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What with Paris peace talks apparently <sup>stalled</sup> ~~hung up~~ on diplomatic niceties -- <sup>there was</sup> an attempt today at spelling out U S policy in ~~the~~ the simplest, clearest of terms. At the Pentagon - U S Defense Secretary Clark Clifford calling for "some kind of arrangement" some definite "signal" of a Communist de-escalation, which must come - said he - before <sup>there</sup> ~~that~~ can be a complete bombing halt over North Vietnam.

This the "missing factor" up to now - Clifford went on. The missing ingredient - without which <sup>A</sup> President Johnson will not take the risk of placing American lives in "greater jeopardy."

What about that apparent ground lull in Vietnam in recent weeks? True enough - said Clifford - <sup>16 1/2</sup> the fighting has tailed off - since those two major enemy offensives earlier this year. However, the over-all American death ~~the~~ rate -- is still nearly the same this year as last - said he.

VIETNAM FOLLOW PENTAGON

*Underscoring the secretary's remarks - a sharp resurgence of ground fighting today near the D M Z where a force of U S Marines - intercepted an estimated six hundred enemy infiltrators. First reports indicating at least forty Viet Cong dead - as U S reinforcements poured into the area.*

*Meanwhile, South Vietnamese President Ehieu - <sup>was</sup> touring the northern provinces today, ~~Noting~~ signs of an enemy build-up - that could lead to a new offensive "very soon" -- said he' perhaps - within three weeks.*

DES MOINES

On the political front here at home - Iowa's  
Governor Hughes ~~grabbed~~<sup>made</sup> the biggest headlines today.  
Giving up his role as a favorite son candidate for the  
Democratic presidential nomination - thereby releasing  
the forty-six vote Iowa delegation. Reason - said  
Hughes: Because of his new role - as chairman of a group  
working for a "free and open" democratic convention.

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This ~~is~~ seen as another boost for Vice President  
~~Hubert~~ Humphrey - who is ~~also~~ said to have strong support  
in the Iowa delegation. Although backers of Senators  
McCarthy and McGovern - ~~claiming~~ they, too, have  
"some votes in there."

MISSION BAY

On the Republican side - at Mission Bay,  
California -- Richard Nixon conferred today with  
this year's G O P congressional campaign chiefs.  
Senator Murphy of California and Congressman Wilson  
also of California - predicting the Republicans will win  
control of the House for the first time in fourteen years.  
Also predicting a gain of about twelve seats in the  
Senate - though not enough to claim a majority.

## KUALA LUMPUR

Malaysian riot police used clubs and tear gas today - to break up a violent demonstration outside ~~a federal prison~~ a federal prison in Kuala Lumpur. The rock throwing, bottle-throwing demonstrators - protesting the scheduled execution of thirteen Malaysian youths, convicted of associating with Indonesian agents - when their two countries were involved in that so-called "confrontation" a couple of years ago.

Under Malaysian law - only state rulers can stay the executions. But the state rulers so far - have turned down all requests for clemency.

SEOUL

Exactly twenty years ago this date - a new nation was brought forth on the continent of Asia. The fledgling Republic of South Korea - destined to become the scene of a brief hot war; and later, a cold war - continuing to this present day.

Even so - the Republic~~an~~ of South Korea celebrates its twentieth anniversary today - one of the healthiest and wealthiest nations in all of Asia, ~~With~~ an economic growth rate - approaching seven per cent a year; ~~a~~ <sup>also</sup> annual exports - heading toward the half-billion mark; and, mass production techniques - spreading cross the land.

~~The key to this success - we are told - ~~is~~  
a national determination to build a truly free country;  
pointing the way, hopefully - to reunification eventually  
of all Korea. The method perhaps best expressed - in  
the current national motto, ~~to wit~~: "We build while  
battling - and battle while building."~~

HONG KONG

Hong Kong - two more British diplomats  
emerged ~~suddenly~~, unexpectedly today from Red China.

~~The two~~ - Both members of Britain's Peking ~~new~~ mission  
~~following in the footsteps of mission chief Sir~~

headed by  
Donald Hopson -- who was released only yesterday.

Unlike Hopson though - the two new returnees

were  
forbidden from telling of their ordeal, ~~The British~~

~~obviously hoping to~~ avoid any publicity - that might

add to the ~~our~~ difficulties of ~~another~~ <sup>other</sup> thirteen diplomats

and their families -- still held in Red China.

WASHINGTON

By order of the Federal Reserve Board in  
Washington - the nation's prime interest rate was  
dropped slightly today from five and a half percent  
-- to five and a quarter. With the difference to be  
passed along quickly - to borrowers throughout the  
country.)

~~A Board spokesman attributing the lower~~

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~~rate to~~ *This due to* improved conditions in the money market.

~~Resulting, in part, from that new ten percent tax~~

~~sur charge which has greatly reduced inflationary~~

~~pressure.~~

BHUTAN

How would you like to visit the *Land of the Thunder Dragon*? It's in the Himalayas, in a region of violent storms, and occasionally violent earthquakes, that even cause mountains to slide.

The country is Bhutan. Inhabited by less than a million people as well as by many many rather ~~exciting~~ exciting wild animals including deer, Himalayan bear, cheetah, the leopard, wild boar, elephants, and its well|known for its tiger.

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The national sport is archery. When the teams get together with their bows and arrows, there are dancing girls in bright brocade and ~~picturesque~~ picturesque jewelry who lead the cheering. According to Desmond Doig of the National Geographic, there are no poor in Bhutan. In fact, nearly all families have ~~two~~ two homes -- one in a lower warmer valley for winter, another higher in the mountains for the summer.

BHUTAN- 2

The King is Jigme Dorji Wangchuk, whom I knew years ago. He hopes to bring his country into the modern world, and he even has ~~a plan~~ a plan for a modern hotel, to lure tourists. But he doesn't want any hippies. If they come he'll take them up on a high cliff and say - you are now going that way, <sup>!</sup> ~~and~~ look out for ~~that~~ <sup>the</sup> first step!

Warren let's go to Bhutan.

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HOMESTEAD

Another Cuban airplane hijacking - reported today from Homestead, Florida. Only this time - ~~a~~ hijacking in reverse. With fourteen Cuban men, women and children - crowding into a stolen poison-filled crop-duster. Flying across the Florida Straits practically at wave-top level - to escape Cuban radar.

On arrival safely in Florida - the Cubans ~~tdx~~ telling their story to immigration officials, <sup>but</sup> Asking, ~~how~~ ~~however~~, that not too many ~~of the~~ details - be made public, <sup>for there are</sup> ~~As their spokesman explained it -~~ "there are other people -- who want to get out the same way."