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Nixon meets DeGaulle in Paris. The most challenging visit on the President's tour. Also including a display of pomp and circumstance such as the French reserve only for their most important visitors.

In his welcoming remarks DeGaulle referred to the nearly two hundred years of Franco American friendship. Adding that "nothing has ever happened" to break that friendship. "Long live the United States of America" said Le Grand Charles.

Richard Nixon, for his part, scrapping a prepared speech, in which he called DeGaulle - a "great companion in the search for peace." Instead the President urged ~~an~~ abandonment - of "old quarrels" and "old slogans". Telling his host: "What we seek are two roads -- which will lead to cooperation and to peace and freedom - for all the ~~pe~~ peoples of the world." The two

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later conferring at Elysee Palace - in the first of an
expected three days of talks. Both sides agreeing -
"it was a good start."

MOSCOW FOLLOW PARIS

The Kremlin made the charge today - that a number of West Berlin firms are currently engaged in military production. The Soviets call this - a violation of four-power agreements on the divided city. Adding that East Germany has - therefore, been asked - to study possible means of controlling the flow of ~~these~~ these goods. Will this include an attempt to sever West Berlin ties with West Germany, another "Berlin crisis?"

WALTER REED

General Ike suffers a setback; developing pneumonia four days after surgery. Doctors at Walter Reed calling this - fairly common - adding that he is being "treated vigorously" with anti-biotics. Nevertheless, expressing special concern - in view of the former President's age and past medical history. With Ike said to be determined to win out again.

SPACE

With Cape Kennedy in a temporary "hold"
-- the space spotlight turned today to St. Louis;
where acting U S Space chief Dr. Thomas Paine -
was painting a picture of things to come.

Number one target, of course, a manned
landing on the Moon - hopefully ^{within} a few months, ~~hence~~
Dr. Paine predicting this will lead eventually - to
a permanent lunar base, "Something akin to our
present Antarctic base," ^{he} said. ~~to~~.

Looking ahead to the early seventies -
Mars! ~~will beckon next~~ Beyond that - Dr. Paine
forseeing the possibility of ^a "grand tour" - to Jupiter,
Saturn and Uranus, ^{this} perhaps as early as Nineteen Seventy
Six. ~~Probably~~ unmanned at first - but then, [?] ~~who knows?~~

VIENNA-AMSTERDAM

*In the world of religion another double
barrelled change today to the teachings of Pope Paul,*

*At Vienna - a meeting of Bishops ruling
that Austrian Catholics may practice birth control if
their consciences permit, this in spite of a recent
Papal ruling.*

*While at Amsterdam Dutch Bishops were
rescinding in part, an earlier suspension of the Bishop
of Harlem - Monsignor Theodore Zwartkruis - who
recently announced plans to marry. The Churchmen
ruling that the Bishop of Harlem, Father Zwartkruis
may not celebrate mass but he may continue to preach.
This also in direct contradiction - of recent Papal
guidelines.*

SNOWMOBILE ROUNDUP

While we were on our winter trip into Yellowstone, to pay a visit to the animals in our great national park and see the geysers perform at a time when few ever see them, on ranger's radio we heard about the big storm that hit Boston and other parts of our northeast. Flying home today, much of the scenery does look like Yellowstone, minus the mountains, the elk, the buffalo and so on, and the geysers. Right across the continent quite a winter!

Out West I was amazed at how this snowmobile thing has caught on. Dealers ~~selling~~ selling them by the hundreds.

At West Yellowstone, entrance to the park, they are looking forward to what they call The Snowmobile Roundup. This coming March fourteen, fifteen and sixteen, with snowmobile riders coming from nine states, and most of the provinces of western Canada.

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Sixty manufacturers to be represented, some three thousand snowmobiles to take part in races. One of the racers was with us on our Yellowstone jaunt, nineteen year old Devin Young, a great great granddaughter of Brigham Young. She holds the feminine record for speed on one of the things. Seventy-three miles an hour I believe.

Observers are even coming to West Yellowstone for this from Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, France, and maybe two or three other European countries; also Japan. Monty Wight, our host, handles the best known snowmobile over a wide territory in the West, and in a few years has become a tycoon.

I haven't lost my enthusiasm for skiing - but I'll have to admit this snowmobile thing is something - Warren - if you can ride one across a spectacular wilderness such as you find at Yellowstone and elsewhere in the West.

PALMERS GREEN

Ever hear of
~~This next from~~ Palmers Green, England?

~~The story of a man - perhaps the~~ ^{Here's a} real life counter-
part to Al Capp's "Joe Btfsplk"; His name - Martin
Weidman, A thirty four year old financier - beset
by mounting business and personal problems, To the
point where he jumped from the fifth floor of a local
hotel - doubtless thinking, "this is the end". - But
he was wrong.

~~Landing~~ ^{he landed on the soft} miraculously ~~on the~~ top of a passing
car - the would-be suicide escaping virtually unhurt.
But ~~not so~~ the driver of the car ~~who~~ suffered ~~severe~~
fatal injuries with the result that Martin Weidman -
in addition to all his other problems - is now ~~also~~
charged with manslaughter.

And you thought you ^(had) ~~more~~ troubles!