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PENTAGON

From the Pentagon comes word that Defense Secretary Laird will soon revisit Vietnam. Purpose - to size up the military situation in order to help the President plan additional troop withdrawals - speed up the time-table.

On the way home he will stop off in Brussels - to confer with our Nato allies - on European defense matters. Laird noting that Salt talks notwithstanding - Russia is developing land and sea based nuclear weapons, "at an ever increasing rate." Therefore, "it's indeed important for us to maintain a strong realistic deterrent" if only to assure "success in east-west negotiation."

KREMLIN

As a follow up to the visit by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat comes a joint communique today telling how the Soviet Union agrees to further strengthen Egypt's armed forces. This - we are told - "taking into consideration the dangerous situation in the Middle East." However the communique insists the Kremlin still favors a political settlement.

One thing more: The joint statement also condemns what it calls "anti-communism and anti-Sovietism" in the Arab world. It goes on to say this only "serves the international Imperialist forces - and hampers the development of the National Liberation movement."

WHITE HOUSE

From The White House ^{comes} another special message to
Congress ^{in which} ~~today~~ President Nixon ~~urges~~ ^{to} a two year
twenty fold increase ⁱⁿ federal aid to minority owned
business firms; including an additional appropriation -
of some forty-million this year; up to a total figure
of sixty-three point six million - during fiscal seven ty-
two. The President saying: "Both morally and
physically, we will not realize the full potential of
our nation - until neither race nor nationality is any
longer an obstacle to full participation in the American
market place."

UNITED NATIONS

Secretary of State Rogers today said - at the U.N.
- that the U.S.A. will continue to support the world body.
This in spite of some congressional warnings that
expulsion of Nationalist China might lead to a cut back in
U.S. appropriations to the U.N. Said Secretary Rogers:
"It is important to note - there is no threat to the U.N. as
far as the executive branch of our government is concerned!"

At a strategy meeting of Nationalist China's chief
supporters U.S. Ambassador Bush was predicting a close
vote on Red China.

SUMMERLAND

After seven days of back-breaking effort - California's worst brush fire of the year was finally contained today. This near Summerland - in the Los Padres National Forest; where a small army of fire fighters - some two thousand - sealed off the blaze along a rugged mountain ridge; thereby saving - two adjacent watersheds.

The fire leaving in its wake - at least four dead - some forty injured and an estimated three million in property damage; also, a black, smouldering scar over forty square miles of once golden countryside.

INDEPENDENCE

From former President Harry Truman ^{comes} a rare
public statement; ~~today~~ ^{this} mourning the death of his one
time Secretary of State - Dean Acheson. Mr. Truman
saying: "Dean Acheson was a friend of all mankind -
and served his country with honor and distinction."
~~Adding~~: "America - and the ~~whole~~ world - has lost
a great friend, diplomat and statesman."

SENATE

The President of the Omaha World Herald was a witness today before the Senate Judiciary Committee studying freedom of the press. Publisher Harold Anderson flatly rejected a charge - "that the Nixon Administration is trying to intimidate the press." Calling such an allegation - in a world, "hog wash." "So far as I know," said the head of the Omaha paper, "Mr. Agnew hasn't dismantled a single T V network - or cost a single T V commentator his job; and at last report" - he added "the New York Times was still publishing daily."

He went on to criticize "thin-skinned news men" - for their "almost hysterical reaction" to criticism of the news media. Said the Nebraska publisher: "Most of us know that if we are to dish it out - we should also be prepared to take it."

KNOXVILLE

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In the same vein - an address by ~~a former~~ ^{an eminent recently retired}

editor of the New York Times - at the University of

Tennessee. ~~The factor~~ ^{Said} Turner Catledge; ~~saying~~ "Rarely

in our history have people taken such intense positions
on such deep seated issues & as they are taking today;"

with the result that the news media - are often caught

in the middle. ~~And~~ ^{is} this complicated, ^{he went on} ~~said he~~

by the fact that many young journalists see their

mission - as not merely reporting the news - but rather

as activists in the battle for a better world.

"All of which emphasizes" - "said Turner Catledge

"that government and press are unavoidable foes in our

type of society;" and moreso today - than ever before.

KARACHI

For the first time since June - a nationwide broadcast today by Pakistan's President Yahya Khan; calling for a special meeting of the Pakistani National Assembly this December - to work out a new constitution. This ^{is} aimed at settling the bitter differences - now dividing East and West Pakistan. But Yahya Khan stressed ^{ed} that he alone [^] will have the final authority to decide on Constitutional amendments.

The Pakistani President also accused ^{ed} India - of having "hostile designs" on Pakistan. ^{Then} He added ^{that} - "It is essential ^{for} India and Pakistan ^{to} ~~should~~ work out ways and means - to reduce tension and allow a return to normalcy."

BONN

During World War Two - Germany and Japan
comprised the two main axis powers; with their
~~the~~ stated goal - worldwide domination.

~~With~~ we ~~will~~ know how that turned out. ~~Anyway,~~
Japan's wartime leader - Emperor Hirohito - now
paying a visit to Bonn, Germany; ~~today~~ ^{today} was toasted
~~today~~ - by one of those Germans who was forced to
flee Nazi oppression. ~~Some~~ Chancellor Willy Brandt
calling present-day Japan - "a good travelling companion"
of present-day West Germany; one "that is inspired in
equal measure" - said he - "to safeguard freedom in the
world and make it more secure."

~~Which may or may not be true - but it sounds
better than before.~~

PICKERING

Another plan to track down - and hopefully trap - the Loch Ness monster. This one from the Flamingo Park Zoo near Pickering in northern England. Zoo director Donald Robinson says he intends to use as bait - a new "love potion" containing a synthetic sex hormone; one that has already proved very successful" - he claims - "with whales, dolphins and sea lions."

But will it work on Nessie? Warren?

MOSCOW

For ~~famed jazz man~~ Duke Ellington - the end today of a month-long triumphal tour of the Soviet Union.

At the close of his final performance in Moscow - the Duke telling his audience - in Russian; "I love you madly." In return - a standing ovation - loud and long.

Even the official Soviet News Agency Tass - applauded ^S~~ing~~ Duke Ellington saying: "His orchestra has demonstrated technical freedom, virtuosity and sincerity in the interpretation of traditional ~~to~~ jazz compositions" adding, "it was equally good - in rendering lyrical themes, dramatic pieces and humorous pieces." ~~All of~~

~~which~~ ^{However, would that mean:} Freely translated ~~means simply~~: "Cool, comrade, cool."