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At the White House -- another unadvertised special today.

The President holding forth for a half an hour -- at a news conference originally billed as simply a "news briefing".

Among other things -- the President expressing deep regret --
at Ford's decision to raise new car prices. ^{also} announcing that Attorney
General ~~Nichols~~ Matzenbach -- will succeed the retiring George ~~W.~~ Ball
as Undersecretary of State, And ^{also} ~~st~~ asserting that the United States supports
all efforts -- including those of Pope Paul and U-N secretary general
U Thant -- to bring about peace in Viet Nam.

UNITED NATIONS

The Twenty-First general assembly of the United Nations -- barely underway; and already the United States is under direct attack -- from the Communist block.

In Moscow -- the Kremlin jumping the gun -- on Russia's traditional U-N policy speech. Calling on the United Nations -- to condemn U-S policy in Viet Nam. The Soviets asserting that America's ^{alleged} "criminal aggression -- is poisoning the international atmosphere."

Mean^{while} ~~ing~~, at the U-N itself -- a request from Ten Communist countries; for immediate consideration of the question -- of whether U S and other foreign forces should now be withdrawn -- from South Korea.

VIET NAM

In Viet Nam -- a third day of furious see-saw battle
~~today~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ for the ^{Viet Cong} ~~Communist~~ border stronghold of An Dinh.
Control center of the key communist infiltration route -- into
South Viet Nam.

U. S. Marines -- ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ supported by flame-throwing
tanks -- briefly ^{by} seizing surface control of the village for a
second time. Only to withdraw again -- in the face of so-called
"tunnel rats"; ^{Viet Cong} ~~Viet Cong~~ defenders popping up from deep tunnels --
to make the Marine position untenable.

At last report -- U S planes, artillery and war ships --
pouring it on. Attempting to obliterate once and for all --
first stop ~~on~~ on the Reds' "underground railway"; barely a Thousand
yards -- from that supposedly demilitarized zone between North and
South.

SAIGON FOLLOW VIET NAM

Meanwhile, in Saigon - a newspaper report today; ~~was~~ *that*
French President De Gaulle - during his recent visit to the Far East -
was asked to serve as a middleman for North Vietnamese President Ho
Chi Minh. This supposedly in arranging peace talks - with the South.

The catch - a list of "preconditions" - demanded by Hanoi.
Including:- one - cancelation of South Viet Nam's recent national
election. Two;- full recognition of the Viet Cong as a negotiating
party. And Three - immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops.

De Gaulle's reaction? According to the article - he
"fumed, stood up and denounced the conditions - as imposibile." And
that - as they say - was that.

BEVERLY HILLS FOLLOW SAIGON

Here at home - another tribute today to the late Dr. Tom Dooley; In the form of an announcement today from Beverly Hills, California - so called "home of the stars."

Movie actress Shirley Mac Laine - disclosing plans for a broad new medical and educational program; to serve villages and towns bordering the Mekong River - between Laos and Thailand.

The project calling for use of a fleet of American-built houseboats - each equipped with the latest medical and surgical equipment, ~~Further~~, staffed by American personnel - who will train local nationals in use of the equipment; at the same time - serving the medical needs of the area.

The entire program - under sponsorship of the Thomas A. Dooley Foundation; which already operates clinics, hospitals and orphanages - in Viet Nam, Laos, Thailand, India and ~~Nepal~~. ~~A~~ foundation of which Miss Mac Laine - was recently named national chairman.

WHITE HOUSE

In answer to critics of American foreign policy - who think they know all the answers - an apocryphal story today from the White House.

The President telling of the - quote - "ultimate computer"-unquote. - Supposedly developed - by America's leading scientists. A top general posing the first question - to be asked the marvelous machine. The question: "Will there be peace or war in our time?"

As the president tells it - "The wheels whirled - the lights flashed" - and back came the answer. Will there be peace or war in our time? "Yes" - said the computer.

"Yes, what" - said the general. "Yes, sir" - said the computer.

REYNAUD

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Former French Premier Paul Reynaud - the man who first appointed De Gaulle to a position of power - the man-at-the-top when France fell to invading Nazi armies - dead today in Paris. At Eighty-Seven - the victim of heart failure: brought on by complications - following an operation for appendicitis.

It was Reynaud who surrender the reins of government - to Marshal Petain in Nineteen-Forty; leading to establishment - of the hated Vichy Regime. But Reynaud himself - would have no part of the Nazis. Spending the rest of the war years - a German prisoner. Later returning to French politics - as an honored member of the National Assembly.

Ironically, Reynaud split with De Gaulle - after the war. Remaining to the end - an implacable foe of the man he raised from obscurity.

ORLEANS FOLLOW REYNAUD

~~Speech~~^{and} of De Gaulle - again; - the French President
was under fire today in Orleans. From representatives - of some
Twenty-Five Thousand Frenchmen, who will lose their jobs with the
closing of American air bases in France - as ordered by De Gaulle.

The labor leaders vowing a mass march next month - through
the streets of Paris, in demand of greater government aid - for
those who will be thrown out of work.

GENEVA

Latest report on ^{the} Russian space walker - "No sweat";

Either literally - or figuratively. This from Soviet space doctor Boris Yegorov - at a European space conference today at Geneva.

Unlike American space walkers - said Yegorov - the Russians have no problems with sweat or fatigue; mainly because the United States and Russia - maintain different atmospheric conditions in their respective spacecraft.

"The Russian conditions are absolutely normal" - said Yegorov - "while the American are artificials." It is this "artificial air mixture" - said he - that "causes breathing, heart and blood complications."

Yegorov - you may recall - the first medical doctor - ever to voyage through space.

INFLATION

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Separate but simultaneous action today -- by Three federal agencies; clamping ceilings on the interest rates -- that banks and other savings ^{institutions} ~~_____~~ may pay their customers.

Effective next week -- a limit of Five Percent on time deposits under a Hundred thousand dollars -- in banks controlled by the Federal Reserve Board,. The same -- for banks controlled by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. And except in certain cases -- Four and Three quarters percent -- for savings and loan associations.

The new rules -- set by authority of anti-inflation legislation ; just signed into law -- by President Johnson.

PRAYER

Elsewhere in Washington -- the senate refused today to intervene -- in the school prayer issue. First, flatly rejecting a motion -- ~~by Senator Dew of Indiana;~~ that would have put Congress on record -- as favoring silent prayer in public schools. Later turning down ² ~~that~~ proposed constitutional amendment -- by Senator Dirksen of Illinois, ¹ that would have approved open and voluntary prayer -- in the nation's schools.

The Dirksen amendment -- actually gaining a majority of votes cast; Forty nine to Thirty seven -- in favor of the proposal, ~~But this~~ nine votes short -- of the required Two-thirds majority.

MONTEREY

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Mrs. Lyndon Johnson -- a visitor today to ^{the famed} Monterey Peninsula,

On the second leg -- of her Western beautification tour. There

dedicating California's first scenic road -- big sur highway.

Prelude to a breathtaking drive -- through a wilderness made

famous ^{partly} by many a hollywood movie.

Along the way -- Lady Bird boosting the gubernatorial
campaign of California's Governor Brown, with ~~abundant~~ praise --
for his natural beauty and conservation policies.

BOSTON

News of an amazing medical first - comes today from Boston. Doctors telling of a six-week-old baby girl - Nicole Cueleite; who is alive today only because she was given Two blood transfusions - before she was born.

Here's how it happened. The unborn child - near death; because of an R-H factor in her blood - in conflict with that of her mother, when a team of specially-trained doctors performed one intrauterine, ^{they call it,} and a week later - another.

Two days after that - Nicole was born. Six weeks premature - but alive and squawling. Doctors thereupon performing the first of an eventual total of seven-complete exchange transfusions; replacing the baby's diseased blood - with normal blood.

At last report -- Nicole Cueleite gradually gaining weight. And soon she'll be going home -- a healthy child.

LAFAYETTE

A race against time today - at Lafayette, Louisiana.

Led by a small army of volunteers - cramming five railroad cars with food, medicine, clothing and tools; for shipment to a tribe of ~~Mex~~ ^{in Mexico -} Indians - said to be starving to death at the rate of a hundred a day.

The drive engineered by a Jesuit priest - Father Luis Jesplacken; who once studied agriculture at the University of Southwestern Louisiana - and now lives among the Tarahwara Indians in the Mexican state of Chihuahua.

The famine caused by a failure of the corn crop - almost the sole food of the Tarahwara, ^{at Chihuahua.} The rescue train - set to roll by tomorrow morning - if not sooner.

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