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VOTING FOR NORTH'S

CONVENTION

78 seats are to be filled

By David McKittrick

NORTHERN IRELAND'S electors today, May Day, go to the

polls for their fifth General Election in two years, this time to elect candidates to a Constitutional Convention charged with

the task of considering "what provisions for the government of Northern Ireland would be likely to command the most wide-

Like the ill-fated Assembly, the convention will meet in the able factual information and to

spread acceptance throughout the community'

chamber of the old Stormont

Parliament - which has been re-

decorated for the occasion - and. like the Assembly it will have 78 members elected under proportional

representation from 12 constituen-

The convention will, however,

have no legislative powers, its

function being to make constitu-

tional recommendations to the British Government — which re-

serves the right of veto and the

right to "test directly the opinion of the Northern Ireland electorate

on its attitude to particular or to

alternative proposals before any

course is recommended to Parlia-

The Convention was first sug-gested in July last year in a British

Government White Paper. This followed the resignation of the

Northern Ireland Executive, brought down after five months in

office by the Ulster Workers' Council strike in May. The White

Paper's proposals were incorporated

in a Bill which passed quickly through the British Parliament in

July. It had the support of the Opposition and was accepted by

Parliament without amendment, de-

apite Loyalist attempts to include

a provision that the Convention

Election be held before the end of

The British Government has in-

dicated that it will play no part in

the Convention proceedings, but, in the words of the White Paper,

Bomb attack on

candidate's home

A nail-bomb was thrown at the home of Mr. Tom Donnelly, S.D.L.P. candidate for north Belfast, last night. The detonator exploded but the explosive failed to

Orange hall bombed

A 100lb, bomb extensively

injured, but the explosion

damaged one of Belfast's five main

Orange halls last night. No one

caused widespread damage in the

surounding residential area. The

back and interior of the hall was

wrecked and the roof collapsed. It

is thought that the whole building, on Alexandra Park Avenue, in north Belfast, will have to be de-

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go off.—(P.A.).

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COMMUNIST VICTORY

ENDS 30-YEAR WAR

Little opposition to entry of

N.L.F. troops into Saigon

NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT troops rolled into the South Vietnamese

capital yesterday virtually unopposed, to the great relief of the population which

had feared a bloody last-minute battle. The first jeepload of sandal footed, teen-

age guerrillas, drove down the central Tu Do Street shortly after noon, waving a

The end, when it came for the city as a whole, had apparently cost few

giant National Liberation Front flag of blue and red with a yellow star.

unification of the Vietnamese homeland.'

General Duong Van Minh watched resignedly as three NLF

tanks broke through the big main

gate of the palace and soldiers

leapt out of a lorry to hoist the flag. People in the streets applauded

enthusiastically as truckloads of troops rolled through the streets of the South Vietnamese capital.

There was very little shooting

loaded with people on the river

confusion reigned on the riverside

The surrender of the Saigor

Government followed quickly after

the collapse of an attempt by Pre-

sident Duong Van Minh to negotiate with the P.R.G. and the evacuation on Tuesday of the last

remaining Americans. "Big Minh"

Recognition comes quickly 7

The American involvement 7

sent two top officials to the P.R.G.

delegation in Saigon on Tuesday

with instructions to try to set up negotiations, but their mission failed.

As the N.L.F. troops moved through the streets they used loud-

hailers to tell the population: "The

forces of the National Liberation

Front have become masters of

Saigon. Do not worry. You will be well treated." Traffic continued

in the centre of the capital. People

stopped to ask if they could move

freely and were waved on with a smile and a "yes" from the N.L.F.

In the city, the streets took on

a festive air within hours, people crowding round the noticeably ner-

vous guerrillas and the more relaxed regular soldiers. Their

approaches, cautious at first, were

soon replaced by friendly street-corner banter. One noticeable

feature was that the looting and

broad-daylight armed robberies

which had been going on for the

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corner banter.

Confused U.S. reaction

Refugee problem

Editorial comment

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BIG RISE IN BUS AND RAIL FARES NEXT MONDAY

for security and

in C.I.E. bus and rail fares. to come into effect next Monday, will be announced by the company today.

The increases, which have been approved by the Government, are understood to be around 33% on city bus fares and 25% on rail fares. In the case of Dublin city this will result in a new minimum fare of 8p, an increase of 2p. The next stage, at present costing 9p, will go

18p fares to 24p.

Increases in schoolchildren's exceed 1p for any fare.

to 12p; 12p fares will go to terday, but a spokesman forthcoming.

assist the Convention in any way

which is likely to bring its delibera-tions to a successful conclusion."

COUNTING CENTRES

Today, the polling stations will

be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

-police leave has been cancelled for the occasion and there will be

a partial call-out of the Ulster

Defence Regiment — and counting

begins tomorrow at 9 a.m. Count-

ing will be at nine centres, with the four Belfast constituencies' votes

Results are expected from the

early afternoon, and on Friday evening the deputy returning officers, in consultation with the

candidates, will decide on whether

for the night, or to continue with the counting through the night. The

last results should be available by

Early next week, the leaders of

parties represented in the Conven-tion will meet the Convention

chairman, Sir Robert Lowry, the

former Lord Chief Justice of

Northern Ireland, and are expected

to ask for a plenary session of the Convention to be held later in the

week, probably on Thursday. This

will have the effect of starting pay-

ment of the members' £2,500

annual salary. The Convention is then expected to adjourn for a

Politically both Convention elec-

tion participants and observers are

sceptical of the Convention's pros-

representatives of the largest Pro-

In all, 165 candidates are con-

testing 78 seats: there are 30 S.D.L.P. candidates, 27 Official Unionists, 23 Alliance, 18 U.P.N.I.,

18 Democratic Unionists, 17 Van-

guard, 17 Republican Clubs, six

Northern Ireland Labour Party,

two Communists, one Communist

(Marxist-Leninist), three Indepen-

(See also page 13)

testant para-military groups.

Saturday evening.

fortnight.

being counted at the City Hall,

ment would be made today.

C.I.E. has been under pressure to keep its deficit within the £17 million which the Government has fixed as ceiling for the current

The only alternative to higher fares would be a substantial increase in the Government's subsidy to the company, and, in the present financial circumstances, it is understood this was not

Pay increase for **25,000** teachers

5% FROM DECEMBER 1st

By Our Industrial Correspondent

ABOUT 25,000 teachers are to receive a five per cent pay increase from December 1st. It has been awarded by an arbitrator, but is awaiting approval by the Minister for Finance.

with that of comparable employments. For some years there has been a relationship between the salaries of those grades and those

The increase is related to one granted from April 1st last year to about 2,500 Civil Service executives the National Agreements and is to and higher executive officers whose be applied to about 15,000 members pay was found to be out of line of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation, about 6,000 members of the Association of Secondary Teachers (Ireland) and about 5,500 members of the Teachers' Union of Ireland. Religious teachers-priests, nuns and Christian Brothers-are also to benefit. There is a common basic scale for the three main branches of the teaching profession

national, vocational and secondary.

New alert committee causes 90 to strike

By Our Industrial Correspondent SOME OF the staff of the Labour Court and the Department of Labour have decided to strike for day. They are higher executive officers and executive officers—90 in all—who are protesting against a decision to set up a monitoring unit in the Department to give the Minister early warning of serious strikes. They will refuse to cooperate with liaison officers to be

appointed to the unit and have de-clared the posts "black." guards every 30 yards along the main streets in central Saigon. Four officers are now to be ap-pointed to the unit. The senior as the conquering troops took over the city, Sandal-footed, but armed officer will be an assistant principal officer. A higher executive officer with sophisticated Chinese AK-47 is to be selected for promotion to automatic rifles, the young soldiers liaison officer will be appointed from the civil service. The others are to be a political to be appointed out of their transfer of the political content of their transfer of others are to be appointed At the navy base in the Khan Hoi dockyard district a huge white flag of surrender was flying. Boats through advertisements published yesterday. Candidates must have eight years' experience in industrial relations or personnel work. A tried to leave the port and extreme

ADVANCE WARNING.

The Minister, Mr. O'Leary, has been anxious for more than a year to establish the unit. He wishes to have advance warning of serious disputes; which can threaten vital services like electricity, food and petrol supplies and transport. Another aim is to secure early warning of disputes—like that of maintenance craftsmen in 1969 which involve numerous industries.

He and his senior officials failed to secure agreement with the Civil Service Executive Association. The petrol distributors' strike, which ended on Sunday, and pressure from the public and the press to see that serious strikes do not take place without sufficient warning, appear to have made him decide to delay no further. The establishment of the unit has been approved by the

Government. The association strongly opposed when it was first mooted by the Minister in March last year. A statement from the association said that it objected on two grounds. Firstly, the value of the unit was dubious so far as effects on industrial relations generally were concerned; secondly, the recruitment of people from outside the civil ser-

vice was envisaged. "While superficially appearing useful, the unit would be of no benefit to industrial relations," the statement said "The machinery for settlement of industrial disputes is the Labour Court, which was established by law as separate from and independent of the Minister for Labour. The unit proposed by the

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lives, although elite South Vietnamese paratroops were reported to have fought to the finish near Tan Son Nhut airbase outside the capital. The surrender was announced by President Duong Van Minh, who took over only two days ago. Meanwhile in a Paris statement yesterday, the Provisional Revolutionary Government said that South Vietnam would apply a policy of peace and non-alignment in its relations with foreign countries. Mr. Dinh Ba Thi, the head of the P.R.G. delegation at the suspended Vietnam peace talks, said that the P.R.G. would continue to work towards "the peaceful re-

New body to operate

By Michael Browner, Agricultural Correspondent

farm advice services

The N.L.F. quickly fulfilled a twenty-one-year-old pledge by renaming Saigon as "Ho Chi Minh City." Vietnamese revolutionaries MAJOR upheaval in the Oireachtas, and will mean that the advisory, research and educational are believed to have made that facilities provided for farmers is contained in a new plan issued by pledge shortly after the Geneva Agreement of 1954 which cut Viet-nam in two at the 17th parallel. the Government yesterday, which brings the Farm Advisory Service The occupation of the city by the operated by the county committees Communist forces was smooth and of agriculture, the Agricultural Institute and the educational services methodical. Lorries carrying N.L.F. troops halted every 30 yards and at each crossroads, and a trooper jumped down with a flag. By 12.50 p.m. the NLF, had stationed of the Department of Agriculture under a newly-established Agricultural Advisory, Education and Re-

search Authority. The authority will be set up as

workers. The new body will be financed by Exchequer subvention of £10 million, equal to the existing allocation to the various individual services at present, but should be supplemented by contributions from the various sectors of the industry,

soon as legislation now being of the authority. drafted has been passed through the Full report: page 17

staffs of the separate services will operate as a single body—683 advisers, 220 scientists, and 1,180 clerical, technical and manual

which will benefit from the work

KINSALE GAS DECISION SEEN AS ILL-ADVISED

THE GOVERNMENT'S decision to give three-fifths of the natural gas from the Kinsale field to the E.S.B. and the N.E.T. fertiliser company was termed "ill-advised and illconceived" by the president of the Irish Gas Association at its annual meeting.

The meeting was told that the bill for supplying natural gas to domestic consumers in Ireland could total £87 million: page 15.

Beef threat

A new threat to the cattle industry came to light yesterday, with reports of secret proposals being prepared by the E.E.C. Commission to restrict the Intervention system for beef: page 17. £9,000 claim

A Drogheda butch S Phas brought a High Court on against the Minister for Courticulture and the Pigs and inston Commission, claiming that; Fut £9,000 in subsidies on pibal as been withhold from him; pa. 45.

been withheld from him: pay E.E.C. pamphlets

After reports of a leak the British Government last night published three guideline pamphlets on the E.E.C. Referendum:

Industrial relations

In Industrial Focus, Mr. John Carroll, of the I.T.G.W.U., and Mr. D. J. McAuley, of the F.U.E., talk to Mary Maher about the lessons to be learned on industrial relations in the aftermath-of the petrol strike. Pat Nolan, Industrial Correspondent, discusses unofficial strikes: page

Rome horse report

Averil Douglas, Our Equestrian Correspondent, reports from Rome on the success of an Irish-bred horse in the opening day of the international horse show there: page 13.

Plea on pollution

A call for a co-ordinated coast watch which would monitor marine pollution was made yesterday by Dr. John de Cource Ireland, honorary secretary of the Dun Laoghaire branch of the R.N.L.I.: page 9.

Congressman's claim

An American Congressman, Mr. Mario Biaggi said that he was refused entry to Portlaise Prison:

Modern Irish poetry

In Arts and Studies today, Daithi O Coileain and Gabriel Rosenstock examine trends in modern Irish poetry: page 19.

TOMORROW . . .

James Downey on Britain and Europe.

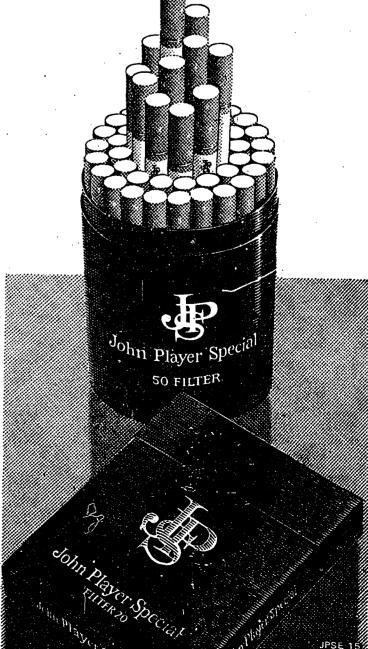
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Off the Reel.

On Two Wheels.

Women's Year Column.

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PACKETS CARRY A GOVERNMENT HEALTH WARNING and entire in some Art of the stiff to be a grant of

A SUBSTANTIAL increase 16p; 15p fares to 20p, and confirmed that an announce-

fares have also been approved but they are not expected to

The increase in fares for provincial bus services and for freight rates is expected to be the same as for rail fares—25% on existing rates

The company would not give details of the fares yes-

financial year.



"Ladies and gentlemen-place your bets."

T.C.D. FEE INCREASES **OF UP TO 19%**

UNDERGRADUATE FEES at Trinity College, Dublin, are to rise by between 9% and 19% next September, depending on the faculty in which a student is enrolled.

relations or personnel work. A spokesman for the Department said that civil servants will be eligible to apply for the publicly advertised

£9 to £10.

The board of the college, which approved the increases at its weekly meeting yesterday, pointed out in a statement that the increases were science, medicine and dentistry are considerably below the rate of inflation. Earlier this year a spokes-

Jurisdiction Bill discussed pects for reaching an agreement acceptable to both the British Government and the main sections of opinion in the North, The Convention will also lack Proby Labour, FF visional I.R.A. representation, and

By Dick Walsh,

Political Correspondent

THE PARLIAMENTARY parties of Flanna Fail and Labour yesterday discussed the Criminal Law (Jurisdiction) Bill while, in the Senate, Mr. Bernard McGlinchev opposed the measure in a six-hour speech, which had not been com-pleted when the House adjourned

dent Unionists; two Independents and one Independent Loyalist. last night. Mr. McGlinchey, whose earlier contribution to the debate on the Bill had drawn accusations of am-The total is considerably less than that of nominees for Assembly seats in June, 1973, reflecting bivalence towards violence, mainmainly a greater appreciation of tained the view that those who the proportional representation wanted it enacted could be described as British collaborators. But he emphasised that he was system. At that time there were 211 candidates: 50 Unionists, 45 Vanguard and D.U.P., 35 Alliance, 29 S.D.L.P., 10 Republican Clubs and 19 N.I.L.P. opposed to violence and considered

who resorted to it.

necessary to deal with anyone

IN THE DAIL AND THE SENATE

Mr. McGlinchey relied heavily on evidence produced by the Rev. Denis Faul of Dungannon to show that sectarian assassinations in Northern Ireland had gone un-

It continued: "The Board has now decided that while fees will

GREATER IMPACT

science, medicine and dentistry are

to rise by 19%, and in all other

faculties by 9%. There is to be no

increase in diploma fees, except in

the faculty of mathematical and en-

gineering science The annual capita-

tion grant, which covers non-curri-

cular activities, is to go up from

In its statement, the board said

that the 9% limit on increases had

been reconsidered "in the light of

the inflationary situation which has

caused the colleges of the National University of Ireland to revise decisions taken by them regarding fee

undergraduate students in arts, comgreater impact of cost rises justifies undergraduate students in engineerdentistry." The college's financial

charged in the four university colleges: Arts: T.C.D. £142, U.C.D. £141. U.C.C. £125, U.C.G. £125. Engineering/Science: T.C.D. £189, U.C.D. £193, U.C.C. £189, U.C.G. £188: Medicine: T.C.D. £209, U.C.D. £220, U.C.C. £243, U.C.G. £222: Dentistry: T.C.D. £209, U.C.D. £249, U.C.C. £273.

not be increased beyond 9% for putor science, mathematics and economic and social studies, the an increase of a further 10% for ing, natural science, medicine and assistance procedures would continue to try to alleviate hardship,

The following are the fees now

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Careful enough to stitch into the record acceptance of Jack Lynch's policy

By John Healy

WE HAD a long Dail and Senate day yesterday, and with the Lower House dealing with the committee stage of the Finance Bill, which tends to oe technical and somewhat tedious, we had the option of the Senate on the Criminal Jurisdiction

and Bernie McGlinchey, sounding and looking like a half-assed Redemptorist of 30 years ago inveighing against impure thoughts. you couldn't go wrong. Bernie doesn't support the Provos. Bernie never supported the Provos or any other wing of the l.R.A. As far back as the fifties he condemned the I.R.A.: he did it again

the Square at Letterkenny bulling away at the top of his voice in what he would have us take as a major speech. took a fair bit of it, but when it came to the stage where Bernie started to recycle himself I thought it was time to pack it

carried away in the moment.

to be inside to see him throw his

and the party . .

of the Opposition, Mr. Jack Lynch. me that Dick was trying a bit harder courtesy, Collins swung round and said: "You can not".

his Christmas cards Charlie Haughhey said Dick didn't send him one. Dick said he'd do it next time, and some Fianna Fail man said he wouldn't be there next vear. John Bruton had to handle the school hus anomaly questions, and Fianna managed hetween Deputies and Ciarán Murphy to convey the We had Dick Burke again on Government is indeed cutting back tone and stress, and must have gone education matters for a goodly part ruthlessly on the operation of free downstairs to report to the leader of Question Time, and it seemed to school transport.

An area needs a minimum of 10 children for the running of a bus: under that figure the bus is yanked out and the eight or nine children who may have the rank bad luck to live there must hoof it to school Brennan reported, over two or more miles of bleak mountain roads in Donegal. Fianna Fail gave flexibility with the scheme, said Joe, but was being applied rigidly now with this consequence of hitting at the least able of our population: those living in the most rural and backward areas. Tom Fitzpatrick handled for

Justice Minister, Paddy Cooney who was in the Senate, and Brendan Corish handled his own health questions before we reverted again to Colley, Vivion de Valera, Dessie O'Malley and Tom Fitzpatrick of Dublin taking on Richie Ryan on the Finance Bill, which was again interrupted at six for Private The farmers were going to do

grabbing a few minutes of Gene Fitzgerald time, and he explained When Dick gave us his cost for the recent dumping of calves outsic Christmas cards Charlie Haughtough times were for farmers. The Government has postponed the signing and ratification of the European Energy Programme, due today, for a further three months, and Jack Lynch wanted to know if the Government was having Joe Brennan, Tom Meaney second thoughts on the matter, No. said Mr Cosgrave, the Opposition were unco-operative.

A full report appears in page 8.

colour is more than just outward show. made up. The superb cut is apparent directly you slip on a Magee jacket. It ooks and feels as if it was made for you. iackets and slacks in pure new wool Magee slacks are durably creased It was quite an option, what with Dr. Noel Browne celebrating the fall of South Vietnam and delighted at how the Viet Cong sorted out the Americans, all by way of con-demning the Bill before the House,

n the sixties, and no one was entitled to suggest otherwise. But he was against the Bill; it was a collaborator's Bill. He blasted the U.D.R. He blasted the R.U.C. He blasted the British Army. And he blasted the Criminal Jurisdiction Bill. You'd swear your oath Bernie if he wasn't outside the G.P.O. on a Final Rally night, was at least in

I had a bit more stamina than Fianna Fail Senate party leader, Brian Lenihan, who cut out before me: Brian, I imagine, couldn't have been very happy at the McGlinchev

men who seemed to take the Fianna Fail Party off Jack Lynch when he was abroad a few weeks ago. Jack was to excuse it as exhuberance and and enthusiasm: some of his men got Bernie got carried away yesterday to the extent where he could be heard outside the Chamber: you had

crucified arms wide as he bulled his way through a speech which sounded more like Ruairi Brady, Dave O'Connell or Malachy McGurran than it did of Jack Lynch. But for all the emotion, all the declamation, Bernie was careful enough to stitch into the record his acceptance of Jack Lynch's policy. Jack Lynch's leadership and, of course, he felt that if crimes were that impossibility—the Fianna Fail policy on an All-Ireland Court.

We had several Fianna Fail members up from the Lower House to listen to the McGlinchey tour de force, and Flor Crowley was very impressed by Bernie. I imagine Joe Brennan wasn't quite as enamoured. It is being put up to Jack Lynch by another Donegal man in a new cycle: the last time Lynch held back with consequences which were politically fatal for him,

The second secon

Mr. McGlinchey was one of the to be a bit less starchy. Specifically he took his chance with a question from Gerry Collins who wanted to know why his Department couldn't give a person a statement of his gross earnings for a period of six years and the taxes paid in that time Dick said such a request was time. Dick said such a request was unusual, and since every person got a detailed statement on payments he couldn't see how he might, as a rule, justify research time — but since it was one request, and seeing as it came from Collins, like, he'd make an exception this time. Collins was delighted, naturally, and when Billy Kennealy of Waterford asked if he could put down a similar question would be get the same

Sean Calleary had a rake of school closures from East Mayo committed North of the Border and and was worried about the lack of the criminals fled South, they consultation over the proposed closshould be punished. He was all for sures. The Chair tried to curtail him, and Calleary, with some justi-fication, reminded it that "the ment, which brought Richie back Briefly, of course — which means that if Jack wants to keel-haul him he has the cobblers protected—just. It's an old trick, and he has nothing to learn from Neil Blaney of the dying years of the resisting and the willow mean to learn from the learn from the dying years of the resisting and the learn from the dying years of the resisting and the learn from the lear dying years of the 'sixties and the early estranged years of the 'seventies.

Wilson, more to the head in front of him than to Dick, said: "If any one mentions 'Dunquin' my false or Jerry Cronin, Fianna Fail, one mentions 'Dunquin' my false or graphing a few minutes of General Control of the farmers were going to do well again—and this one was a cue for Jerry Cronin, Fianna Fail, and the farmers were going to do well again—and this one was a cue for Jerry Cronin, Fianna Fail, and the farmers were going to do well again—and this one was a cue for Jerry Cronin, Fianna Fail, and the farmers were going to do well again—and this one was a cue for Jerry Cronin, Fianna Fail, and the farmers were going to do well again—and this one was a cue for Jerry Cronin, Fianna Fail, and the farmers were going to do well again—and this one was a cue for Jerry Cronin, Fianna Fail, and the farmers were going to do well again—and this one was a cue for Jerry Cronin, Fianna Fail, and the farmers were going to do well again—and this one was a cue for Jerry Cronin, Fianna Fail, and the farmers were going to do well again—and this one was a cue for Jerry Cronin, Fianna Fail, and the farmers were going to do well again—and this one was a cue for Jerry Cronin, Fianna Fail, and the farmers were going to do well again and the farmers were going to do well again and the farmers were going to do well again. teeth will fall out".

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WORLD NEWS

Confused reaction in U.S. after chaotic pull-out

BLEAK, EMBITTERED and confused reactions arose across the United States yesterday as Americans awoke to hear that Saigon was now Ho Chi Minh City. The Administration worried about South Korea being the next test for the United States, and well-informed sources confided that ordinary people close to designated camps deluged local radios with complaints against receiving Viet-

Congress wondered what to do next with the President's request for humanitarian aid for the Vietnamese when majority opinion appeared to be against giving a cent to the Communists. President Ford let it be known he was proud to have saved what Vietnamese he could in the McNamara, Mr. McGeorge Bundy, Dr. Fligge Postow, and many last chaotic helicopter evacuation.

On the practical side, the gence reports state firmly that 90 promised. But there can be no Treasury froze all South Vietnamese military leaders have been executed doubt it is, firmly believed in assets in the United States — an at a couple of places in the pro-

assets in the United States — an at a couple of places in the pro-action which effectively stops all vinces, and it is assumed their transaction between the two families were slaughtered along with them. No source will go on High Administration officials the record with this or offer the also believe a "programme" of substantiating details claimed to executions has been started by the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia, Intelligence sources would be com-

expected to recognise the new regime in two or three day's time,

according to government officials

conference in Kingston, Jamaica,

The French Cabinet discussed

the débâcle but limited itself pub-

Foreign Minister, told the deputies

yesterday afternoon during question time that he believed the

French community in Saigon—some 9,000 nationals - had "nothing to

'MEANINGLESS'

The Norwegian Foreign Minister, Mr. Knut Frydenlund, told parila-ment that his Government would

recognise the P.R.G. and that the

South Vietnamese Chargé d'Affaires in Oslo had told the Foreign Ministry that his mission in Norway

had been discontinued. The Prime

Minister, Mr. Trygve Bratteli, earlier told the Parliament that Norway would give "considerable" aid to Indo-China for use in recon-

struction and humanitarian work.

The Pope appealed for a genuine peace" in South Vietnam

which would respect the liberty of

citizens and their religious beliefs.
The spokesman added that over

the last months the Pope had been

in touch with South Vietnam's

remain at their posts.

The Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr.
Yigil Allon, said in Paris "Although

parallels between Indo-China and

the Middle East. I think that if one

lesson should be learned is it that American and Western Europe should do their best to help their

friends in the world defend themselves." — (A.F.P., U.P.I.,

don't think I can draw any

bishops to encourage them to

"All I need is a little help."

Many governments quick to respond

INDIA, THAILAND and Laos officially recognised the Provisional Revolutionary Government (P.R.G.) of South Vietnam while Japan, Finland and Sweden said they will take steps to Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. do so. Britain said that it will continue to recognise the current ambassador in London.

in Canberra.

The Indian deputy Foreign confident that the United States Minister, Mr. Bipinpal Das, announced in Parliament that the defend South Korea.

Indian charge d'affairs in Hanoi The Australian Government is had been asked to convey India's recognition of the P.R.G. to its representative there immediately. India has asked the present South Vietnamese consul general in New Delhi to terminate his mission forthwith and leave the country "unless he declares allegiance to the P.R.G. and the P.R.G. accepts him as their representative in India," Mr. Das said.

The Thai Foreign Minister, General Chatichai Cnoonhaven, told reporters within a matter of hours after the fall of Saigon that Thailand will recognise the new Government to be set up in South Vietnam. He said that Thai troops had once fought alongside American troops in South Vietnam but hoped "the fact that Thailand sent

The Laotian Foreign Ministry announced shortly after the fall of Saigon that it recognised the P.R.G. matic appeals by Paris the latter than the saigon that it recognised the P.R.G. matic appeals by Paris the latter than the United States. It is expected to as South Vietnam's legitimate government. The Laotian embassy in the past few days, for a "political tion hoping to use the money in Saigon was closed two weeks ago solution" instead of total surrender. earlier requested for humanitrian for "security reasons".

REAL GOVERNMENT

In Tokyo, the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Kiichi Miazawa, told reporters that Japan would recognise the new regime as soon as it fear. reached a political settlement without "grinding" the Saigon administration into the dust.'

The South Korean Foreign Minister, Mr. Kim Dong Jo, said that his Government was not alarmed by the events, and was

Kecognition by Nine unlikely

By Dennis Kennedy

OC-ORDINATION of the policy of the nine E.E.C. Member Governments on recognition of the new regime in South Vietnam is unlikely.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr. FitzGerald said last night that recognition was a matter for individual governments and there was no way in which the Community could take a joint position on re-Ireland for instance does not

recognise, or refuse to recognise

new regimes and limits formel re-cognition to States, not governments. The British have a policy of announcing recognition to whoever effectively controls the country.

As President of the Council of Ministers Dr. FitzGerald also presides over the political co-operation machinery of the Nine and has a responsibility to seek to co-ordinate the foreign policy of the Member countries. The attitude towards the new regime in Saigon would seem en obvious case for such co-

Dr. FitzGerald said that while it would be appropriate for instance, for the Nine to try and align their attitudes towards admission of the new government to membership of an international organisation, recognition itself was not within the

cope of the co-ordination.
On the Irish Government's reaction to events in Saigon Dr. Fitz-Gerald said it was difficult to comment at this stage, but the Govern-ment's concern had been that further bloodshed should be avoided, They had been anxious for a negotiated hand-over, but if bloodshed had been avoided surrender was preferable to Saigon being taken by storm. DEEP HUMILIATION

There is also deep humiliation felt at high level over the manner the desperate, chaotic pull-out from Saigon, but some consolation from Saigon, but some consolation found in its ultimate success. Operation "Frequent Wind" concluded with one last hiccup. After President Ford had announced its conclusion a helicopter still had to get to the Saigon embassy roof to extract a last detachment of marines including a presently a marine. including apparently a marine general, who were under fire and firing back as the embassy was being stormed by looters.

The helicopters brought out 6,213 persons "without a scratch," claimed Admiral Noel Gayler, the forces in the Pacific-this, despite the firing by Communists of surface-to-air missiles at one helicopter and sporadic firing of small would honour its commitment to arms by disaffected South Viet-

Dr. Kissinger claimed that no ccording to government officials and Canberra.

Hanoi won the war in Vietnam and his family was reported still because the generals in Saigon with waiting on one rooftop after the their bank accounts left the operation concluded, and it seems country, Mr. Lee Kuan Yew, Prime as if U.P.I. correspondents stayed Minister of Singapore said yester on involuntarily. The Pentagon day. "The battle in South-East Asia does not, at the time of writing, is not lost." Mr. Lee told the have a list of names of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers evacuees.

Some 18.000 of those fleeing by sea from Vung Tau had been picked up by U.S. navy ships, the Pentagon announced vesterday. They licly to only expressing France's had come out to the big ships in sampans, rafts and other small

overriding concern for the human aspects of the drama. The truth is the French Government feels aggrieved with the Communist side Dr. Kissinger and other State which first got it to bring pressure Department officials told Congrescombat troops should not be an on the Americans to get rid of sional committees they now expected to normal relations."

President Thieu and then failed to pected some 60,000 to 70,000 Vietmatic appeals by Paris, which were cost some £120 million for the first M. Jean Sauvagnargues, the assistance.

OPINION SPLIT

Some in Congress will doubtless press an inquest of the evacuation, and opinion is clearly split. The Washington Post and the New who wed that it was a real government. He said ex-President Duong Van Minh was right to surrender, but thought the P.R.G. could have

The end of the thirty years' war in what was once France's richest colony provoked a flood of reactions. General Raoul Salan, the "agony and tumult" saying "the colony provoked a flood of reac-tions. General Raoul Salan, the one time commander-in-chief of the Grench armics in India Chief United States left with the same French armies in Indo-China, hailed the army of General Giap as "the world's best army today."

United States left with the same confusion and lack of direction that took this country there in the first place."

> The Swedish Prime Minister, Mr. dent Ford for trying to get out the Olof Palme, said in a statement: Vietnamese, as an "admirable de-"We feel happiness that the grim monstration of loyalty" and "the war in Victnam is at last over. A right thing to do.' Yesterday at the White House

> regime without the people's support has disappeared. A war, which from the beginning was meaningless and unjust, has some reporters asked in vain under what legal authority President Ford had acted to send in the marines to rescue the Vietnamese out — an stopped. A people, after decades of hoped to establish diplomatic re-lations with the P.R.G.

because otherwise they would have been killed and I am proud of it." —(Times Service)

the idea of standing for re-election because of the unpopularity of an American involvement of which he had been one of the main architects. Down into the trap with him, to Dr. Eugene Rostow and many

An involvement that toppled presidents By Bernard Ullmann

Nixon, was probably a victim of tervention, are only one aspect of Vietnam too, albeit indirectly. For the damage done by the Vietnam any more foreign adventures like there is little doubt that the Water-war.

Vietnam too, albeit indirectly. For the damage done by the Vietnam any more foreign adventures like vietnam.

And right up the last day the problem of military and economic For the Secretary of State, Dr. Henry Kissinger, the man behind American soldiers were capable, the secret negotiations in Paris, the like the soldiers of the most totali-

his credibility as the negotiator of

Agreements were signed, ending the first Indo-Chinese war, and 27 months after the Paris Agreements were supposed to seal the "peace with honour" promised by expresident Nixon, American political life remains deeply numbed by Vietnam.

The effects on the American institutions and way of life are still difficult to evaluate. For the first time in its history, less because of the product of the atmosphere and the product of the product of the pro The My Lai massacre showed that

South Vietnam has been the main point of friction between Congress and the administration.

It was Vietnam that removed very definitely from political life one president, Mr. Lyndon Johnson, who in April, 1968, had to give up the sides of standing for restilled and standing for restilled to the paris, the soldiers of the most totalities that any one who contributed more than any one who contributed more than any one else to the Paris Agreements of January, 1973, and the man who accepted a Nobel prize on this account, the Vietnamese debacle has undeniably been a personal tragedy. When in April, 1968, had to give up the sides of standing for restilled to the worst kind of war crimes. Thousands of young men preferred mutiny or desertion to taking part in a war they judged unjust. Day after day American to the president Nelson Rockefeller to the Middle East, according to the worst kind of war crimes. Thousands of young men preferred mutiny or desertion to taking part in a war they judged unjust. Day after day American bistory comes to an end, American history comes to an end, American history comes to an end, and the worst kind of war crimes. Thousands of young men preferred mutiny or desertion to taking part in a war they judged unjust. Day after day American between the effects will still to what extent t where he still enjoys the confidence of own on a small people of Asian of the main people concerned dependence of the spite the temporary failure of the power, carried their resistance for that each of the even of the confidence of the power of the confidence of the power of the confidence of the co

Even if only temporary, a deep a ceasefire which has been put in breach was formed between the Ford has made Congress largely re-pressing hope that some countries question, for the ceasefire has generations and sometimes between sponsible for the downfall of turned out to be derisory.

But the reputation of presidents, diplomats, generals and politicians who, like Senators Hubert Humph² the people ex-President Nixon will be kept among the Democratis such as doctors or teachers.

The distribution of the ceasefire has generations and sometimes between sponsible for the downfall of the classes, setting against each Saigon's armed forces. But in the consider taking approached to consider taking refugees with professional training will be kept among the Democratis. who, like Senators Hubert Humph the people ex-President Nixon will be kept among the Democrats rey and Henry Jackson, have now called the "silent majority." The who began American participation become "doves" after long-time un- breach only healed when there in the Vietnam war and the Repub-

has raised in "confidential" discus-sions.

Officials at the United Nations who were advised of Washington's

against Congress, even though Mr. of the evacuated refugees and ex-A second president, Mr. Richard conditional backing of American in- was general agreement that the licans who inherited it.—(A.F.P.).

U.S.wants Vietnamese to go elsewhere

when it refused new military and THE UNITED States is asking economic credits to South Vietnam. other Governments to accept THE UNITED States is asking As this disastrous chapter of thousands of evacuated Vietnamese

understood to be going to Govern-ments in Europe, Asia, Africa and tion next year, something which Latin America but apparently not Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller to the Middle East, according to

> The U.S. was said to be urging that each country take at least 100 would accept many more. The lesser developed countries were besuch as doctors or teachers.
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> However, United Nations authorities who have been in touch with governments which traditionally

> in placing the evacuated Viet-U.S. authorities report that they have not received much encouragement from South Asian countries they have approached. Moreover, the U.N. is getting requests from hundreds of Vietnamese who now are in Japan, Singapore and elsewhere. They are concerned about their status and want to remain

take refugees, anticipate difficulties

NEW APPEAL

where they are.

Asian countries are unlikely to be responsive to a new appeal, according to some Asian representatives at the U.N. One remarked that the evacuated Vietnamese, having worked for the Americans, are American clients and have really no

claim on others.

In the view of other U.N. representatives it was unlikely that the Asian Governments would risk antagonising the new regime in Phnom Penh or Ho Chi Minh City by taking in the refugees.

The Thailand Government already has said it wants the 1.500 Cambodians living at the United States air base there to be out of its country within 30 days.

United Nations and American officials privately expressed concern

officials privately expressed concern that a backlash is developing against acceptance of the Vietnamese and Cambodians which they attribute in part to economic concern about un-employment but which they also say has racial overtones. President Ford is to ask Congress for funds to care for as many as

70,000 refugees from Indo-China, the U.S. Secretary of State, Dr. Henry Kissinger said in Washington vesterday.—(A.P.)
—(New York Times News Service.)

Final U.S. losses

United States losses in the final evacuation were four dead and forces attacked Saigon's Tan Son Nhut airport on Tuesday morning and two crewmen were lost when their helicopter crashed into the sea. In addition to the helicopter, In an official statement on its journalists at his suburban Parisian news made all the bigger impact future policies the Provincial Recognition of South Vietnam and labour day.

Sea. In addition to the neicopter, a C-141 transport was wrecked on the ground during the airport stage a mass meeting to celebrate through its Paris mission that its the population of South Vietnam and labour day. into the sea after taking off from the aircraft carrier Enterprise.—
(A.F.P.)

No cut in oil price

Abu Dhabi has denied it had lowered its oil price again, in a statement to the magazine Arab Oil and Gas, published in Beirut, vesterday The Oil Ministry of Abu Dhabi said there was no foundation for reports that a further cut had taken place in the price per barrell



U.S. Navy hands push a Vietnamese Air Force helicopter over the side of U.S.S. Blue Ridge after it had landed with

Saigon welcomes National Liberation Front victors

(Continued from page 1.) past day stopped immediately the Communist forces arrived.

foreign journalists "would be the

most protected people here because

tanks entered, the last American helicopter plucked the final dozen Americans from the roof of the

end of two decades of U.S. involve-

ment came in chaos. Weeping Vietnamese begged to be taken out

and tried to force their way into

Moments after the last marines left yesterday, escorted by helicopter gunships, people broke into

and looted the building. The con-

sular building was set ablaze, writing a fiery end to a war that claimed more than one million

lives, some 55,000 of them

now-pillaged U.S. Embassy.

Only four hours before the

you are from abroad."

the embassy.

American.

The Washington Post leading article, in contrast, praises Presi-

struggle and suffering, have won theirn national independence."

The Swedish Foreign Minister, Mr. Sven Andersson, said Sweden

Mr. Ford was quoted directly by

Mr. Ford was quoted directly by his spokesman: "I took them out

Reporters who had feared they regime will accept foreign econo- for the whole Vietnamese populawould not be able to continue sending their stories were relieved mic and technical aid from whatever tion.' quarter it comes, providing there are last night when power was restored to cable links with the outside world. Earlier a N.L.F. colonel no political strings attached; and will establish diplomatic relations with all nations irrespective of their told a Reuter correspondent that

Mr. Dinh Da Thi said in a de-claration that the fall of Saigon marked a "Complete collapse of the policy of neo-colonialist aggres-

Vietnamese exploded with joy yesterday as soon as it was known that in Saigon General Minh had ordered his troops to stop fighting. Fire-works were even being let off in some of the most "austere" North Vietnamese Ministries.

sion pursued for over a decade by General Minh's announcement tion, because the member-states the United States." The statement was heard by most of the city's different criteria for recognition, which Mr. Thi read out in front of population on their transistors. The (Reuter, A.F.P., U.P.I.).

This year, according to the Federation of Vietnamese Trade Unions, Meanwhile in Hanoi, the North ietnamese exploded with joy yes-rday as soon as it was known that India, Thailand and Laos were quick to recognise the new government, while many others said they

intended to do so in the next few days. There is unlikely to be a coordinated E.E.C. move on recogni-General Minh's announcement tion, because the member-states use

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PRG's ten policy points and universal "obligation to support the revolution."

THE RADIO of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam (P.R.G.) yesterday broadcast the "Ten com-mandments" of the policy it intended to apply in South Vietnam. They are:

1—Existing agencies, and organisations must carry out a policy of "revolutionary government." Abolition of the old system and its laws, dissolution of all "reactionary parties and other organical actionary parties and other organical distance. actionary parties and other organisations serving imperialism and puppet regimes." 2-Sexual equality and freedom of thought and worship.

3—Prohibition of all divisive activity and a "call to unity" to

"build a new life."

5—All property of the "puppet administration" will be controlled by the P.R.G.
6—A "national duty" to care for orphans and the infirm. 7-Encouragement of rural areas to increase production. 8-Cultural entities, hospitals and schools run by foreigners should continue serving the people. Talents useful in building the country will be nurtured. -Welcome and kindness for soldiers who desert enemy ranks. 10—"Except for those who oppose the revolution—and they will be punished—foreign persons and property will be guaranteed safety."—(A.F.P.)

Only oil companies lose out

4-Guaranteed right to work,

fall of Saigon will have almost no effect on American economy, which while once almost dependant on the the Vietnam war, has reoriented itself without great difficulty since the American military disengage-

Although the U.S. had been propping up the South Vietnamese economy for almost 20 years,

THE END of the American American financial and commercial presence in South Vietnam and the interests in Vietnam itself were not strong. American businessmen may have a reputation for boldness, but they are careful and usually do not risk their funds in a country whose future is uncertain. American investment in South Vietnam is estimated at some £12 million, a vestment ridiculously low portion of the more than £40 thousand million

OIL COMPANIES HIT The principal American losers will be the oil companies. Some of them, such as Exxon, had storage distribution facilities in Vietnam. Others (Mobil and Cities Service) had promising offshore concessions in the South China Sea which were shared with European

and Japanese companies.

In the commercial sector, American exports to South Vietnam (excluding military deliveries) amounted last year to £270 million, less than 1% of total American exports. Imports from South Vietnam were practically non-existent (£1.08 million in 1974) and none of the oducis involved were essential to the American economy. If, like Cambodia, North Vietnam and North Korea, South Vietnam becomes a country effectively closed to American trade, American industry and agriculture will not suffer a great deal.

MILITARY EQUIPMENT

Producers of military equipment will be affected only slightly more. Their deliveries had already diminished along with the military sented only the tiniest fraction of three years since domestic military long ago. (A.F.P.).

orders have increased substantially This is especially true of aircraft manufacturers. The period of military escalation in Vietnam had been hugely prosperous for this sector. Some difficult years followed, but by the end of the 1960's it was widely agreed that the eventual departure of American forces from Vietnam would only improve the industry's position, as it would allow the launching of new programmes to improve U.S. air-These projections have proved to be accurate for the air-craft industry and for other weapons manufacturers.

INFLATION SPIRAL Some economists believe that the

main economic effect of American involvement in Vietnam was the inflationary spiral in which the U.S. is still enmeshed. There is no doubt that the cost of military escalation (more than £24,000 million during the last three years of the Johnson administration) was one of the causes of the inflationary push recorded in the same period. But this was augmented by President Johnson's insistence on having guns and butter at the same time, as he tried to carry 'on his "great society" programmes and the Vietnam war. Congressional holdouts played a role when the White House decided to ask for more domestic economic sacrifices (they delayed a requested import surtax for several years). In any case, even f the present American inflation has historical roots in the country's Vietnam involvement, its present aspects-energy costs, agricultural price levels and wage pressuresaid funds, voted by Congress. have nothing to do with what hap-Shipments to Vietnam have repre-sented only the tiniest fraction of Vietnam has just begun a new business in an industry which is chapter in its history, the page better off now than in the past turned for the American economy

Fuel Cost Variation

The fuel cost variation for ESB bills for the March/April billing period (these bills will issue this month) is 0.442p on every unit of electricity used in that period. This variation applies to all consumers with the exception of those on maximum demand rates who have taken supply

In the case of the latter, the fuel cost variation for the March/April billing period is 0.418p on every unit used in that period.

The rate of charge for Group Accounts (code 138) - applying to premises incorporating flats and bed-sitting rooms in which electricity slotmeters are used - for the March/April billing period is equivalent to a total rate of 1.77p per unit inclusive of fuel cost variation and V.A.T.

