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## FESTIVE AIR AS SAIGON FALLS TO VIETCONG

### Britons' 250-mile trek

MORE THAN 600 people  
tramped in the French  
Embassy in Phnom Penh  
today began a trek  
to Thailand by road despite  
French fears that some  
loss could be at risk.

France insists that the 610  
people, most of them French,  
but also including Britons,  
Russians, East Germans,  
Indians and Pakistanis,  
should be flown out of the

Cambodian capital and has  
had an aircraft standing by  
in Vietnam, Laos, for more  
than a week.

The trip to the Thai  
border, nearly 250 miles  
away, will be partly in  
buses chartered by the  
French, a United Nations  
spokesman said.

COMMUNIST troops rolled into  
Saigon today virtually unopposed.

The streets took on a festive air within  
hours of the South Vietnam government's  
surrender, with people crowding round the  
troops.

The first jeep-load of barefoot, teenage  
Vietcong guerrillas drove down one of the main  
streets waving a giant National Liberation  
Front flag.

Soon afterward truckloads  
of regular troops armed with  
assault rifles and grenade  
launchers appeared through-  
out the city.

They followed the first ad-  
vance force of Russian-made  
tanks which battered open  
the gates of the Presidential  
palace, using mortars, can-  
non and recoilless rifles.

Firing was very heavy just  
outside the Reuter office  
nearby and several foreign  
correspondents and pan-  
caked civilians sought  
shelter inside the building.

The crump of mortars and  
the bark of small-arms fire  
lasted about 15 minutes as  
the hundreds of Communist  
troops in the gardens directly  
opposite the palace returned  
fire from South Vietnamese  
snipers.

### Outside

Some of their armoured  
vehicles also joined in, and  
the noise was deafening.  
Then it died down.

The end, when it came for  
the city as a whole, had  
apparently cost few lives,  
although elite South Vietna-  
mese paratroops were re-  
ported to have fought to  
the finish near Tan Son Nhut  
airbase outside the capital.

One noticeable feature was  
that the looting and day-  
light armed robberies which  
had been going on for the  
past day stopped immediately  
the Communist forces arrived.

Reporters who had feared  
they would not be able to con-  
tinue sending their stories  
were relieved when power was  
restored to cable links with  
the outside world.

South Vietnam's Ambassa-  
dor to Britain was reported  
to have applied for political  
asylum for himself and his  
staff in London today.

News of the application  
came after the Ambassador,  
Mr. Phan Dang Lam, had  
visited the Foreign Office to  
clarify his embassy's position

and to seek clarification of  
Britain's attitude following  
the surrender.

After the Ambassador's  
visit, a Foreign Office spokes-  
man would only say there was  
a general exchange of views.

### WALKOUT PROBE BY REGISTRAR GENERAL

THE case of the walk-out by  
the registrar at a Coventry  
wedding is now in the hands  
of the Registrar General's  
Office in London.

Mr. Arthur Foster, superin-  
tendent registrar at Coventry  
Register Office and the man  
at the centre of the row, con-  
firmed this today and added:  
"I am not prepared to say  
anything."

The matter blew up on  
Monday when Mr. Foster  
walked out of the wedding of  
29-year-old Mr. Alfred Ward  
and 52-year-old Mrs. Mabel  
Truman, both of 51, Moor  
Street, Earlsdon, Coventry.

His departure, after Mr.  
Ward had given his bride-to-  
be a ring, came before they  
were officially pronounced  
man and wife.

The couple were left not  
knowing if they were married.  
Mr. Foster confirmed yester-  
day that they were unwed in  
the eyes of the law.

A spokesman for the  
Registrar General said today:  
"If the couple want to contact  
the Registrar Office, a new  
date will be set."

Mrs. Truman is attempting  
to get a doctor's certificate to  
state that her husband-to-be  
— left nearly paralysed by a  
stroke last November — is  
fit to go ahead with the  
ceremony.



### Queen—a day late

FERMINDER KAUR (6), is  
the May Queen of Edgwick  
Primary School, Coventry.  
Lola were drawn for the  
title.

Ferminder's dress was  
made by one of the school  
staff.

The school will be closed  
for the elections tomorrow  
(May Day) so the celebra-  
tions will be held on Friday.

### WAVE OF PROTEST

The balloons went up over  
Westminster today as boat  
enthusiasts sailed up the  
Thames to present a petition  
to Parliament asking for  
removal of the Budget's 25  
per cent VAT on boats.

Dunkirk veteran Thameses  
took the petition to the steps  
of Parliament.

As the petition was handed  
over 1,000 balloons marked  
SOB—Save Our Boats—were  
released.

## Farcical end to row over EEC membership

THE much-heralded meeting of Labour's  
national executive—at which Left-wing dele-  
gates were supposed to be trying to commit  
the Transport House machine and funds to  
the anti-Market campaign—ended in almost  
farcical anti-climax today.

### ACT NOW ON BL SAYS SIR DON

THE recommendation of the  
Foster report for a shake-up  
at British Leyland should be  
implemented as soon as  
possible, Sir Don Ryder told  
the body today.

"Every week's delay is  
causing great harm to the  
company," he told the  
Commons Trade and Industry  
Sub-Committee enquiring into  
the motor industry.

Sir Don, the Government's  
industrial adviser, reported  
last week that the Govern-  
ment should inject cash into  
the company and take a  
majority holding.

"It is our very strong plea  
that irrespective of the legal  
position of the reconstruction,  
this new structure will be  
implemented without delay."

Sir Don said earlier that the  
investigation team had been  
a complete isolation from all  
spheres of Government and  
from the Secretary of State  
for Industry, Mr. Anthony  
Crosland.

The Leyland executives went  
to the Commons today and  
heard Sir Don's warning.

More trouble for BL—Page 11.

The attempt did not even  
fall—it was never really made.  
The anti-Marketisers on the  
executive who had called this  
special meeting withered and  
capitulated in the face of an  
angry, aggressive tirade from  
general secretary Mr. Ron  
Hayward.

And in under half-an-hour  
a meeting of almost unpre-  
cedented brevity for the  
Labour Party—delegates did  
virtually no more than pass  
a resolution accepting Mr.  
Hayward's report. The report,  
in effect, was doing no more  
than endorsing yet again the  
executive's own document  
opposing Britain's continuing  
membership, which was  
carried 2-1 at the special party  
conference on Saturday.

Mr. Hayward did not mince  
his words. He told them  
bluntly that he had no more  
idea what the meeting was  
supposed to be about than  
had the chairman, Mr. Fred  
Mulley.

"The 18-year-old boy was  
chased by the policeman when  
he crashed and the car burst  
into flames."

The prompt action of a  
policeman who pulled a boy  
to safety from the blazing  
wreck of a car saved his life.  
Coventry Juvenile Court was  
told today.

The 18-year-old boy was  
chased by the policeman when  
he crashed and the car burst  
into flames.

"The very person you were

trying to escape from was the  
person who saved your life,"  
the boy was told.

Mrs. Brenda Marx, presid-  
ing, spoke of the "prompt  
action" of P.C. Barry Long  
who chased the car in the  
early morning of April 17.

The boy's arm was broken  
in the accident and the  
policeman was off duty for a  
week after he was treated in

hospital for burns.

His arm still in a sling, the  
boy admitted taking the car,  
driving it dangerously with-  
out insurance and under age.

He was sent to Crown Court  
for sentence with a recom-  
mendation for borstal train-  
ing.

The boy admitted taking  
another car and driving it  
under age and without

insurance, travelling on the  
railway without paying his  
fare and possessing a knife as  
an offensive weapon.

Mr. Christopher Jones, de-  
fending, said: "He could have  
been killed in this accident  
and he is lucky to be here.  
The reasons he gives for these  
offences is that they just  
happened and it was just  
excitement."

## CHASED—THEN SAVED—BY PC

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## New beer blow

WATNEY MANN have  
applied to the Price Com-  
mission to increase the cost  
of most of their beer — on  
top of the 3p increase  
imposed in the Budget.

STRIKING Newmarket  
stable lads were today pre-  
paring to picket every  
stable in the town to back  
their pay demands.

PLANS to lay off thousands  
of steelworkers throughout  
Britain will be discussed by  
representatives of  
the British Steel Corpora-  
tion and the TUC's Steel  
Committee in London on  
Monday.

FAMILY of Manchester  
football fans have scooped  
half a million pounds on  
the pools.

STOCK Exchange Council  
have come out firmly in  
favour of Britain remain-  
ing in the Common  
Market.

EMPLOYMENT Secretary,  
Mr. Michael Foot, resting  
after a minor operation  
yesterday, "with satis-  
faction" in the Royal Free  
Hospital, London, today.

NEW terror group, the  
Protestant Action Force,  
today claimed responsibility  
for killing seven Roman  
Catholics in Ulster in the  
past fortnight.

### Tories need £3m a year

The Conservative Party,  
with cash reserves down by  
more than £1 million, want  
£3 million a year to "match  
the needs of the future,"  
according to the party chair-  
man, Lord Thorneycroft.

## Alan Hudson knows how to look after his hair.

England midfield star writes:

Dear Sirs,

Although I've always appeared to have plenty of hair  
I have often been worried, even embarrassed, about its  
condition. Playing football and training almost daily in  
all sorts of weather made my hair very difficult to keep  
looking good. It was only when you started looking after  
my hair that I found myself free from any further worry.  
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into good condition.

*Alan Hudson*

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