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Damascus today announced that it has broken off relations with Amman. Damascus adding that it has also banned all Jordanian aircraft - from flying in Syrian air space. And so still another setback to the cause of peace in that troubled part of the world.

So in the Middle East it's Arab versus Arab - again. Earlier reports from Damascus told of a major tank battle across the Syrian-Jordanian frontier; second such clash in two days - ~~now~~ only worse this time - we are told.

HOUSTON

At the U S Manned Space Center in Houston - the men of Apollo Fifteen held today their first press conference since returning ~~for~~ from the Moon. Astronauts Scott, ~~Irwin~~ Irwin and Worden - calling the lunar ~~see~~ surface a "gold mine" of scientific information; adding that America's longest, costliest and most rewarding space mission - has clearly warranted an expansion of our ~~present~~ present lunar exploration program.

Mission commander Scott also disclosed that he and his crew mates - had left behind a memorial on the Moon's dusty surface; a silver plaque - ^{with} ~~and~~ the sculpt^{wed}ure figure of a "fallen astronaut," ^{this} dedicated to all their fellow space men - both Russian and American who died helping to make their m'ission possible.

PARIS

At the peace table in Paris - another exercise today in marking time; with the Communist side sending in its second string - pending the arrival of new U S Chief peace delegate William Porter.

SAIGON FOLLOW PARIS

Meanwhile, the fighting continues. Including a series of enemy attacks today - against five South Vietnamese bunkers ~~up~~ near the D M Z; according to U S intelligence -- perhaps the first step in a long expected enemy thrust in that area.

Back in Saigon - another weekly casualty report; with the number of U S combat deaths for the past week - set at eighteen; a figure ~~actually~~ three less -- than the number resulting from non-^{-hostile}~~accepted~~ causes; but, ~~still~~ of course - eighteen too many.

VANCOUVER

The parched timberlands of British Columbia -
~~is~~ in Canada - scene today of more than five
hundred raging forest fires. These sending forth
a dense cloud of black smoke - now covering hundreds
of thousands of square miles; including vast areas
of Alberta and Saskatchewan ~~in Canada~~ - as well as
Montana and North Dakota ^{on our side of the border;} ~~here in the States,~~ further
spreading south and east - at a rapid rate. - ~~and~~
The Canadian Forest Service says ^S ~~at last reports -~~
the situation remains critical.

BERLIN

In the divided city of Berlin - three days of marathon talks; with the various big four ambassadors - attempting to hammer out a solution to the long standing Berlin ~~problem~~ problem; and ~~they~~ ^{they} ~~were~~ ^{were} near a compromise - we are told - when the meeting was finally recessed till Monday.

Western officials later explaining - tomorrow is the tenth anniversary of the construction of the ~~infamous~~ ^{infamous} Berlin wall; an occasion the Communist side will observe - with a so-called "victory celebration" while the Western side ~~will~~ ^{will} hold ~~ing~~ a memorial service - for those who have died trying to cross the wall. All of which apparently convinced the negotiators ~~to~~ ^{they'd} better ~~to~~ wait and try again next week.

FRANKURT

On the west German money market - Frankfurt, the value of the U S dollar fell today to a new twenty-two year low. This latest drop - apparently triggered by an article appearing in a Dusseldorf financial newspaper, which said ~~that~~ the German mark would be re-pegged eventually - at three-point-three to the dollar ~~instead of 4 to 1~~ instead of the previous four to one. In any event - the West German Central Bank finally stepping ^{ed} in, buying up forty-million American dollars - to prevent any further decline ^{for the present} ~~at least temporarily.~~

LAKE OF THE OZARKS

At Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri - the formal unveiling of Chrysler ~~Corporation's~~ new line of cars for Nineteen Seventy ~~Two~~ ^{Two}; ~~including~~ ^{This,} something of a surprise - in that Chrysler is ~~now~~ reversing a recent trend in the auto ~~industry~~ industry ^{by} cutting back its number of models [^] from a hundred-and-thirty-nine to a mere ^{one} hundred-and-four.

This - according to Chrysler President, John Riccardo - a move to "reduce the costly proliferation of trim and components - to ~~simplify~~ simplify the manufacturing process;" [^] thereby saving time and money - for all concerned.

HONOLULU

~~Here's one~~ ^{From} the Honolulu Zoo; a status report -
on the rebeautification of Fifi, ~~and what~~ ^{Who she?} ~~she~~ ^{- Fifi?}
~~Why, she's~~ ^{Fifi is} a gorilla ~~sent over~~ from the Seattle
Zoo last month - ^{the} in hopes ~~that~~ she might mate with
Honolulu's two male gorillas; ^{But} ~~so~~ it was soon
discovered the fair Fifi to put it bluntly, was just
too darn fat.

Anyway, Fifi has been dieting ~~strong~~ ever since;
passing up the starches and sweets in favor of
tropical fruit, cabbages, and banana leaves; to the
point where she now measures - a svelte forty-five,
seventy-two, twenty one; in the eyes of her two
suitors at least - a real knockout? ^{Maybe.}

BIRDS FOLLOW SHARKS

~~Turning from fish to fowl~~ ^a new encyclopedia of bird names has just been published - including among its entries - the great racket-tailed Drongo - the yellow-bellied wax bill - the black-spotted bare-eye; also, the red whiskered Bulbul - the ~~Rufous~~ Rufous-browed pepper ~~shrike~~ shrike - and the blue faced Booby.

that brings us to our CBS
And ~~with us that time now for a~~ honey

throated thrush - ~~our own~~ Warren Moran.

SHARKS

Appropos the season- this is a word to swimmers, skin divers and so on. Yes, sharks do go after people. They normally attack some three hundred persons each year. Not many you say? Not enough to worry about. How about if one of the three hundred ~~people~~ happens to be you? The National Geographic tell us how the shark's teeth are razor sharp, and can bite off an arm or a leg or a ten pound section of you. Also its fins and tails can cut like swords.

Moral -- "never trust a shark" - no matter how small, how friendly, or how stupid it may appear to be.