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MADRID

In Spain - Prince Juan Carlos De Borbon today became acting chief-of-state - in place of the ailing Generalissimo Franco. The move to become permanent - should Franco die; and government sources saying, barring a miracle - the end is near. Franco suffering another relapse today.

SAN FRANCISCO

For President Ford - in San Francisco - a visit today to the same hotel - where he was nearly shot a few weeks ago. The President telling a group of big campaign contributors: "A visit to San Francisco - never fails to bolster my optimism."

The President's visit was conducted though - under "extraordinary" security. He did not mingle with any crowds - or shake any hands; and many who waited along the route of his motorcade - barely caught a glimpse of him as he sped by in a closed car.

WASHINGTON
SENATE

In Washington - the Senate Banking Committee today approved, eight to five - a bill aimed at guaranteeing New York loans. Democrats and Republicans alike agreeing, however - the bill is almost certainly doomed; if not in Congress - then a veto. Indeed, Senator Tower of Texas telling his colleagues flatly: "There ain't going to be no loan guarantee."

WASHINGTON

Famed anthropologist Mary Leakey - a guest today at the National Geographic in Washington; was telling of another remarkable find - at her Tanzanian excavation site; the fossil jaws and teeth of an early man - who walked the earth about three-and-a-half million years ago. This proving - said he - that Genus Homo, or true man - goes "much further back than believed a few years ago."

POCANTICO HILLS

For Egypt's Anwar Sadat - in New York - today met with General Motors Chairman Tom Murphy who heads the U.S. - Egypt Joint Business Council. The two discussing "ways to make arrangements for trade and investment opportunities to contribute to the prosperity of both countries."

Sadat also visiting the country estate of Vice President Rockefeller at Pocantico Hills, New York; and then - on to Chicago.

PRAGUE

At Prague airport in Czechoslovakia - a crowded jet liner coming in for a landing in dense fog - when apparently the pilot lost his bearings. At any rate, the plane overshooting the field by three miles - landing instead on the edge of the city where it immediately burst into flame. The casualty toll placed at sixty eight dead - and another twenty-seven injured.

BOSTON

BANGKOK

Free at last - nine Americans and five other foreigners who were captured by the Communists - in the last days of the Vietnam War. The Americans, mostly missionaries, and the others - flown to Bangkok after eight months in Communist prison camps. The group's feelings, perhaps best expressed by Mrs. Carolyn Miller of Allentown, Pennsylvania who said simply: "This is a happy moment - for all of us."

BOSTON

From a Boston based consumer group - a call today for a ban on vitamin commercials on kiddies TV shows; also, a ban on a nationwide vitamin advertising campaign - featuring the popular cartoon character "Spider Man." This on the grounds that vitamin overdose - is a serious problem among children under the age of five; a problem - we are told - second now only to overdoses of aspirin.

BUFFALO

From the State University of New York at Buffalo
we hear of the formation of a student volunteer group - to
help newly arrived Vietnamese refugees. The students
serve as teachers - guides, mother's helpers, and so on;
a program - which also has its lighter moments. For example;
a group of Vietnamese recently were startled - when the
leaves on the trees began to turn red and fall off. They
thought it was a plague or worse. The students quickly
explaining it was just autumn.

CALIFORNIA

The new homecoming queen at California State College in Pennsylvania - Mrs. Kitty Dasta, age thirty-four, the mother of four children; as far as we know, the first wife and mother ever elected a homecoming queen - on any campus in America.

Mrs. Dasta a psychology major who returned to her studies - after all her own children were off to school. Running for queen for the fun of it - and to "inspire other people in their thirties" to go to college, too. Mrs. Dasta adding her husband - was with her all the way. Both believing - said she - "a woman's place - is wherever she wants it to be."

And now this...

KANSAS CITY

Eight hundred new parking meters - recently installed in Kansas City. Next question: What to do with the old ones? The City Purchasing Department - finally placing them on sale for fifteen bucks a piece; thinking they might be able to sell a few - but, now, a flood of buyers.

Spokesman Charles Johnson saying the parking meters are wanted for jokes - for lamps - for old times sake - for conversation pieces - you name it. But the biggest response of all we are told - from people who want to install them in their bathrooms. Figure that out - if you can. I can't. And now for CBS