children and the handicapped.

It has issued a strong warn- tives. ing to the staff to expect budget cuts.

or even the right to use police sion

signed last year under pres- train control performance.

general manager, but has met

took control of the Bay Area Respected and nationally Rapid Transit District, known transit executives BART's recently elected Cooper sought shunned the

ing the agency by cutting On the other hand, it still seems apparent Lawrence D. to make the trains more relia- Dahms, the acting general manager and an old ally of Admitting frankly there has Stokes, does not have enough been no visible progress in votes to become permanent

This probably means there John Kirkwood are in Washwill be no night service this ington, D.C., this week attendyear and weekend operations ing a rail transit meeting. Some of the executives they have tried to recruit, as well The board has reduced as many of those who were complaint in Superior Court were "several hundred" violafares for senior citizens, rejected, will be at the meeting, within elbow distance of division of Carnation which professions code and state civthe three BART representa- packages and distributes agri- il code.

Meanwhile, reliability of the trains continues poor, with as Even the highly touted many as 14 of the required 30 BART police department has removed each day for malbeen told, on more than one functions, Dahms testified occasion, not to expect more last week before the Califorpersonnel, more legal power nia Public Utilities Commis-

The board has yet to find a agreed to an emergency pronew general manager to re- gram that all sides hope will place B.R. Stokes, who re- improve car and automatic Barrett, the agency's attor-

A \$237.7 million lawsuit It is no secret that almost filed last year by the old every one of the approximate- board against builders and ly 120 persons who applied for designers of equipment that the post were rejected by the the board alleged was defeccommittee of directors headed tive has affected many issues. by BART Vice President El- The new board has held closed meetings at a rate Cooper has launched an in- much higher than the old ap-

# 600 Ask Service On Grand Jury

novel program openly solicit- week's deadline, including aping applications for grand plicants "as varied as people jury service has resulted in can be. more than 600 inquiries that "There is no question it is will make the next panel the going to make this a more most representative in county representative group," Wenke history, the plan's orginator said in an interview. "I am

In what he termed a "per- nority people nominated this sonal experiment," Superior time than ever before." citizens to apply for grand nation of younger persons.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A more than 600 letters by this

sure there will be more mi-

Court Presiding Judge Robert He said he also expects the Wenke last March 13 invited applications to result in nomi-

jury service in an attempt to Wenke said he personally open the 23-member investi- has screened the applications gative body to a broader and selected about 100 letters

# **Carnation Will Pay** In False Ad Case

out-of-court settlement, Car- in Santa Rosa, Stockton and nation Milk Co. has agreed to Fresno. pay \$30,000 in connection with allegations of false advertis-ing and unlawful business Board President Richard practices, Sonoma County bags of seed which weighed Clark, Cooper and Director Dist. Atty. Gene Tunney said.

after Tunney and Contra Costa County Dist. Atty. William ties, he said. O'Malley threatened to file a against Albers Milling Co., a tions of the state business and

SANTA ROSA (AP) - In an cultural products from plants

Tunney said investigators found that Albers was packaging and shipping 50-pound only 45 pounds. At least 1,500 The out-of-court negotia- such bags were removed from tions began six weeks ago store counters in Sonoma, Contra Costa and Lake coun-

In all, Tunney said there

pointed board, although this is have a high failure rate. A partly due to the search for a eneral manager

Items that used to be discussed in the open, such as financial details of contracts and even such subjects as BART and the PUC have train noise, now get talked about behind closed doors. with the blessing of Malcolm nev. He insists the board is not violating the Brown Act, which forbids most closed meetings of public agencies and boards.

The board refused to buy additional automatic equipment from Westinghouse Electric Corp., then the official reason kept changing as reliability figures were made public. One source produced figures that showed the equipment, in fact, worked very well except for the antennas on the cars.

The major reason the antennas are falling off the cars is that the cars vibrate much more than they were supposed to, according to one source. Thus, the antennas will continue to break and trains will run past stations until the flat spots on wheels are eliminated and other maladies cor-

The board also is trying to avoid buying equipment from just one source. The idea is to get competitive bidding from a variety of suppliers, thus getting lower prices. Yet industry sources say Westinghouse will continue to dominate the BART supplier scene

comparison between what BART is doing now and what the motors were designed to produce indicates trains are running at higher sustained speeds than the manufacturer was told to expect.

The key issues about reliability and allegations of design defects probably won't be resolved until the lawsuit against Westinghouse and others ends up in court.

BART has hired Morrison and Foerster, a San Francisco law firm, at \$60 an hour to represent the district. The other defendants are Rohr Industries Inc., builder of the trains; Bulova Watch Co., supplier of a component that the suit contends caused an accident in Fremont; and the general engineering consultants, Parsons Brinckerhoff-Tudor

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# World Airways Airlift Pilots Are No Strangers to Danger



CRYING VIETNAMESE ORPHANS ARE CARRIED FROM PLANE They had a long, weary trip from Saigon to the Oakland International Airport

The pilots that flew 55 or-phans from Saigon to Oakland yesterday are no strangers to harrowing flights.

Captain William Keating. chief pilot for World Airways, made 80 trips carrying rice to the embattled Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh, and landed there March 5 with 68 holes in his plane, two made with captured American 105 mm

Operations vice president Ken Healy flew the last plane out of Da Nang in Vietnam last Saturday, and limped at low altitude to Saigon with more than 340 refugees, many of them mutinous soldiers, in a plane heavily damaged by a grenade.

Early today, reunited with their families and relaxing after a one-stop flight of 6,993



Volunteers help orphans from World Airways cargoliner after last night's arrival in Oakland



PILOTS TALK TO REPORTERS AT AIRPORT William Keating (left) and Ken Healy ignored orders

miles that took 17 hours and they left. 44 minutes, they talked about the airlift of the orphans.

formed that the Viet Cong rescue missions all over Asia were in the airport," Keating in the last 30 years.

"As soon as we started the engines, they turned the lights also was on yesterday's flight. out and they wouldn't give us "It took eight hours to get the clearance. We moved away children that were on the against their orders to hold position," he continued, referring to Vietnamese ground controllers.

"We turned and took off. After we were airborne we had our radios back.'

Healy said that although the atmosphere in Saigon is tense, cials felt the seatless cargo there appeared to be little plane was unsafe for the large outright panic at the time group of children, and that to do, and that was go.

the situation over there, I "We were informed that would be happy to go back safe, and we knew the kids there was a hold on our depar- and do what we can," said the ture, and then we were in- veteran pilot, who has flown said.

> World Airways senior vice president Charles Patterson when the attack alert came, plane," he said.

"Originally we thought we had made arrangements with another organization that was going to bring out between 400 and 500 children," Patterson informed the ground that we said. "A whole series of things happened.'

He said government offi-

the adoption agency cancelled "If they can get control of the flight on their advice.

"We felt the aircraft was needed to be taken out...," he

Keating, who said tower personnel at Tan Son Nhut airport abandoned their posts reported the airport was reopened and closed again after the departure.

"We don't know what the situation is over there now,' he said. "After leaving Saigon the flight was routine.

"If we hadn't ignored the instructions we would have been delayed an interminable amount of time and with the possibility of enemy action closing in on the field.

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# Prejudices Told at **SLA Jury Selection**

SACRAMENTO (AP) - As Wilhelm, was responding to nocent to the 1973 murder of two self-styled members of lengthy grilling by attorneys Dr. Marcus Foster, Oakland the "Symbionese Liberation after she had said, "When I superintendent of schools. Army" watched on closed-cir- heard they were down there cuit television, one prospec- because they did not believe themselves revolutionary pristive juror said, "Maybe in the whole system, then I oners of war, were granted they're sitting down there became prejudiced" against permission by Superior Court

"I'm sure he's not laugh- Little, 25, and Joseph Remi- excused from the courtroom sure he's deadly serious."

Supervisor Night

**Meet Draws Few** 

ing of the Alameda County The idea of the elevator

Board of Supervisors, despite operator was to insure that no

widespread prehearing public- one got off the elevator be-

ity and television and radio tween the first floor and the

spots by one supervisor prom- fifth-floor supervisors cham-

oting it, drew a light crowd. bers in the Administration

spectators, most of whom dis- However, anyone who want-

appeared soon after the alco- ed to use the stairwell could

hol, drug abuse and mental walk up and get off at any

health program deficits were floor in between. As a matter

discussed. And a majority of of fact, some people, impa-

the spectators were the same tient at the slow elevator,

faces that show up during the walked the entire five floors.

There were five supervisors held on the first Tuesdays of

and 14 staff members backing the month through June, are

them up; there also were four the result of a campaign

deputy sheriffs-all on over- promise by freshman Supervi-

time-on hand for security sor Charles Santana of Hay-

purposes. A night janitor was ward. Supervisors hope future

pressed into service to operate meetings will be better at-

The first official night meet- matic elevators.

By count there were 48 Building.

manually one of three auto- tended.

regular daytime sessions.

James Jenner, public ro, 28, at their own request because, Sheehy said, "They

defender for Russell Little, are watching and hearing the say they might lose their shot back yesterday. "I'm proceedings in holding cells cool" and they "allege the one floor below the court- trial is a mockery." The prospective juror, Vera room. They have pleaded in-

The night meetings, to be

The jury selection process entered its fourth day today with the questioning of prospective juror No. 41. The defense has used eight of its 30 challenges; the prosecution six of the same number.

The two men, who call

Judge Elvin Sheehy to be

Sheehy said he would rule late today on two defense motions submitted Tuesday a request to move the trial out of the state capital and a request to throw out the jury

The judge rejected similar motions last month to move the case to Los Angeles after publicity caused the trial to be moved from Alameda

Jenner submitted newspaper articles on coverage of the trial and Edward Merrill, Remiro's court-appointed attorney, said the ratio of government-connected workers in the panel created a jury with a "vested interest."

When court adjourned yesterday, nine of the 12 jurors under questioning depended on government jobs or pensions for their living.

**BANK HEISTS** 

### **U.S.** Indicts 3 as Mentors In Robberies

Three men the government alleges directed 17 other persons in a series of bank robberies in San Francisco that netted approximately \$46,000 in four years have been indicted by the federal grand jury.

Named for aiding and abetting the robbery of three banks, five savings and loan associations covered by federal bank robbery laws and one post office station were:

Robert Thomas, 24, auto mechanic of Daly City, and two cousins, Lafayette Thomas, 27, a San Francisco bus driver of Daly City, and Jerome Thomas of San Francis-

Jerome Thomas, also known as "Poochie," according to the indictment returned before U.S. District Court Judge Oliver J. Carter in San Francisco Tuesday, was charged alone with the armed robbery of \$4,209 from the Eureka Federal Savings and Loan, 57 Sutter St., San Francisco.

Lafayette Thomas and Robert Thomas, known as "Gangster Bob" according to the indictment, were arrested by FBI agents Tuesday night and arraigned before a féderal magistrate yesterday. Both are held on \$150,000 bail.

Jerome Thomas is still sought by federal agents.

The indictment indicates that the three men "counseled, commanded, induced' other persons including some women to commit the robber-

# Compromise Ends **VW Crash Suit**

Corp., resulting from a flamcrash, has been settled for "substantially in excess of perior Court.

The compromise was announced to Judge William H. between opposing attorneys.

It was effected when Sacramento attorney David C. Rust, representing Barry T. Keay, 41, an Alameda industrial sales engineer, agreed to dismiss Volkswagenwerk Aktienesellschaft of Germany as a party in the action.

Held in on the agreement was Volkswagen Pacific of Los Angeles, the distributor from whom Keay bought his fastback model in 1966.

The driver of the other car was eliminated from the suit. Attorneys for the Volkswagen groups, including J. D. Burdick of San Francisco. would not discuss the exact amount of the settlement. However, Rust confirmed that it was "substantially in excess of \$500,000" for his client who suffered disfigurement.

The crash occurred at 12th and Clay streets on Feb. 3, 1968. Keay was spewed with flaming gasoline when the cap on the VW's gas tank dislodged, the hood popped open and the windshield broke out from its frame.

A witness who rushed to aid said Keay's hands were ablaze and his facial skin was "sizzling and popping like bacon

A \$12 million personal injugrease" as he leaped from his ry suit against a Volkswagen car.

Rust presented a case coning Oakland intersection tending that VW models of that period had loading spouts located in the forward end of \$500,000" in the midst of a the gas tank and the producretrial in Alameda County Su-tion cap tended to dislodge upon the forward rush of the fuel upon impact.

In later models, he said the Brailsford after a conference spout was placed in the back end of the tank for side loading and self locking caps were engineered.

> Rust said that Volkswagen did not issue any recall of earlier models for replacement with the new type seal-

He also presented to the jury of eight women and four men evidence of a series of barrier crash tests conducted in the United States to underscore his theories. Such evidence in the first trial last April was confined to German

The jury then deadlocked 7 to 5 for the defense after three and a half days deliberation at the end of a three-month trial.





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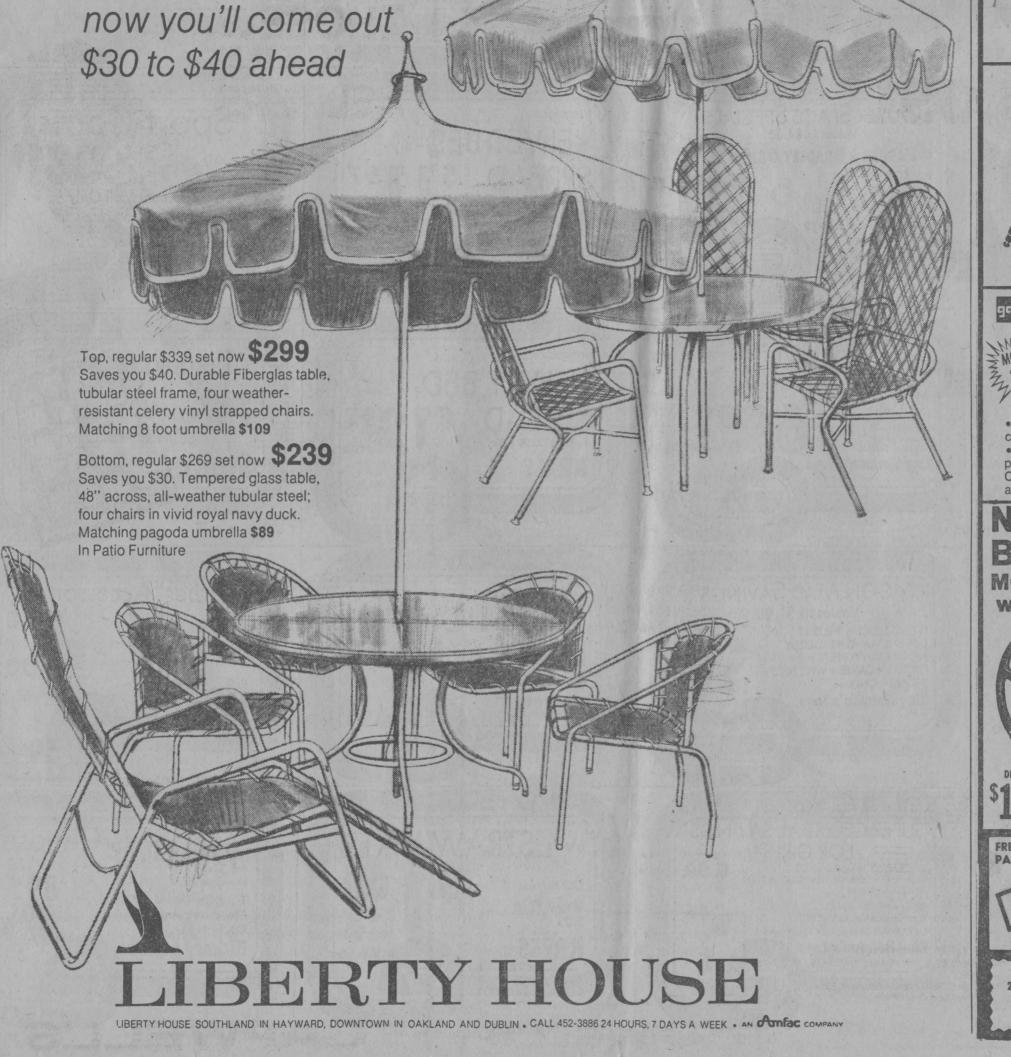


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# Legal Bingo **Bill Clears**

Legislation aimed at legaliz- as before, it's down now.' ing bingo for the benefit of a major committee hurdle.

The bill by Assemblyman Leroy Greene that would allow the non-profit groups to those who are avoiding hospisponsor bingo with prizes up tal stays appear to be people to \$250 a game cleared the Assembly Committee on Gov- have lost their group health ernmental Organization by a 5-2 vote.

But the voters would still have the final word on wheth- think long and hard before er to legalize bingo. Greene's they go into a hospital and bill would not take effect until take on a serious debt unless the voters approved a pro- it's an emergency," he said. posed constitutional amendment also authored by the Sacramento Democrat.

That amendment, which passed the Assembly, is before a Senate committee.

The Rev. Michael Lenihan, pastor at the St. Columkille's Catholic Church in Los Angeles, said his church currently operates bingo games on the edge of the law. Ending the games would mean serious financial problems, he said.

"There is a serious question of whether or not we would be ments to hospitals come from able to continue to operate our schools," he said.

fornia Council of Churches op-tals to get money in the front posed the bill, saying a state-wide regulatory agency for hard time paying their bills." bingo is needed.

The measure now goes to the Assembly Ways and 60 days to pay their bills to Means Committee.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) Among its other effects, the - People have begun to post- economic slowdown contribpone surgery because of the utes to problems hospitals are recession, and hospitals are having paying their bills and now operating 10 to 20 per reduces demand for medical cent below their usual levels, supplies, according to Richaccording to a survey con- ard L. Hughes, director of ducted by a private research health care study for Arthur D. Little, Inc.

"We tend to think of all hospital care as being emergency, but a segment of medical needs are things that are postponable, such as cosmetic surgery," Hughes said. 'That's where we're seeing the lighter load.

"Most of the demand for hospital space is still there. It One Hurdle hospital space is still there. It may be 80 or 90 per cent. But instead of hospitals running at SACRAMENTO (AP) - 100 or 101 per cent of capacity

The reduction in demand charitable groups has cleared has been felt most sharply by suburban hospitals, he said. Big City teaching hospitals are as full as ever. Among who have been laid off and insurance.

"During a recession, people

At the same time, private medical insurance companies are trying to cut expenses by challenging claims that they ordinarily would let pass without question, Hughes said. This means that the companies are slower to pay hospitals. And as people rely more heavily on government insurance programs, these funds, too, are slower in getting to hospitals.

"Ninety per cent of paythese third parties," he said. "The problem is one of time A representative of the Cali-lag. It takes so long for hospi-

> Hospitals used to take 45 to medical suppliers, Hughes















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At 7 p.m. tomorrow, belly dance teachers from the Oakland Parks and Recreation Department will demonstrate their skills.

The citywide chess, check- of dried weeds. ers and domino championships will be held from 10 California Cowhide Carvers and his Circus of Magic. will show a film on leathercrafting techniques, and at 2

dren's Puppet Theater are and jewelry. scheduled at 4 and 6 p.m. Two demonstration of rock cutting 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

A variety of demonstrations and polishing and a magic performance by Danny the Magician.

original use of any unusual tools visitors wish to challenge him with. At 2 p.m., the Oakland Dog Training Club will give an obedience display and Larry Janzen will demonstrate artistic arrangements

The San Leandro Junior Workshop Dancers will pera.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. At form at 3 p.m., followed at 4 noon, Charles Warner of the p.m. by Rick the Magician

Closing the show on Sunday at 4 p.m. will be woodcarver p.m. Terri Hatcher will dem- William Lebbert, demonstratonstrate sculpting in bread ing the basic techniques in turning an ordinary block of wood into figurines, plaques

Hours for the hobby show evening events, both starting are 6 to 10 p.m. tomorrow, 10 at 7 p.m., are Bob Belt's a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and

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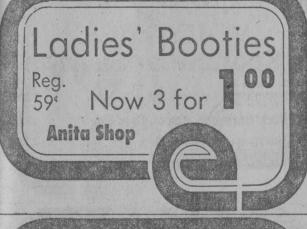


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# On Taiwan Song

TOKYO (AP) — China has the Chinese side.' complained that the United The statemen States had violated the 1972 Chinese People's Association by former President Richard

A statement broadcast by mutal understanding and the official Hsinhua news friendship. agency said a U.S. demand that the performing arts side will never barter away troupe cancel plans to sing principles." the song was "unacceptable to

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The statement by the Shanghai communique signed for Friendship with Foreign Countries and the spokesman M. Nixon in canceling a fo the Foreign Ministry's inplanned U.S. tour by Chinese formation department pledged performers who wanted to Chinese support for contacts sing a song about liberating between the Chinese and American peoples to enhance

But it added: "The Chinese

"No fault can be found with the Chinese troupe singing such a song," it said. "The liberation of Taiwan and unifi-cation of the motherland is the Chinese people's internal affair, in which no other country has the right to interfere.

"For us this is a matter of principle."

It said that in the Shanghai communque which resulted from Nixon's visit to China in 1972, "the U.S. government has agreed that there is but one China and that Taiwan is a part of China.'

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Unlike other reduced fares tal authority. currently in effect, there A similar application filed ances, and no advance pur- was acted on. chase of tickets required. In- The new request yesterday

A drastic cut in coast-to- taxes and security charges erning body, which must de-

Oakland-New York flight from Oakland to New York down to a flat \$89, one way, now costs \$194, economy has been proposed in a sur- class; one way to Washington prise move by World Airways is \$10 less. National Airlines recently introduced a "no The petition to the Civil frills" rate from San Francis-

low fare any day of the year. while still holding supplemen-

would be no peak-season vari- before the CAB in 1967 never

flight meal service and bever- is certain to be the subject of ages would be included, but lengthy hearings by the gov-

"I look at people dying over

can involvement in the war in

me . . . I don't think it was

America in the world and it

has weakened the social-politi-

cide whether the plan would would bring the cost of an A typical one-way ticket serve the public convenience and necessity. In addition, the application is sure to be contested by trunk carriers such as United, American, and TWA, all of whom would have to compete against World.

> World envisions one roundtrip daily between Oakland International Airport and Newark Airport, which serves New York City, as well as a daily roundtrip between Oakland and Baltimore with a Los. Angeles stopover. A third daily trip would connect Ontario Airport, near Los Angeles, with Newark.

Advance reservations would be required, but passengers could pick up their tickets at the gate, or at regular travel agency outlets, or-a new twist- at Ticketron counters.

World spokesmen said the airline felt it could offer the lower fare by reducing promotion and sales expense, increasing the number of seats on each plane, and using less crowded airports with cheaper landing fees.

a projected 420,000 passengers per year and bring in annual revenues of \$38 million with the new service. It would change configuration of its DC-8 "stretch" jets to accommodate 261 passengers instead of the normal 180 to 200.

The Baltimore flight would serve Washington-bound passengers. All four airports involved are "modern, less "And I think it has serious- congested, and provide easier and more economical parking," said World officials, "as well as easy accessibility to The 36-year-old chief execu- cal fabric of our country. It is the heart of each city." Congoing to take heroic efforts to venient arrival and departure rebuild America because of times would be offered, they

Hearst Probe

### Jury Lets Activist's Father Go

The father of sports activist Jack Scott has been excused from further testimony before among them the state of Calia federal grand jury investi- fornia which threatens the ingating Patricia Hearst and the 'dependence of the university "Symbionese Liberation system, says outgoing U.C. Army," his attorney said.

Vegas, Nev., apartment man- All-University Charter Day at about his son, who reportedly said that the state is the helped rent a Pennsylvania major outside influence affarmhouse used last summer fecting the university system. as a hideout by Miss Hearst and some fellow fugitives.

The FBI has said it wants to question Jack Scott and his wife, Micki, but no charges have been filed against them. Their whereabouts have been unknown for several weeks.

Attorney Doron Weinberg said yesterday that the elder Scott's wife, Louise, still is under subpoena for the jury's April 10 session here. But he said he has submitted a doctor's statement asking she be excused on grounds of poor health and expects a decision withing a few days.

John Scott appeared before the jury March 20 accusing it The airline hopes to attract of conducting a "witch hunt" against his son. He said he knew nothing that would be of any help to authorities.

> Phillip Shinnick, a onetime Olympic jumper and a friend of Jack Scott's, also is scheduled to appear before the grand jury April 10.

Shinnick, now director of sports studies at Livingston College in Piscataway, N.J., said Tuesday he would leave "in the next couple of days" to keep his court date.

Shinnick has denied knowing Scott's whereabouts, or anything about the Hearst

# State Perils Independence Of U.C. System, Hitch Says

LOS ANGELES-The University of California is not

"an ivory tower" and is subject to many outside interests. President Charles J. Hitch .

John J. Scott, 66, a Las In remarks prepared for the ager, earlier refused to testify the University of California at before the same grand jury Los Angeles campus, Hitch

> "Inasmuch as the university is a creature of the state, no one can really argue that it should be otherwise," he said. "But the state in recent years has become much more intrusive in the affairs of the university and threatens in some areas to disrupt the fragile ecology of our community."

Hitch, who retires June 30. said some of the factors contributing to the intrusion were competing claims for state support; competition for students between private and public institutions and among public universities and junior colleges; and "the political fallout from the years of student unrest; and, of course, the money squeeze.'

#### Crash Kills Seven

TIFTON, Ga. (AP) - Seven persons were killed and three injured yesterday when a tractor trailer rammed into the rear of a station wagon on Interstate 75.

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Hitch said that he consid- accomplishments of his alered preservation of the uni- most eight years as president versity's freedom and autono- of the university system.

"If ever we were an isolated cation master plan, the major ivory tower," he said, "that

time is long since past. We are an integral part of our surrounding society and those who interact with us have their own demands, their own requirements, their own missions for the university."

The master plan enacted in 1960 provided a three-level higher educational system with the university, state colleges and state universities. and junior colleges.



### **Anticrime Program**

# **Brown May Give** Back \$96 Million

SACRAMENTO (AP) - A has any helpful advice to give federal anticrime program is the President. a "misguided effort" that undermines democratic institu- there. For what? What was tions even as it is snarled in the purpose?," asked Brown, bureaucratic gibberish, Calia longtime opponent of Amerifornia's governor says.

And, Gov. Edmund Brown Vietnam. "Everytime I pick Jr. added yesterday, if his up a paper it really troubles study shows the program is without merit, he may send the \$96 million in federal funds back to the U.S. Trea- ly undermined the position of sury to help cut the government's \$80 billion deficit.

tive covered a number of topics at the Capitol news conference, including his feeling this." that "heroic efforts" are needed to help this country recover from its involvement in Southeast Asia.

Brown called the conference to say the Office of Criminal Justice Planning is "on trial" because it has spent millions of dollars in grants to local law enforcement agencies since 1968 without any evident accomplishments.

"This bureaucratic maze was created to fight crime, and crime has gone up 17 per cent, the latest figures show,'



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he said. "It is another example of misguided efforts at the federal level aimed at making the states do what they don't want to do.

"If I'm not satisfied this program serves the public interest, I'm going to very seriously consider returning the money to the federal government to help them fund their \$80 billion deficit that they tell us will be created in the next fiscal year."

Brown said many of the projects funded by the office — which is mandated by federal law if the state is to receive the crime-fighting funds — have already been rejected by local governments.

"We have cities, counties and state government. This is an attempt to undermine those efforts and create the false notion that crime is being reduced," he said.

"I am questioning whether OJCP or anything like it should exist in a free country. It is so obscure and mired down in gibberish," Brown caid.

The Democratic governor said he might discuss the current crisis in Southeast Asia with President Gerald Ford when he meets with him Friday in San Francisco. But he added he is not certain he

# New Program May Create Million Jobs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Congress is going to pass a \$6 billion program to create a million jobs in America and if President Ford exercises his veto on the measure there will be a showdown, Sen. Alan Cranston says.

Cranston, D-Calif., predicted yesterday that "Congress will have on the President's desk by the middle of this month a \$6 billion emergency employment appropriations bill that will create about a million more jobs."

Cranston's statements came at a hearing he conducted in Los Angeles of the Senate Labor Committee, which is investigating current economic problems.

Meanwhile, the state's other senator, Democrat John V. Tunney, said "the single most important thing Congress can do is to force the release of the \$19 billion of monies impounded by the Nixon-Ford administration."

"Every billion dollars impounded by the President condemns 65,000 American families to the despair of unemployment," Tunney asserted.

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# **Bobby Fischer's** Crown Defaulted

(AP)-The International winner if the match reached a Chess Federation awarded 9-9 tie. Bobby Fischer's world chess FIDE at first rejected both by default today after Fischer match with victory going to

Echecs) was expected. Fisch- the other. er's acceptance or rejection of "It's tragic for Fischer, for the rules was due in Amster- chess in the world and for dam by midnight Tuesday, Karpov," said Col. E. B. Edbut FIDE president Max mondson, the director of the Euwe of the Netherlands ex- U.S. Chess Federation when it tended the deadline for 24 became apparent that Fischer hours on the slight chance would not defend his title. that the eccentric American "Poor Fischer won't have would not pass up his chance his title; Karpov will have a to win \$3,175,000. However, paper title, and the world Euwe announced yesterday won't have its match. We're that if the second deadline all losers," Edmondson addpassed and Fischer did not ed. accept, the title would go to Fischer was 29 and the Karpov.

away from newsmen for some Spassky of the Soviet Union time and his whereabouts are on September 1, 1972. The a mystery. But a chess expert new champion, Karpov, is close to him said on Tuesday only 23. that he felt his principles Both were youthful grandwere at stake and he would masters-Fischer at 15 and not relent.

Fischer told FIDE last Fischer's victory at Reykjaspring that he would not play vik, Iceland, ended 25 years of Karpov and would resign his Soviet possession of the world championship unless it met title. two rules demands for the match, which was to have opened in Manila in June.

go to the first player winning West Germany's ceremonial 10 games, that there would be head of state, President Walno limit on the number of ter Scheel, will visit the Unitwould not count. His second invitation of President Ford, demand was for the defending Scheel's office announced.

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands champion to be declared the

crown to the young Soviet demands, voting instead to grandmaster Anatoly Karpov put a 36-game limit on the failed to send word he would the man in the lead. But when play the Russian challenger it realized that Fischer - the under rules voted by the fed- man who made chess a million-dollar attraction - proba-The action by FIDE (Feder- bly would bow out, it agreed ation Internationale des to the no-limit rule but not to

youngest champion ever when Fischer has kept himself he won the title from Boris

Karpov at 19.

#### Bonn Chief

# Stronger

WASHINGTON (AP) - Increased defense spending and a stronger U.S. foreign policy are needed to counter Soviet diplomatic successes and a U.S., trend "toward military vulnerability and political timidity," a task force of Democrats argues.

Reviewing defense and foreign policy problems facing the United States, the group said yesterday that "in the face of the Soviet military build-up, and Soviet foreign policy, our defense budget is an invitation to disaster.

The task force was headed by Eugene V. Rostow, undersecretary of state during the administration of President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Calling for a tighter alliance with Western Europe and a renewed commitment to Middle East, it warned:

responsible course, the next two years may see the military balance shift decisively toward the Soviet Union and its allies; an irreversible deterioration of our alliance network; the conquest or destruction of many small nations whose existence we and others have guaranteed - among them the embattled state of Israel."

"The best diplomatic signal we could give at this time One was that victory would BONN, Germany (AP) - would be a sharp increase in defense expenditures, in defense capability, to achieve a balance of power, to minimize games played, and that draws ed States June 2 to 7 at the the risk of general war, to build a system of peace," Rostow said

# U.S. Urged Betty Ford Feels Tragedy By Panel

LOS ANGELES (AP)-First Lady Betty Ford says she is so touched by the plight of Vietnamese refugee children fleeing the armies sweeping through South Vietnam that she would like to adopt them.

Mrs. Ford, in a brief news conference after a luncheon yesterday at the Music Center, said "I feel as everyone does that it's tragic and there's no question in my mind that the whole world is touched by it."

The First Lady, vacationing with her husband in Palm Springs, flew to Los Angeles for the luncheon.

She defended the President for vacationing while large counter Soviet advances in the sections of South Vietnam are being overrun by the "Unless we set a new and North Vietnam army. She said it was a "working" vacation, but he "is trying to take a couple of hours off each day."

Asked if the President weren't playing golf while Saigon, figuratively, was burning, she said., "I happen to know my husband is working very hard on the problem."

She said, "I feel these children are children that have to be given the opportunity to grow like the rest of us.'

She added, however, she had not talked to her husband about adopting a Vietnamese child.

"I don't think it would go

too well," she said.
Mrs. Ford, wearing a three-piece white knit suit with a matching scarf in warm spring weather, had lunched with the Music Center Blue Ribbon 400 women's

She flew from Palm Springs to the Hollywood-Burbank airport in a small Air Force jet, then was driven to the downtown Music Center in Los Angeles.

The Blue Ribbon 400 is a group of 400 social and civic leaders organized in 1968 by Mrs. Norman Chandler, assistant to the chairman of the board of the Times Mirror Co. So far, the group has raised approximately \$4 million to support the Music

After a luncheon of chicken salad almondine and asparagus, whipped lemon snow pudding and fresh strawberries and Pinot Chardonnay California white wine, Mrs. Chandler presented the First Lady with a lithograph of "Peace on Earth."



MRS. BETTY FORD IS SADDENED At L.A. Music Center yesterday

# Code of Ethics for White House Employes

ident Ford has had a new ethical code drawn up for all White House employes and they have been asked to attend 90-minute briefing sessions to assure they under-

The eight-page code spells out ethical concepts and legal restrictions in such areas as conflicts of interests, acceptance of gifts, political activi- some of the briefings.

WASHINGTON (AP)-Pres- ties and contact with regulatory agencies.

> After the code and a packet of federal statutes were distributed to White House employes, staffers were asked to attend one of several 90-minute briefings initiated by chief of staff Donald Rumsfeld and the White House counsel's office. Rumsfeld has spoken at

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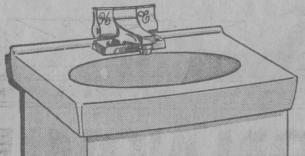
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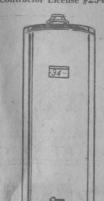


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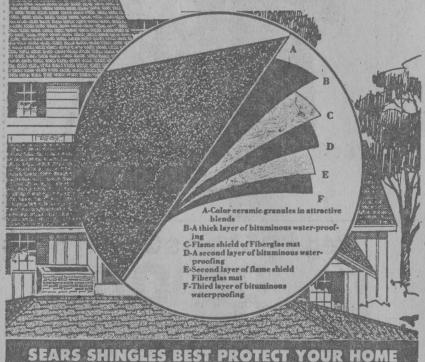
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# It's a Grand New Flag

Oakland got its official flag for the 1976 American Revolution Bicentennial and it's shown here in the hands of mayor John H. Reading, left; W. Elsyn (Moose) Dunstan, center, who is chairman of Oakland's Bicentennial Committee, and at right, Kent B. Williams, regional director of the local bicentennial celebration. The flag was presented to the city council Tuesday evening, and Reading was named honorary chairman of the Oakland bicentennial committee.

# **New Sleepwear** Fire Label Rules

for children's sleepwear.

They apply specifically to
the sleepwear sizes 7 to 14

are not flame-resistant.

• Manufacturers, importers
and wholesalers must maingoes into effect on May 1. and dates of sales. Similar regulations for sizes 0 The commission says it to 6X children's sleepwear plans to propose an additional will be issued in the next few amendment to the rules to

regulations for the 7 to 14 wear to indicate whether the standard include:

• Sleepwear sizes 7 to 14 and fabrics promoted or intended for children's sleep-wear in those sizes manufactured after May 1 must bear a label which states "Flame Resistant U.S. Standard FF 5-74." This label does not have Saturday to be permanent and may be attached to the package or be The Bay Area Science Fair, on a hang tab.

agent or treatment which is Golden Gate Park. known to cause those items to ric shops also must provide

• Each garment or fabric must have a permanent production unit or identification label designed to identify manufacturers and assist in tracking sleepwear or fabrics that fail to meet the stan-

WASHINGTON (AP) — The and noncomplying goods by at U.S. Consumer Product Safety least three feet. Signs with Commission has issued rules letters at least one inch high which help carry out new fed- must identify the flame-resisteral flammability standards ant products from those that

flammability standard that tain records of purchasers

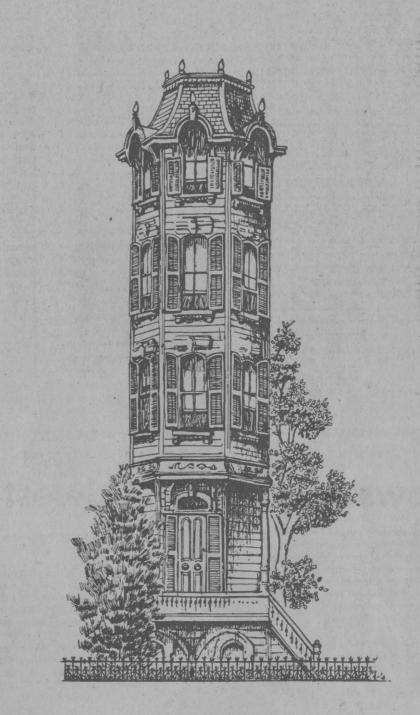
require catalog advertise-Highlights of the rules and ments for sizes 7 to 14 sleepgarments are flame resistant.

featuring 300 original re-• Each garment must bear search projects by junior and a permanent label with presenior high school students, cautionary care and treatment opens at 10 a.m. Saturday at instructions to protect sleep-wear and fabrics from any ences in San Francisco's

This 22nd annual event will be less flame-resistant. Fab- continue through next Wednesday. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Award winners will be announced at ceremonies Friday evening prior to public opening. Two grand prize winners will receive expense-paid trips to the International Science Fair next month.

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COMMUTERS HUDDLE AGAINST DRIVING WIND, SNOW IN CHICAGO'S LOOP Belgians pressing for the Mi-Blizzard paralyzed metropolitan area and caused closing of O'Hare Field

# **Snowstorms Bury Midwest**

By The Associated Press

dents girded for massive flooding which could surpass that of 1973.

Winds howled at more than 35 miles an hour in some areas of Illinois and Wisconclearing virtually impossible.

Roads and airports were closed throughout northern Indiana and Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan, leaving hundreds of travelers strand-

An April snowstorm reported, two from traffic ac- der water. dumped from 6 to 11 inches of cidents on icy highways. The west, while at the other end of attacks while shoveling snow the Mississippi Valley resi- or struggling through drifts.

Chicago reported 11 inches of snowfall, Grand Rapids, Mich., 8 and Milwaukee, Wis.,

The Mississippi River crest sin yesterday, making road is moving rapidly toward New Orleans and water levels there could reach 19.3 feet April 19, well above the 18.6 high water mark recorded in rain. 1973, when flood losses reached \$1 billion.

Some 6 million acres, from In Chicago, at least seven Southern Illinois down to the were chilly.

weather-related deaths were river's mouth, are already un-

The storm system creating snow across the upper Mid- other victims suffered heart snow in the upper Midwest caused thundershowers in the Appalachians and eastern Ohio Valley. Rain also fell from the Carolinas to the central and eastern Gulf coast.

Several tornadoes developed with the thundershowers. One caused minor damage to Benton Central High School near Lafavette, Ind.

Montgomery, Ala., received two and one-third inches of

Skies were mostly clear from the plains to Southern California, but temperatures

# U.S. Jets May Win Contracts

BRUSSELS (AP) - Defense ministers of Belgium, Denmark, the Netherlands and Norway agreed today that General Dynamics' YF16 "has undisputed advantages" over other fighter planes competing for what could become the biggest series of contracts in aviation history.

The four countries are planning to order 350 planes to replace their obsolete Lockheed F104G Starfighters. The total purchase would run about \$2 billion.

The defense ministers said their information is sufficient for their governments to take decisions, and that they would recommend that this be done by the end of April.

The other main contenders for the European contracts have been the French Mirage and the Swedish Viggen. The Norwegians and Danes were previously reported favoring the American plane, with the rage and the Dutch undecid-

The four countries have agreed to try to maintain efficiency and keep down costs by choosing the same type of plane, but because of strong sentiment in the Belgian government to buy the French plane there had been doubt that the agreement would

"The ministers agreed that from the point of view of operational qualities and program costs the YF16 has undisputed advantages over the other contending aircrafts," a joint statement said.

"The evaluation of other aspects particularly in the industrial and economic fields is still continuing in some countries."

The announcement does not necessarily mean that the YF16 will be ordered by all four countries. The Belgian

### Fish Boat Blockade of **Britain Ends**

ABERDEEN, Scotland (AP) - Fishermen called off a three-day-old blockade of 45 British ports early today after the government promised to help them combat competition from cheap foreign imports.

About a fifth of Britain's ports were affected. Most of them were in northern England and Scotland, and no attempt was made to close the country's three biggest: London, Liverpool and Southamp-

Only one ship, a small West German freighter, successfully defied the cordons.

The 14-man action committee of skippers ordered 1,400 trawlers to start home at dawn after Hugh Brown, the under-secretary for Scotland, promised to work for two of their three demands; changes in the European Economic Community fisheries policy, and the immediate extension of Britain's fishing limits from 12 to 50 miles.

Brown told them their third demand, an import ban on fish, was out of the question.

defense minister, Paul Vanden Boeynants, has said that it would be up to the government as a whole, after consulting Parliament and trade unions, to decide on which plane to choose.

# Bombs Blast N.Y. Buildings; **Puerto Ricans Take Credit**

explosions echoed through the working classes. mid-Manhattan late last night and early today, police reported. Officers said that one person was slightly injured.

Two of the explosions occurred at insurance company buildings, a third at a bank and the fourth at a Japanese restaurant.

One man was cut by flying glass in one of the explosions and four firemen were injured while knocking remnants from broken plate windows, police said.

A young man claiming to represent a Puerto Rican nationalist organization calling itself the FALN (Armed Forces of National Liberation), called The Associated Press at 12:53 a.m. and said:

'This is the FALN. We just threw bombs. You will find a communication in a telephone booth at 88th Street and Lexington Avenue.'

The communique said, "The FALN takes responsibility for the bombings of yanki corporations in New York on April 2, 1975. These corporations are at the heart of yanki imperialism (sic)."

The communique called the corporations important decision makers in the planning of domestic and foreign policy and said they benefit from the "explotation and oppression"

NEW YORK (AP) - Four of Puerto Rico, minorities and spaced over a 35-minute peri-

The communique also said the bombings were a "contin- at 19 minutes after midnight. uation of an offensive aimed at gaining the independence sions occurred at a Bankers of Puerto Rico and the release of five political prisoners, Lol- near East 49th Street. The ita Lebron, Rafael Cancel Mi- bomb, apparently placed in randa, Andres Figueroa Cor- the grille-work outside the dero, Irving Flores, and Oscar bank in the courtyard, blew

The FALN is the group that the Wall Street financial district Jan. 24 which killed four persons and injured scores.

The latest blasts were Madison Ave.

od, with the first at 16 minutes to midnight and the last

Police said one of the explo-Trust branch at 280 Park Ave. out plate glass windows.

Two other explosions occlaimed responsibility for the curred at the Metropolitan Fraunces Tavern explosion in Life Insurance Co. building at East 25th Street and Park Avenue South, and at the New York Life Insurance Co. at 67





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# 58 Viet Orphans Safe in Bay Area

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try in the next few days. The State Harmon Hall at the Presidio. Department is considering plans for what might become a mass evacuation of volunteers from the Friends for All a million refugees from the threatened Children relief organization met them at capital of Saigon.

adults on board last night's flight eight U.S. citizens and six Vietnamese ly adopted by American families. who did not have proper immigration papers. The six were taken to the Pre- daughter, who coordinated the efforts in sidio with the children and were issued the Bay Area to receive, house, feed and 90-day immigration paroles in order to clothe the orphans, said preparations establish their identities and claims that had been made to handle as many as 600. they had married U.S. citizens.

Charles Patterson, who returned to Oak- wonderful," she said at a press confer-

#### They Covered Orphan Airlift

Today's coverage of the flight of the orphans from Saigon to Oakland was prepared by staff writers Jeff Morgan, Doug Eaton and Harry Harris. The in the early hours today the orphans pictures were made by photographers were given sponge baths, quick medical Howard Erker and Ron Riesterer.

plane, lashed out at rumors that some of the children might not be legitimate orphans, but were swept up from the street.

All of them came from orphanages, he said, and many had been listed for adoption in the United States for months.

"You have to bear in mind that when a child has been in an orphanage for 12 to 18 months, you have to assume he's an orphan and not just temporarily separated from his family," Patterson said at a press conference today.

He said he finds it unbelievable that many of Saigon's homeless children will ever be reunited with relatives, and said it is commonplace to see them in the gutters and wandering the streets aim-

methods, saying he cut through bureau- ment offices were closed. cratic inactivity and apathy in the Vietnamese government.

weeks directing his charter airline's airlift activities in Vietnam and Cambodia, left the Oakland-bound plane in Japan when it stopped at Yokoto air base to

chief pilot William Keating and opera- be enough blankets, so Daly reportedly was warm and pressurized. The only

nance hangar, federal health and immidren on the long flight in an airplane gration officials went on board briefly.

Then the children - some crying, But the small human cargo was the some smiling, all bewildered - were first of more than 2,000 Vietnamese unloaded and put into buses that took orphans expected to arrive in this coun- them, under highway patrol escort, to

More than 80 doctors, nurses and the Army base, where they will remain a In addition to the crew, there were 14 couple of days before being united with their new parents. All had been previous-

Mrs. Charlotte Behrendt, Daly's

"I think the response of the people of World Airways senior vice president the Bay Area has been overwhelmingly involved are very appreciative of every offer we have had for money, donations of goods, and I am only sorry we have not been able to follow through and talk with the people who have offered."

> As soon as they reached the Presidio examinations, toys and a snack of bananas, apples, rice and soy sauce before they were tucked in for their first night's sleep in the United States.

> "The children looked like they fared quite well," Red Cross worker Glenda Ganny said. "Everyone was really excit-

> Although Friends for All Children was the same organization that canceled Daly's planned airlift of hundreds of babies, it was helping to coordinate last night's operation. Most of the children came from an orphanage run by Friends of Children of Vietnam and one operated by the Seventh Day Adventist church. There were 120 youngsters at Tan Son Nhut airport ready to board the plane yesterday, but only 60 were allowed by airport officials to leave under a blanket exit visa. The others could not be cleared, the Vietnamese said, because it

Two of the children suffering from dehydration were taken from the plane Daly, who has been in Saigon for two in Japan to remain a few days for rest before coming on to the United States.

The children, most of them infants, were loaded on the seatless plane in Saigon and laid out on the blanketed cabin floor, a pillow for each. Earlier on." After the aircraft, flown by World yesterday, it appeared there would not



MRS. CHARLOTTE DALY BEHRENDT Daughter of World Airways' Ed Daly

According to Associated Press reportland from Saigon aboard the airlift ence before the plane landed. "All of us er Peter Arnett, who accompanied the children on the unique flight, the feisty, pistol-packing, aerial wildcatter who is earning a reputation akin to Terry and the Pirates evacuating refugees from Cambodia and the embattled cities of Vietnam, busied himself before takeoff - changing diapers.

> When the jet finally was ready to leave, Tan Son Nhut was closed because of a feared Viet Cong attack.

"Don't take off. Don't take off. You have no clearance," the tower radioed.

Pilot Healy said wryly his radio was not working properly - until he was

The infants rolled on their backs in surprise as the plane lifted off the runway. About 20 adults, including two physicians, some Vietnamese refugees who scrambled aboard at the last minute and an American contractor, watched over them.

Airline officials said they are resigned to having problems with the Federal Aviation Agency for breaking regulations by carrying passengers in a seatless jet.

"I don't care if I lose my license," said Healy, who flew refugees out of the collapsing cities of mainland China in Patterson lauded Daly's unorthodox was after 6 p.m. in Saigon and govern- the late 1940's. "It would be a cheap price to pay to bring these kids from danger to their American families."

> Mary Fisher of Loma Linda, Calif., who was bringing back six orphans to their waiting adopted parents, told FAA officials who boarded the plane in Japan to inspect it, "This is the most comfortable and friendly journey I have ever been

"Actually," Arnett said, "the plane

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staring up at them with smiles and love. volunteer. One little boy wore a baseball

And, as the children peered from the plane's windows, the inevitable wait, seemingly long but short in reality because of advance agreements that Immigration, Customs and Public Health would expedite matters. The officials climbed the ramp and boarded the as the salvage of human life always isplane, stayed only minutes, but it was an but more than one adult in the crowd eternity for TV newscasters, caught at 11:15 p.m. in the middle of their late shows with nothing definitive to report the vernacular of airline people, the as time slipped away.

down the ramp, crisp in pressed brown p.m., and the operation had been expediuniforms. Chief Pilot Bill Keating and Operations Vice President Ken Healy. veterans of a thousand exploits, civilian soldiers of aerial fortune who had flown hearts by the infants and young children they had airlifted to a new life. As they disembarked the gathered crowd applauded. Other crew members got off. More appplause.

Then the children, each carried off by a volunteer who had climbed the ramp. They were infants and the very young, sleepy-eyed, without coats but wrapped in furnished blankets, whisked by medical aides through the crush of press and strobe lights to buses, pulled up close to the plane in turn. Five buses, each with 15 or so children, and as each bus got its quota police pushed the press back to allow the bus to back away from the dwarfing airliner. Over and over again the scene was repeated: A very small

child handed from the plane's interior to humanity outside their temporary cocoon the outstretched arms of a medical cap. Then a second with another baseball cap. One little girl, perhaps 4, awed by her surroundings, held up a hand and flexed her fingers in a small child's wave to the crowd.

It was a gratifying and happy scenemassed around the plane was in tears. When the last child was "off-loaded," in buses, lined up and with a highway Then, at 11:18 p.m., the pilots came patrol car escort, pulled out, It was 11:50

Even then it did not end. With the children en route to quarters at the Presidio, the press, radio and TV newsthe dramatic airlifts of Indochina, but men cornered Keating and Healy in the this night touched to the bottoms of their ready room and made the two pilots relive the long flight home, then made them relive their 80 or so "rice runs" from Saigon into Phnom Penh that preceded the mercy airlift. As attention focussed on the two men, Joe Hzero, the World flight attache pulled aboard the loading ramp in that famous last flight out of Da Nang a week ago, asided to another World employe who had welcomed him home on last night's flight: "It's too bad the U.S. Embassy in Saigon screwed up. That whole plane could have been FULL of kids!"

It still did not end. At 12:30 a.m. World's president, Ed Daly, was on the long-distance phone from Japan. He had departed the flight there with two infants taken off suffering malnutrition. Daly lift.

was concerned about the plane's safe arrival and his voice boomed over a speaker phone in an upstairs office. "I want to go to bed finally tonight not worrying about the rule books, about whether the FAA is upset or about the State Department. Was our aircraft safe and airworthy on its return?" Keating, Healy and some FAA men assured him it was in top condition. "Good," snapped Daly from 4,800 miles away. "Let the whole world know that. We could have carried more kids if they'd let us."

An hour later Keating and Healy had finished their paperwork and were off. They were still buzzed up from their long session in Cambodia and Vietnam, and over their first drink in days, at 1:30 in the morning, they grinned about the cargo they had just finished transporting. "The plane was like a big playpen," said Healy. "The children were tense and nervous at first, but they travel well." They relaxed and the stewardesses kept them happy with constant food service. They drew pictures, if they were old enough, and looked out the windows. Each one of those little children was a treasure "

And what kind of future would one of the children have staying in South Vietman? "Who knows?" said Keating. "Except the country is falling so fast you can't imagine. A lot of these children are part Caucasian, and what the Viet Cong would do we don't know.

"Still, right now there are eight to ten thousand Americans in Saigon. How they'll get out is anyone's guess."

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