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ATLANTA

*From President Ford - at his Atlanta news conference - a prediction of better days ahead. The President saying the nations economy will begin to roll again - in the third quarter of the year; and continue to improve - "the further we go into Nineteen Seventy-Six."*

*The President also saying there will be "a very significant improvement" to end the battle against inflation. Adding: "The economic circumstances will be good enough - to justify at least my seeking reelection."*

*In the same vein, the President again urging congressional support - of his economic and energy programs but stressing that "action by the American people - is infinitely more important than what we do in Washington." A prime example - he went on - the rebates recently offered by auto makers and appliance manufacturers. This proving "a good stimulus" - said he - to public confidence. "not only to the economy but*

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**CAPITOL HILL**

*For Secretary of State Kissinger - a trip today to Capitol Hill, to mend some fences - following two hours of secret testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Dr. Kissinger said he believed Congress will approve - the President's request for additional military aid to South Vietnam. He also discussed the cut off of military aid to Turkey - set to take effect as of midnight; calling it - "a tragedy;" adding that the cutoff "will not help negotiations" on the Cypress issue - indeed can weaken Western defenses.*

## **ANKARA FOLLOW CAPITOL HILL**

**Meanwhile at Ankara - Turkish Premier Sadi Irmak was saying the possibility of some sort of compromise on the aid question - still exists. Adding that Turkey "does not intend to withdraw from NATO's military structure - at present." A Turkish newspaper does report, however, that U.S. bases in Turkey - may soon be ordered closed.**



**ASMARA**

*Fierce fighting was reported today - in the streets of Asmara in Northern Ethiopia. We hear government troops entered the city during the night, in civilian clothes. In the resulting confusion - the government forces were said to be "firing at anything that moved." The U.S. and France have ~~set~~ set up an airlift - to allow some two hundred foreign nationals to leave Asmara.*

## LONDON

*Former British Prime Minister Edward Heath was forced to resign today - as a leader of Britains conservative party. Heath falling victim to a party revolt - led by a former education minister, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher; who is now expected to take his place.*

*This raises the possibility that Mrs. Thatcher could become - Britain's first woman Prime Minister; a possibility she refuses to discuss, however - calling the idea "rather a bore" you know. When asked though what kind of party leader she would be - Mrs. Thatcher replying in her best stiff-upper-lip fashion; "I am afraid - I shall be myself."*

**ATHENS**

*Greek shipping magnet Aristotle Onassis, in Athens - is reported to be the victim of an illness that may or may not be serious. A New York spokesman saying the sixty-nine year old multi-millionaire - is merely "unwell." But an unidentified family source - reportedly says "gravely ill" with a spreading muscular disease. In any event, his wife, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis is - flying in from New York to be at his side.*



**BETHESDA**

*Senator Taft of Ohio - a patient since last week at Bethesda Naval Hospital. The reason, his office said today - a heart attack; with the Senator reported to be "recovering satisfactorily" - and plans soon to resume his place in the Senate.*

## GRAND FORKS

*America's new F-15 Eagle Fighter - today laid claim to virtually every time-to-climb record on the books. This on the basis of recent tests - at the Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota. The Eagle soaring to an altitude of eighteen point six miles - almost straight up - in less than three and a half minutes; along the way, breaking eight time-to-climb records - including three that were set just last year by the Soviet Union's new Foxbat Fighter. Now this message...*



## CHICAGO

*The number of U.S. highway deaths last year - more than forty-six thousand. A huge toll - but still a seventeen per cent drop from the year before; indeed, the lowest number of U.S. highway deaths - in eleven years.*

*All this - according to figures released today by the National Safety Council; whose president, Vincent Tofany, gives most of the credit to reduced speeds - brought on by the energy crisis. So slow down - and stay around awhile longer!*

*And now from WNOK booming Columbia, South Carolina.*