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WHITE HOUSE

The White House -- President Nixon unveiled today -- a proposed new "Grand Consolidation Act." Urging speedy congressional approval -- to give him ~~power~~ the power to "cinch-up" overlapping federal programs; to eliminate the "bewildering array of rules and jurisdictions" -- which he said now exist.

Ultimate goal -- said the President -- to "insure that the intended services" of federal programs -- "actually reach the intended recipient."

In a somewhat related move -- the President also announced today a new program -- to encourage voluntary efforts to cure the nation's social and economic ills; thus to insure -- said he -- the "human dimension that only the concerned individual can provide."

PARIS

As ever -- the "peace mill" at Paris grinds slowly and exceedingly small; ^{However} ~~but~~ it was grinding today, -- ~~Albeit~~ be ever so slightly.

The proof in an offer today from the Viet Cong -- to ~~walk~~ ^{quote} peace with "other parties". "Other parties" meaning the Saigon government where previously the V.C. had said they would deal only with Washington.

In response -- the U.S. restating a major concession of its own -- first made last week. An offer to negotiate political matters -- at the same time as military matters. Henry Cabot Lodge also ~~was~~ suggesting a mutual withdrawal of foreign troops from South Viet Nam -- "by reasonable stages," as he put it. Adding that "our side is ready to begin moving down this road -- right away."

As I said before -- progress of sorts; but still slow -- and ~~exceedingly~~ exceeding small.

DA NANG FOLLOW PARIS

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Meanwhile, the guns of war -- as busy as ever in the battle-zone, With today's major engagement // near Da Nang. A day long running battle -- with a force of U.S. Marines in pursuit of an estimated two hundred Viet Cong. Killing at least fifty-five -- in an area known as the "Arizona territory". Because of its resemblance to the old West. As night fell -- the Marines continuing their chase across open rice paddies -- with the help of U.S. flare ships.

In any case -- the dialogue was ended a few hours later. Brought out by another artillery duel -- across the beach.

CAIRO - TEL AVIV

In the Middle East -- a brief war of words today; over the success or failure of that Israeli reprisal raid -- within sixty miles of Egypt's High Aswan Dam.

According to Tel Aviv -- Israeli forces blowing up a number of flood walls, bridges and power lines serving ~~Cairo~~ Cairo. Also claiming to have inundated -- wide areas of Egyptian farm land. On the other hand -- Cairo calling ~~the~~^S the raid "a miserable failure." Asserting it was carried out solely by aircraft -- which were said to have been driven off before they could do any real harm.

In any case -- the dialogue was ended a few hours later. Drowned out by another artillery duel -- across the Suez Canal.

Pompidou
PARIS

Paris again -- former Premier Georges Pompidou ^{today seems to} ~~is~~ ~~likely~~
fe an odds ~~is~~ on favorite to succeed deGaulle as President. ~~of France.~~
Winning unanimous endorsement ~~today~~ from France's key Republican
Independent Party. Which means that he has now rallied to his own
cause -- in just three days -- all deGaulle groups and factions
that previously supported le Grande Charles.

Significantly, this latest endorsement ~~is~~ ^S following
Pompidou's pledge to continue the basic policies of deGaulle;
while at the same time opening the way to fresh ideas -- such as
British membership in the common market. DeGaulle, of course --
long opposed to that.

HONOLULU

From Honolulu -- the story of twenty-four men who qualified as American citizens today -- ^{= doing it} the hard way. Each one a native ^{of another land} ~~of another~~ ^{not involved in the war} ~~who~~ who volunteered to fight with U.S. forces in Viet Nam. Now -- battle hardened veterans all; qualifying for immediate citizenship -- under a new naturalization law passed late last year.

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Dr. Ozvaldo Bustos -- born and raised in Argentina but presently a U.S. Army surgeon, serving as spokesman for the group. Said he: "I know it's hard to believe -- but I never thought of Viet Nam as someone else's war; it's my war -- and I want to do all I can to help." And then he added: "As long as one fulfills his duties and obligations-- as a man and as a member of a free democratic society -- it does not matter what flag one serves under."

SULLIVAN

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A book just out -- "How to Stop Problem Drinking", by Vincent Sullivan. A how-to-do-it guide ~~is~~ aimed specifically at America's five million ^halcoholics -- their friends and families, too.

Among the ways a wife can help -- we are told -- is to give her husband a different card to carry with him each week. Said card bearing a reminder she has written or typed herself -- bearing on the folly of drink. Sample suggestion: "Figure up your weekly liquor bill -- multiply by fifty-two; then multiply this annual liquor expense -- by the number of years you've been drinking; and you will know approximately how much money you should have in the bank -- but don't."

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Now Warren whom I have never seen inebriated.

WESTPORT

Westport, Connecticut -- registration today for a six-week trial study program -- in a local junior high school.

The idea -- we are told -- ^{quote:-} to "turn students on."

How so? First -- by cutting out all required subjects -- except language and math, ~~studies~~. Next -- offering a series of electives, with titles such as: "Whittle Your Way to a Bikini." -- a course in weight watching; "Don't Just Stand There!" -- Sell something! -- a course in advertising. "Vampires Unlimited" -- which is said to be "only for those who believe in life after dark." ^{Also some} Additional study areas including -- astronomy, geology, animal behavior, evolution, wrestling, the "almighty dollar"; ^{also,} ~~as well as~~ the folk song of Seeger and Joan Baez -- and the ^{other} collected speeches Malcolm X.

According to school principal Kenneth Brummel -- ^{this} ~~it~~ should ^{all}

^{turn out to} be an "exciting adventure." ~~As for me though I think I prefer a study course right now in how to "turn off" students and agree with you.~~ ^{I wonder what you think? I'll bet I}