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PORT MORESBY

At Port Moresby - the birth of a nation. Papus and New Guinea becoming free and independent Papua-New Guinea. This in a gay and colorful ceremony at exactly midnight, local time. Those taking part - including more than seven thousand whites and blacks; among them, the heir to the British throne, Prince Charles - and hundreds of warriors wearing grass skirts, bones in noses and Cassowary and Birds of Paradise plumes. The new states new flag - similar to that of Australia, with whom it retains close ties; except, in the upper left corner - instead of a Union Jack, a new Guinea Golden Bird of Paradise.

The ceremony also featured a midnight radio address - by Papus New Guinea's youthful prime Minister, Michael Somare, an exjournalist. Somare telling his countryman; "I wish to remind all - that this is just the beginning." Adding: "Now^{we} must stand on our own two feet."

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**And that's the news from still wild New Guinea where they
are trying to make the long ten-thousand years leap from the
Stone Age to the Atomic -space age.**

MADRID

The latest Palestinian terror attack - in Spain - threatened for a time today to split the Arab world right down the middle. The terrorists, as you know, seizing the Egyptian Embassy in Madrid - along with three hostages; then demanding that Egypt withdraw from the Geneva peace talks with Israel - or else; thus, setting the stage for a confrontation - between Egypt's President Sadat and the Palestinian Liberation Organization. Indeed, Sadat saying he intended to hold the PLO and its leader, Yasser Arafat - personally responsible.

The impasse was finally broken in talks between the guerillas and four Ambassadors from other Arab nations. The terrorist to be granted safe passage to Algiers. The prisoners apparently to be set free.

LEBANON

A brief truce in Northern Lebanon was broken today - by a series of clashes between Army troupes and civilian militia. The fighting between Moslem leftists and Christian rightists is also reported spreading to Beirut. Officials saying it may be necessary to call up additional troupes - to prevent the capital from becoming another battle ground.

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - President Ford met today with a group of farm leaders - attempting to spur additional grain sales to Russia. The President said to have reaffirmed his "commitment" to a free market economy." He refused, however, to end the current one month moratorium - on any more grain deals. The President saying he was facing a "difficult dilemma" - meaning the longshoreman boycott - "and simply wanted to cool it for thirty days."

SAFEWAY

The nations largest supermarket chain - target of a complaint filed today by the Federal Trade Commission. Safeway Stores accused of false misleading and deceptive advertising; for allegedly offering food for sale at bargain prices - but actually having it available only at regular prices.

ASMARA

From Eritrean rebels holding four American Hostages in Ethiopia - a demand today for an end to U.S. military aid to Ethiopia; also, the closing of a U.S. communications base - in the Eritrean strong hold, the city of Asmara. The rebels saying if this is not done - and soon - they "will not bear any responsibility" for the lives of their captives.

The U.S. reply that official U.S. policy - is not to negotiate with terrorist. A State Department spokesman adding, indeed, "the responsibility for obtaining the release of the Americans - rests with the Ethiopian government.

VATICAN

At the Vatican in Rome - Pope Paul met today with the U.S. Cardinals and Bishops - who yesterday witnessed the Canonization of Mother Seton. The Pope telling his guest: "As the U.S. exults in her first native-born saint" - so, too, "the whole world recognizes the authentic fruits" of American sanctity. "Indeed, our hope for America is so great" - he continued - "we look forward to a second Spring in the life of the church - in" said he, "the land of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton."

WASHINGTON

Does she or doesn't she? The question to be answered next month - in millions of homes across the land.

The National Organization for Women, scheduling a nation wide women's strike for October Twenty-Ninth; hoping to show the men folk how much they depend on women. The NOW group calling it's target date "Alice Doesn't Day" - after the feminist movie, "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore."

Ah, but a group of anti-feminist lead by Phyllis Schlafly is planning a counter demonstration on the same date; an "Alice Does Day." So does she or doesn't she and for CBS...