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Little Rock Forecast
Partly cloudy and warm with a chance of showers tonight. A high in the upper 70s is forecast today with a low in the low 60s tonight. Friday's high was 74, the low 49. (Weather Map on Page 9B.)

In the News

Julie Forshee, 17, of Fayetteville, Arkansas's entry in America's Junior Miss contest at Mobile, Ala., was named winner of a $1,000 "youth fitness" scholarship, the second scholarship won by her during the pageant.

Albert Jenner, the Chicago lawyer who was ousted last July from his post as minority counsel in the House Judiciary Committee's Watergate investigation because he advocated impeachment of then-President Richard M. Nixon, declared during a speech at Northwestern University that Nixon was "a vicious liar" who committed a "most heinous crime."

Navy Chief Darryl Mish put the finishing touches at Norfolk, Va., on a 2,496-pound cake that President Ford will cut today during a commissioning ceremony for the nuclear aircraft carrier Nimitz.

Alexander I. Solzhenitsyn, the exiled Russian author, arrived at Montreal from Switzerland for a visit in Canada.

Lynn Townsend, Board chairman of the Chrysler Corporation, said at Detroit that "people have to realize that 1976 cars are going to cost more than 1975 models."

Bob Hope, the comedian, declared at Valley Forge, Pa., where he spoke to a student military academy audience, that America's sacrifices in Vietnam had been for "nothing.

Daniel De Luce, reporting for the Associated Press from Hue, South Vietnam, said in a dispatch that the Viet Cong ordered all babies, both boys and girls, born March 26, the day Hue fell to the Communists, be named Giai Phong (Liberation).

Robert Andras, Canadian immigration minister, disclosed at Ottawa that Canada had agreed to accept 5,000 Vietnamese refugees at the request of the United States.

Bruce Chapman, Washington secretary of state, told newsmen at Seattle that his state's attitude toward Indochinese refugees "is not at all like that of certain other states * * * the refugees are welcome here."

Jimmy Carter, the former Georgia governor who is a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, said at Chicago that the Vietnamese refugees should have been settled in Asian countries, not the United States.

Police Judge Gerald Connally of Torrington, Wyo., fined his mother, Mrs. Jennie Connolly, 71, $35 after she pleaded guilty to careless driving.

Senator William Proxmire (Dem., Wis.) introduced a bill to abolish the Selective Service System, which employs 2,600 persons and spends $47.8 million a year.

James Chandler, a State Department official in charge of the Vietnamese resettlement program in Florida, said at Eglin Air Force Base, near Fort Walton Beach, that the 300 refugees scheduled to arrive there today would receive a glass of orange juice as they stepped off their plane.

David Frotter, 24, the Israeli consular guard who occupied the consulate at Johannesburg, South Africa, and killed two persons and wounded 38 others; tried twice to commit suicide Friday, police officials said.

Most Rev. Donald Coggan, 64 the archbishop of Canterbury, spiritual leader of 64 million Anglicans, declared at Toronto that women should be ordained as priests.

Allen D. LeMon, 30, and his **brother Gary**, 29, were charged at Salt Lake City with counterfeiting $5.5 million in $100 bills, and when the two were arrested they were wearing yellow rubber gloves smeared with ink.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy (Dem., Mass.) said at Boston that the final chapter to United States involvement in Vietnam would not be completed until there is a full accounting of all Americans listed as missing in action.

Marine Brig. Gen. Paul G. Graham said at Camp Pendleton, Cal., where most of the Vietnamese refugees are being processed, that he had dubbed the facility "Little Saigon."

Juan Antonio Tack, Panama's foreign minister, charged at Buenos Aires that United States control over the Panama Canal was "a typical case of colonialism," and said he would take the issue to the United Nations.

Governor Greets First 71 Refugees

—Staff Photos by Peggy Robertson

'So Much Excitement' and a Tearful Reunion

Mrs. Tanya Cameron of Branch (Sebastian County) embraces her mother at Fort Smith Municipal Airport. She told reporters who asked about the reunion, "I don't know * * *. So much excitement." Mrs. Cameron, a native of Vietnam, has been in the United States for six years. With her mother, Mrs. Sanh La of near Saigon, were her father and several brothers and sisters. They fled Saigon as the Communists neared the city.

Final Estimate For Resettling Now 120,000

From Gazette Press Services

Ford administration officials said Friday the number of South Vietnamese refugees to be resettled in the United States continued to rise and could go as high as 120,000.

President Ford had stated a total of 84,000 Thursday in appealing to Congress for funds to pay the cost of caring for the refugees.

It was disclosed that the United States government was now spending $2 million a day for food and other supplies for the Vietnamese.

State Department officials said the refugees would be relocated across the country in an effort to prevent creation of another "Little Havana," an area of Miami, Fla., filled with Cuban exiles.

More Than 70 Ships Head for Philippines

Meanwhile, a flotilla of 46 American ships carrying thousands of Vietnamese and 26 vessels of the former Saigon government's navy with an estimated 30,000 refugees aboard moved out of Indochinese waters for the Philippines.

The South Vietnamese navy ships were discovered Thursday in the South China Sea and were being escorted out of the area by the United States Navy destroyer escort Cook and the landing craft Tuscaloosa.

A Pentagon spokesman said the extra refugees would run the total of Vietnamese expected to be resettled in the United States up to 120,000.

In other developments:

★ The Danish freighter Clara Maersk picked up 3,000 Vietnamese from a sinking vessel in the South China Sea, the Danish radio reported at Copenhagen. The broadcast said the Danish ship's captain managed to get all of the refugees aboard his 11,000-ton vessel.

★ The Blue Ridge, the communications and command ship of the Seventh Fleet, reported receiving messages that 1,000 fishing boats carrying 15,000 to 20,000 Vietnamese fleeing their country had put to sea. The Blue Ridge is loaded with refugees as are the other ships in the Seventh Fleet armada that carried out the final evacuation of Saigon.

★ At Manila, the Philippine government said it would arrest military and government officials of the fallen South Vietnamese regime expected to land at American bases on its territory. The officials include former Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky and several army generals.

The Pentagon spokesman said all ships had stopped looking for refugees, effectively ending the evacuation, although any accidentally found at sea would be placed under protection.

United States military authorities at Clark Air Force Base near Manila said the first ship to reach Subic Bay naval base in the Philippines was the carrier Hancock, which reached port early today with 2,000 refugees.

The United States armada, including five aircraft carriers, plucked about 1,000 Americans headed by United States Ambassador Graham A. Martin, from Vietnam and picked up 18,000 fleeing South Vietnamese from sampans and rafts later.

A group of 84 newsmen from

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—Staff Photo by John Partipilo

Arrivals await next instructions at airport.

Arrival of Refugees Marks 'Typical' Day for Reporters

Gazette State News Service

FORT CHAFFEE — For the more than 100 reporters and photographers covering the arrival of the first South Vietnamese refugees here Friday, it was a typical day, starting with bitter internal acrimony and ending with a united quest for that Holy Grail of quickie journalism — the eyeball-to-eyeball interview.

The reporters came from all over. There were the network types, beautifully groomed and studying notes for their "stand-up" spots. There were the "national print media" people, a little sloppier than the network biggies, but with elan. At the bottom of the pecking order came the local reporters and photographers, *trying unsuccessfully to look as though they actually belonged in the upper strata.*

It began as all big media events must — with a lot of

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'Our People Share Agony,' Pryor Says

By PEGGY ROBERSTON
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FORT SMITH — A chilling rain, Governor Pryor and several hundred Arkansans greeted 71 refugees from South Vietnam as they stepped off an Air Force C-141 Starlifter jet at Municipal Airport Friday morning.

They were the first of 20,000 Vietnamese refugees to be brought to Fort Chaffee, a sprawling, 73,000-acre military reservation eight miles east of here that will be the refugees' home while they are being processed and relocated.

Col. James Fyock expected 490 refugees in seven flights Friday, but four planeloads were kept at Camp Pendleton, Cal., when severe weather developed in Northwest Arkansas Friday afternoon. By May 9, the total number of refugees at Fort Chaffee is expected to reach 5,000.

Mr. Pryor told the refugees he hoped they realized "our people in Arkansas and America share at this moment in the agony, pain and sorrow you have experienced."

Doctors, Nurses, Lawyers in Group

In the first group were seven physicians, six nurses, five lawyers, a pilot, two administrative assistants and three aviation specialists.

Most of them brought their belongings in shopping bags. The majority was dressed in American-type clothing.

Children smiled as they left the plane, but their parents were solemn. The few older refugees looked apprehensive.

Shortly before the refugees arrived nine Vietnamese stepped off a Frontier Airlines commercial flight at the Airport, where they were greeted by Mrs. Tanya Cameron of Branch (Sebastian County), a Vietnamese who has been in the United States six years.

In an emotional reunion, she met her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sanh La of near Saigon, and a number of brothers and sisters. The family arrived from California. They had fled their country earlier.

"I don't know. I don't know," Mrs. Cameron said when asked how she felt about her family being in the United States. "So much excitement, so much excitement. Anyway, I have my family now."

Welcome Given Amid Protest

Unlike the emotion that greeted Mrs. Cameron's family, the refugees received a 10-minute formal welcome from Mr. Pryor and Fort Smith Mayor Jack Freeze.

The officials' remarks were unintelligible over the yelling of a protester who carried a sign that said "White Man, Unite" and of a welcoming group who tried to drown him out. Copies of the speeches were handed out later.

Fort Smith Police Chief Carl Beyer said the man was a "professional protester from Hot Springs."

The refugees stood in the rain during Mr. Pryor's address. Some had coats, but those who did not shivered in the 55-degree weather.

State Representative Carolyn Pollan of Fort Smith, there with other legislators, had a shawl, a baby blanket and a sweater, which she said an unidentified woman had left with airport officials to give to the Vietnamese.

Mrs. Pollan was unable to present the clothing before the refugees boarded Army buses.

Interpreter Relates Pryor's Message

An interpreter relayed the governor's message to the Vietnamese, although Army officials indicated 80 per cent of the refugees could speak some English.

"You suddenly find yourself in a strange land," Mr. Pryor said. "All of us share your apprehension at the prospect of being thrown suddenly into new circumstances. It is the nature of man to view with fear the unknown.

"But let me assure you, if I may, that the people of Arkansas are an open and friendly people. We have a long history and tradition of sharing what we have with others and using our best attempts to subscribe to the Biblical admonition, 'Do unto

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Last, Sad Effort Gets Under Way In First Welcome

By MIKE TRIMBLE
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FORT SMITH — America's last, sad commitment to the Republic of South Vietnam began here Friday with the same air of confused dedication that may well have attended the first.

In a cold morning rain, the 71 Vietnamese refugees who landed managed to look prosperous and defeated at the same time as they alighted from the Air Force plane that had brought them to Fort Smith.

Their "informal group leader," as the Army called him, was Dr. Lam Van Thach, a physician and former head of the Military Rehabilitative Services Institute at Saigon. He appeared happy and confident in a well-tailored brown suit and canary-yellow dress shirt. His companions aboard the aircraft, however, seemed exhausted and confused.

It is unlikely that the welcome they received cleared up any of the confusion.

About 400 residents of Fort Smith and other communities had gathered to welcome the first planeload of refugees. There were groups of Southern Baptists, groups of Girl Scouts, a high school band and Governor Pryor.

There also was one protester, a young man who carried signs decorated with swastikas that blamed the presence of the refugees on a Zionist conspiracy. He yelled at the top of his lungs throughout the welcoming ceremony.

A mobile radio unit from station KMAG-FM, "Serving W. Arkansas and E. Oklahoma Fulltime," blared Sousa marches from a public address

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—Staff Photo by John Partipilo

A crowd holds welcoming signs high as refugees appear.

Jobless Rate Edges Higher

But Total Working Also Registers Gain

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WASHINGTON — The country's unemployment rate edged higher in April even though the total number of persons with jobs rose for the first time since September, the Labor Department reported Friday.

At 8.9 per cent of the labor force, after allowing for normal seasonal factors, the unemployment rate was the highest since 1941, when it averaged 9.9 per cent for the year as a whole.

The number out of work last month was 8.2 million, a rise of 3.3 million since the steep decline in the economy began in August. Several million persons normally are counted as unemployed even in prosperous times, and thus the 3.3 million figure — nearly all of whom were laid off or otherwise lost their jobs — probably is the best measure of the human impact of the recession.

The chief encouraging signal in the job figures for April was an increase in total employment by 240,000. Both employment and unemployment rose — as has happened before — because the total number of persons in the labor force increased by more than the number of jobs.

Although the number of "discouraged workers" has risen, the total of persons at work or seeking work continues to grow, mainly reflecting the steady increase of participation of women in the labor force. The

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Ford Plans Trip, Visit With Sadat, Franco, Italians

From Gazette Press Services

WASHINGTON — President Ford will visit Europe late this month and early June, the White House announced Friday, and during the trip will have talks with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and sessions with Pope Paul VI and leaders of Italy and Spain.

The trip will begin May 29-30 for Mr. Ford with a meeting at Brussels of leaders of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The announcement said Mr. Ford would meet with Sadat June 1-2 at Salzburg, Austria, for "discussion of matters of mutual interest and ways to further strengthen relations between Egypt and the United States."

Other Sources Say Ford to See Israeli

The White House did not mention reports from diplomatic sources that Mr. Ford also planned to meet soon with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzak Rabin.

Mr. Ford ordered a reassessment of United States Middle East policy following the collapse in late March of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's personal diplomacy efforts to lay groundwork for an Arab-Israeli peace settlement.

The president's six-day European trip — his first visit there since entering the White House — also gives him the opportunity to reassure allies the American withdrawal from Indochina does not signal any flagging of commitments in other parts of the world.

Following the Brussels summit, the White House said, President and Mrs. Ford would spend May 31 and June 1 at Madrid, where he would discuss "matters of common interest" with Generalissimo Francisco Franco, 82, and other Spanish leaders.

Next is Salzburg, where Mr. Ford also is to work in a meeting with Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky.

'Humanitarian Issues' On Agenda With Pope

On arrival at Rome June 3, the announcement said, "The president will visit Vatican City for an audience with His Holiness Pope Paul VI. The president looks forward to this meeting for a discussion of humanitarian issues of mutual interest."

Then, before returning to Washington, Mr. Ford will meet with Italian President Giovanni Leone and Prime Minister Aldo Moro.

Initiatives Sought For Education

In a speech Friday, Mr. Ford said he hoped to take initiatives in education once "we can get our economy moving." He said he would like classroom teachers to play a larger role in making federal education policy.

"I am confident there are some bright clouds beginning to appear that we can get our economy moving," Mr. Ford told directors of the National Education Association. "Once this is done, I hope to take some

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