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FORD

In a major foreign policy speech ~~today~~
at Notre Dame University, President Ford viewed
the prospects for peace as "slowly improving" --
but he urged the nation to guard against what he
called -- "the splendid selfishness of a new
isolationism." ^W Wearing a green tie in honor of
of course appropriate at Notre Dame -
Saint Patrick's Day, the President insisted that
U.S. foreign aid must continue for both diplomatic
and humane reasons.

INDOCHINA

South Vietnamese troops today withdrew from the strategic provincial capital of Pleiku in the Central Highlands -- a retreat that virtually cuts South Vietnam in half. At the same time, North Vietnamese troops turned back a government attempt to recapture another highlands capital -- Ban Me Thuot.

In Cambodia, Communist rebels continued their siege of ~~North Borey~~ the government's last outpost on the Mekong^{River} some thirty-five miles southeast of Phnom Penh.

And now
~~But~~ In Washington, Senator Stuart Symington ~~was~~ ^{ing} saying the Cambodian air force's combat operations are being directed from the U. S. Embassy in Phnom Penh -- Symington adding the claim that within the last year the U. S. has been controlling the bombing operations.

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SHELL

The Shell ~~Oil~~ Company says ~~that~~
negotiations -- now in progress with ~~the Iranian~~
~~government -- will~~ eventually ^{will} give the National
Iranian Oil Company a half-interest in thousands
of Shell service stations ~~now operating~~ in the
United States. The one-and-a-half-BILLION-dollar
partnership arrangement -- if approved -- would
extend over a twenty-year period. ~~Main~~ Opposition
to the plan is expected to come from the Federal
Energy Administration and some members of Congress.

OFFSHORE OIL

The Supreme Court ~~in a landmark~~
~~decision affecting the sea~~ ruled today that the
Federal government has exclusive title to the
extensive deposits of crude oil -- believed to
exist ^{nearby and along} ~~in the~~ the Atlantic coast. At
some points the seabeds ^{on} ~~part of the so-called~~
Continental Shelf ~~it~~ extend as far as one-hundred
miles ^{off} ~~from~~ shore. Thirteen ~~states~~ ~~all along~~
~~the~~ Atlantic coast ^{states} ~~had~~ claimed title to the ^{oil}.
~~in a court suit.~~

SHEEAN

As you may have heard an old colleague and friend Journalist Vincent Sheean has died at his home in Arolo, Italy. "Jimmy", age seventy-five, a victim of lung cancer. His was a long, distinguished and spectacular career as a foreign correspondent and author.

MESTA

And Perle Mesta - famed Washington hostess who died in Oklahoma City at age eighty-five, for years entertained the notables of the nation's capital with her gay, informal parties, also she entertained thousands of G I's - and generals too - in Europe when she was our Ambassador in Luxembourg. A gracious remarkable lady, the one and only Perle Mesta. And now...

DOCTORS

In what the A-M-A calls the first major strike by doctors in the nation's history, thousands of hospital physicians refused to practice their professions in New York City today -- in ~~the~~ protest against long working hours. Picket lines were thrown around twenty ^{three} ~~one~~ of the city's hospitals. However, the striking doctors are continuing to perform emergency services. Key issue in the dispute, ~~is~~ long working hours; -- some doctors claiming they must work as much as fifty hours at a stretch -- others more than a hundred hours a week.

WEST AUSTRALIA

Western Australia, ~~which~~ ~~more than a million~~

~~people live there -- even though it's~~ much of it is a land so dry

~~that~~ the "crows fly backward to keep the red dust

out of their eyes" -- so they say. ~~And when iron~~

~~ore, from one of the world's largest fields, is~~

~~loaded onto ships at Dampier and elsewhere, the~~

^{That} red dust hangs heavy in the air. Says one mining

company executive -- ~~if I want~~ ^{to} get a suit cleaned,

I send it a thousand miles, ~~over~~ to Perth." A train

called "Tea and Sugar" travels once a week, the

thousand-mile distance between Port Augusta and

Kalgoorlie, bringing food, movies and traveling

clergymen, ^{And the} says National Geographic, ~~and~~ that

red gold dust ~~again~~ turns a clergyman's white

beard -- to pink.

And now --

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WILD LINES

*He also held a news conference as we hear now
in this report from the CBS Newsroom.*

*He also held a news conference as we hear now
in this report from my colleague, Jim Kilpatrick.*

*He also held a news conference as we hear now
in this report from CBS Correspondent Phil Jones.*