

WHITE HOUSE

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The White House - another special message to Congress today. President ~~John~~ Nixon urging a comprehensive new program of self help for the nation's Indians - whom he call^S~~ed~~ "the most neglected minority group" in America. This to ~~to~~ include a return to the Taos-Pueblo Indians - of some forty-eight thousand acres of "sacred" land near Blue Lake in New Mexico. The President stressing that Indians should be given - at ~~the~~ last, their full independence from federal control - "without being cut off from federal concern and federal support."

PHNOM PENH

The main focus of fighting in Southeast

Asia ^{again in} ~~back to~~ Cambodia; where a combined force of eight thousand South Vietnamese troops ^{were involved in} ~~was pressing~~ ^{two} ~~offensives~~ today, South and Southeast of Phnom Penh, ^{in an} ~~Attempting~~ to thwart a Communist buildup \leq apparently aimed at restoring to power Cambodia's deposed Prince Sihanouk.

In South Vietnam ^{while} ~~me~~ the U S command was launching its "phase four" program; ordering the withdrawal of advance elements of an air force squadron -- "within a few days". These to comprise the first of a hundred and fifty thousand ~~men~~ men, in all, who will be coming home by next May.

TOKYO

A related item: U S Secretary of State

William Rogers - conferring^{ed} with Japanese officials
today in Tokyo, ^{and} ~~there~~ spelling^{ed} out - according to a
Japanese spokesman - "the current situation in Cambodia
and South Vietnam;" also, expressing "the hope" -
we are told - "that asian nations will help those two
countries - particularly Cambodia." ~~How~~ However,
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Rogers and the Japanese agree^d - said the spokesman -
that "what Japan will do to help - is for it to decide."

WASHINGTON

Here at home - a bi-partisan group of fourteen senators filed an unprecedented complaint today - with the Federal Communications Commission; charging that the two major television networks - had refused to sell them air time to present their views opposing the war in Vietnam. The senators claiming theirs was a special case - in that "such a large ~~group~~ group of responsible Americans" supposedly shares the same view point. However, CBS for one, ~~observes~~ ^{ad} that competitive bidding for air time - among those who advocate special interests - "would ~~inevitably~~ inevitably distort" the coverage of all issues.

THE SUEZ CANAL

Along the Suez Canal ~~today~~ - a forty-ninth
straight day of ground to air combat ~~the~~ between
Egyptians and Israelis. Cairo later claiming to have
damaged another Israeli jet - asserting, what's more,
that Egyptians not Russians, are manning that nation's
air defenses. ~~However,~~ ^{says} Tel Aviv ~~reporting~~ all their
planes returned safely. ^{The} Israeli chief of staff, General
Haim Bar-Lev -- further insisting that the Soviets
are manning Egyptian missile sites; adding that fully
three thousand of the Soviet ~~arm~~ "advisers" now stationed
in Egypt -- are either weapons operators or missile
and aircraft crews.

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WE FLY TO ALMA ATA

I don't remember whether it was Hack Miller, the talented genial sports editor of the Deseret News in Salt Lake, or Clarence Hall the paraphetic editor of the Reader's Digest, but a few hours after we had left Irkutsk and had flown all the way around the northern and northwestern frontier of Mongolia and Chinese Turkestan one of them remarked: "If you fly in an airplane in North America you never cross more than three times zones, and then you think you've done something!" But, over here every time you get in a plane you seem to cross at least five time zones!"

On our flight to Alma Ata we paid a brief visit, much too brief, to the largest city in all Siberia - Novosibirsk, a brand new city - almost an instant city - where everything is modern - that is, according to Russian standards - endless, monotonous box-like apartment buildings. Many parks too. And some of the most important factories in the USSR. Novosibirsk which has jumped almost over night to a population of two and a quarter million people.

On this flight we were heading for a region westerners usually refer to as Turkestan, an immense area in Central Asia made up of desert and lofty mountains. We came down for fuel at Alma Ata, at the foot of mountains that run up to some twenty five thousand feet. This is a region where during World War Two some of our airmen thought they had spotted a mountain higher than Everest. But it turned out not to be so. Alma Ata with a population of a quarter of a million, is the capital of Kazahkstan. Here the Russian Winter Olympic team does most of its training. Also, Alma Ata is not far from where the Russians ~~have~~ test atomic and thermonuclear devices and do their space launching places which we, along with other westerners are not allowed to visit.

ATHENS

Athens, Greece - the three ring leaders of an alleged Communist plot to overthrow the Greek government were found guilty as charged today and sentenced to life imprisonment - plus one year. Seven other defendants - getting jail sentences - ranging from two to twenty years. The five man military tribunal - which heard the case - acquitting just one.

This following closing arguments - including a heated speech from one ~~██████████~~^{defense} attorney who was charged with contempt of court and given a year in jail.

NEW YORK

One of the largest gifts in the history of academic philanthropy - announced today in New York. Railroad heir and sportsman Harold S. Vanderbilt - who died this past weekend - leaving to Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, more than forty-six-million bucks, Warren - roughly thirty times the amount - the million and a half - with which his grandfather in Eighteen-~~1873~~ Seventy-Three originally founded Vanderbilt.

WATKINS GLEN

A revolutionary new race car - perhaps the "car of the future" for you and me - was tested "flat out" for the first time today. World driving ~~champion~~ champion Jackie Stewart of Great Britain - putting the car through its paces at Watkins Glen, New York; where if all goes well, the ~~xx~~ so-called "Chaparral Two-J" will be making its first start this weekend - in the celebrated Can-Am race series. The ~~Chaparral~~ Chaparral Two-J -- latest ~~brain~~ brain child of Texas driver-designer Jim Hall; whose original Chaparral you may recall - was the world's first winged race car. The most striking feature of this new model ~~though~~ - a rear end that looks like a giant box; which becomes in effect, a giant vacuum cleaner - hugging the car to the road; thereby providing, we are told, previously "unheard of security" - specially in braking and cornering.

Jim Hall predicts ⁵ that ⁱⁿ one way or another →

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*he and his vacuum cleaner car - are really going to
"clean up."*