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MOSCOW

From the Soviet news agency Tass in Moscow - a report today claiming a major breakthrough in the development of atomic power. Tass saying that Soviet scientists have successfully tested - for the first time - a new atomic thermo-emission power installation; meaning an installation - that converts atomic energy directly into electricity, - ~~no machine~~. Western scientists ^{say} ~~adding that this,~~ if true - even at the laboratory level - ^{- it} is, indeed, a major breakthrough. You might even call it - "electrifying."

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - President Nixon today unveiled a bold new plan for massive federal reorganization. This calling for the establishment of four new super-agencies - to take over the duties now performed by seven of the twelve existing federal departments. It also calls for a number of additional adjustments and ~~consolidations~~ consolidations - that would leave "as is" only the State, Defense and Treasury Departments. Expected saving: about Five Billion a year. The President adding that this is an attempt - to establish a government "organized by goals;" one that "will pay more attention to results - and less attention to procedures."

D. E. D. FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Incidentally, the President's original reorganization plan -
called ~~for~~ for the establishment of a new Department of Economic
Development - or D. E. D. [^] name that has since been changed
to - Department of Economic Affairs - or D. E. A.

Main reason - we are told - the fact that ^{inevitable} D. E. D. would be
called ~~inevitably~~ ^{DEAD} "dead". Administration officials adding, in
effect: "This is one place - we sure don't want any dead wood."

CHICAGO

Chicago - an address today by chairman James Roche of General Motors; who leveled a blast - at the growing number of "professional critics" of the U.S. economic system." Those - said he - who "jump from cause to cause - going wherever popularity or expediency lead - using whatever means are at hand - inflaming any issue that promises attention;" in the process, making "America in the nineteen seventies - a society at war with itself."

James Roche continuing: "This is not to say that any institution in our society - should be above criticism - nor that there is no need for criticism." "But criticism should be constructive - and doubt should be honest" - said he. Adding that "unjustified harrassment - is a covert danger we can no longer ignore."

PARIS-LONDON

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Yesterday apparent death-knell for an American supersonic transport ^{was} the signal for a step-up today in British and French plans for ~~their~~ SST. France's Henri Ziegler - who heads that country's Concorde project contending that "a supersonic network will develop across the world in coming days." And what with Russia also in the race - said he - "we must, with our British partners, accelerate the completion of the Concorde as rapidly as possible."

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we have Japan too come in the course? Well, the Japanese are thinking big these days. They built the biggest tankers in the world.

TOKYO FOLLOW LONDON

Have you heard the
~~and now this~~ report from Tokyo - that Japan is interested
in buying up the American SST project? ~~A report - I might add -~~
~~quickly branded as "ridiculous" by Japanese aviation officials.~~

~~However,~~ The U.S. State Department confirming today - that
it had received an inquiry from a Japanese firm, ~~This was~~
~~and "an expression of interest" in the SST program,~~
and asking "what procedures were to be followed - if the company
wished to get more information," *with a possible* ~~and the projected~~ purchase price -

we hear ^{of} ~~at~~ about ten cents on the dollar? Well, the Japanese
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MIDEAST

On Capitol Hill - behind closed doors - a meeting today between Secretary of State William Rogers and the full Senate.

Purpose: to answer ~~any~~ questions - with regard to Administration policy on the Middle East. Meanwhile, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat ^{was} investing that country's twenty-four governors with full martial powers; a move intended to strengthen local authorities in the event of renewed hostilities.

NEW YORK

~~isolated item~~ Israel's first Prime Minister - David Ben-Gurion -

~~is~~ ^{is} urging Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territory;

all, that is - except Old Jerusalem and the Golan Heights.

This - in an interview appearing in the current issue of *The*

The Patriarch
Saturday Review. ~~David~~ Ben-Gurion going on to say: "The Sinai;-

Sharm El Sheik;- Gaza; ^{even} the West Bank - let them go ^{said he} - "we don't

need the territory." And he added that "militarily defensible

borders - while desirable - cannot by themselves guarantee our

future;" for "real peace with our Arab neighbors - mutual trust

and friendship - that is the only true security." - ~~between Italy~~

Summing up, David Ben-Gurion asserting flatly: "a bad peace -

is better than a good war."

ROME

President Tito of Yugoslavia - a visitor today to Rome; making his first state visit ever - to the nation he nearly went to war with in the early 'fifties. His arrival - marked by massive security precautions.

This following in the wake of a bomb blast - at the Yugoslav Consulate in Milan. Right wing groups - also distributing thousands of hand bills; blaming Tito for the slaughter of hundreds of alleged Italian Fascists - during World War Two.

~~President~~ Italian President Saragat *was on hand to* greeting Tito, warmly.

The latter, in turn, noting the closeness of late - between Italy and Yugoslavia. Adding that both countries "make a real contribution - to maintaining and consolidating peace in the Mediterranean and Europe."

EAST PAKISTAN

In riot-torn East Pakistan - renewed violence today; with a series of bloody clashes at Chittagong, Rangipur and Saidpur - ~~leaving~~ at least fifty dead and more than a hundred wounded. In each case - we are told - the trouble starting when a group of civilians - attempted to block the movement of federal troops. ~~Units of~~ operating under orders from the central government ^{a 1000 miles away} in West Pakistan.

INDOCHINA

In the fighting in Southeast Asia - allied forces today continued their withdrawals from Laos border positions, ~~pulling~~ pulling farther and farther back into South Vietnam - in the face of a massive enemy counter-offensive.

Here at home - the Pentagon disclosing an enemy artillery and rocket build-up - in ~~that~~ ^{the} demilitarized zone, ~~scouted~~ ~~this we are told~~ supposedly ~~intended~~ to support a Communist ~~invasion of South Vietnam~~ "sweep to the sea" - ~~which may have been scheduled for late this summer.~~ U.S. sources adding, however, ~~that now~~ ^{which now} ~~that now~~ ^{they think is} after Laos ~~is~~ ^{is} virtually impossible.

CASEY

The Senate again - a last-minute attempt to stall the confirmation of William Casey - as new head of the Securities Commission.

Senator Proxmire of Wisconsin - challenging Casey's endorsement by the Senate Banking Committee. Calling the New York tax lawyer - something of a wheeler-dealer."

Next up - Senator Tower of Texas; who said that Casey's honesty and integrity - had been well proved in two separate hearings.

Tower adding that "any man as active as Bill Casey - is bound to be subject to abusive suits." And with that - a voice vote. Senator

Proxmire casting the lone "nay" - amidst a chorus of "ayes." *Wth Casey*
Nomination confirmed! *And now Don - a vote of confidence for you.*

GREENVILLE

At the University of South Carolina - Greenville, South Carolina - another milestone in race relations; with the election of a young black man - as the new president of the student body, *in the "Deep South."*

Harry Walker - age twenty-one - a junior majoring in political science; winning fifty-four percent of the vote - to become the first black student body president *ever for a southern university.* ~~in the history of the University.~~ ~~At the University of South Carolina -~~

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