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WASHINGTON

In Washington - Paris - Saigon - the rumor mills were again ~~cranking away~~ ^{at work} today. All predicting the same thing: A partial U.S. troop withdrawal from Vietnam - perhaps as many as fifty thousand men; ^{this} to be announced Sunday - they say - at Midway Island; at that meeting between President Nixon - and South Vietnamese President Thieu.

Up to now though - nothing official. The State Department - the Pentagon - the White House - all refusing comment. So it looks like - we'll just have to wait and see.

AIR FORCE FOLLOW WASHINGTON

Meanwhile, President Nixon continues his travels - en route to Midway. Stopping today to deliver ^{another} a commencement address - at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado; where he stated in stirring terms the case for U.S. military power - as the world's greatest guarantee against another devastating conflict.

The President observing - "it is open season on the armed forces." Adding that there are those - "the new ~~isolationists~~ ^{isolationists}" - as he put it - who ^{seek to} would disarm the United States unilaterally; ^{those} who would hope to improve relations with Russia - with Red China - by deliberately weakening U.S. power. However, ^{said} the President; ~~asserting~~ ^{asserting}: "We must rule - out unilateral disarmament - because in the real world that simply will not work."

And then the President went on to say: "If America ^e were to turn its back on the world - a deadening form of peace would settle over this planet; the same kind of peace - that suffocated freedom in Czechoslovakia."

MADRID

Escape from Cuba. The story coming to light today in Madrid - with the arrival of a Spanish jet from Havana. As the plane screeched to a halt - a young man tumbling to the ground; twenty-two-year-old Armando Socarras Ramirez half-frozen - his lips and ears blue - but still alive. The young Cuban refugee surviving nearly nine hours - in an unpressurized landing gear compartment; on a flight reaching an altitude of more than thirty thousand feet - where the outside temperature was an estimated forty below.

All in all - Spanish officials calling it "a million-to-one shot." Indeed, Ramirez later reporting that a sixteen-year-old companion - had fallen to his death attempting to make the same flight. As to how it felt up there - so cold - so alone - Ramirez saying simply: "God, oh God - it was terrible."

LOCH NESS

At Loch Ness, Scotland - another reprieve for "Nessie" - the famed Loch Ness Monster. With monster-hunter Dan Taylor of Atlanta, Georgia - forced into hiding today; taking with him an experimental submarine - with which he had hoped to track down the monster - and maybe even snag a piece of its hide.

According to Sir Peter Ogilvy-Wedderburn - head of the Loch Ness Phenomena Investigations Bureau - Taylor's flight caused by tourists as well as local residents; monster-lo^{vers} all - said to have "badgered" the monster-hunter "since the day he arrived." Sir Peter adding that Taylor "is really fed up - threatening to call the whole thing off" - Nessie or no.

LUEBECK

Plans to construct the world's first atomic-powered zeppelin - announced today at Luebeck, Germany. The giant Schlichting shipyard calling its proposed lighter-than-air craft - an "airship of the future." One that would carry five hundred passengers ^{plus} ~~and~~ fifty tons of cargo - over ^a distance almost limitless - at speeds averaging about two hundred and twenty miles.

Eventual goal - a new transAtlantic zeppelin service.

Schlichting officials setting their sights - on a regular seventeen-hour run; combining the comforts of a luxury liner - with the speed of an airliner. *Shades of Hugo Eckener! Wherever he is - I'm sure he's saying "I told you so!"*

ALASKA

You've heard rumors of a possible

building of a new railroad on north from Fairbanks ⁱⁿ
the heart of Alaska,
to the edge of the Arctic Ocean. But, before that

can be completed the oil people will have constructed
an eight hundred mile pipeline to bring the oil down
from this fabulous new field. They tell me the pipeline
alone will cost nearly a ~~billion~~ billion dollars. So you can
see what that will mean for the economy of Alaska .

R Construction of the pipeline will begin next spring
and it will cross right through the ^{, vast almost empty} heart of Alaska, down
from ^{this new} ~~the~~ Prudhoe Bay oil field just east of Point Barrow,
northernmost land over which the American flag flies,
across the tundra, and over ^{the Yukon River} ~~the~~ ^{Two great} mountains ^{ranges} and down to the
coast to the town of Valdez on the Gulf of Alaska, which
was one of the hardest places hit by the earthquake five
years ago. Valdez, one of the most picturesque towns

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in the North. ~~For~~ ^{you} can imagine what this oil boom is
going to mean to Valdez, -- ^{also} ~~as well as~~ to all of Alaska,
and, to the economy of the U.S.A.?

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amount of Six Thousand Bucks. ^{plus} Shapiro would you want
if nothing else

The subject matter must be by now

PARIS

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This next - it could happen only in Paris. The story of movie starlet Claudie Perrot - who kind of backed into a recent film role. Permitting a tatoo of the Eiffel Tower - on her - ah - on her derriere; which was then photographed - for what she was told would be a brief scene in the finished movie; after which - the eyefilling Eiffel was removed by plastic surgery.

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14 the judge ~~certainly~~ wasn't a "leg man."

CANTERBURY

Canterbury, England - a double-barreled ad today in the local newspaper. Under "miscellaneous" - fellow by the name of Ken Shaw offering for sale: "One - car - Nineteen-Sixty-

Three MG - red - all extras - Price, Twelve Hundred Bucks.

And add
of two

- wife - model Nineteen-Forty-Four - blonde - five feet - thirty-six, twenty-four, thirty-six - Price, Sixty

Thousand Bucks or nearest offer."

Reason for the ad - Ken ^J Shaw explained later - the fact that his wife was always complaining about the car; too small - too drafty - too bumpy. To the point - said he - where "for the sake of peace in the home - one of them has **got** to go!"