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RAWALPINDI

*Apparently a broken man - in spirit and health -  
Ayub Khan bows to the inevitable. The Pakistani President  
- a virtual dictator for the past ten years - announcing  
today his planned withdrawal from public office. Paving the  
way for election of a new President - early in Nineteen-  
Seventy.*

*Reason - as you no doubt know - the combined  
opposition of both right and left wing opposition parties.  
Reflected in a series of nationwide riots - that have already  
claimed the lives of some sixty persons. A situation that  
has carried Pakistan to "the verge of insanity" - said the  
President. Further calling on both sides - to join now in  
preventing a civil war.*

*You may recall - Ayub is offered to resign  
before. The last time - in the wake of that Indo-Pakistani  
war of Nineteen-Sixty-Five - when he later "forced" himself*

*to reconsider. However, his decision today - "final and irrevocable" - said he. At age sixty-one - reportedly the victim of a serious lung ailment - Ayub Khan deciding at last - the time has come. And there is dancing tonight - in the streets of Karachi, Dacca, Rawalpindi.*

## JERUSALEM

*In the tense Middle East - provocation was piled on provocation today. With a bomb exploding in a supermarket - in the Jewish section of Jerusalem. Killing two - injuring some thirty- most of them women and children.*

*A few hours later - Jerusalem warning that all Arab countries - must "bear responsibility" for Palestinian terrorist acts. Adding that Israel's "arm - is not short." Raising the threat of possible retaliation - against a number of Arab nations.*

*At the same time - the Arabs Fatah commando organization was also taking note of the situation. Telling Arab terrorists, in substance, to stop harrassing civilians - and start concentrating on military targets. "All in any other direction" - said Al Fatah.*

## KANSAS CITY

At Kansas City, Missouri - Harry Truman fights back from a bout with "acute gastroenteritis" - otherwise known as the flu. According to doctors - the eighty-four-year-old ex-President is "resting comfortably" and "regaining strength." With all signs - pointing toward a speedy recovery. Good news.



## SAIGON

*On the war front - Saigon - General Creighton Abrams today reports "massive evidence" - that the Communists are attempting to mount another major offensive. Apparent goal - said the U.S. commander - "to show that they are omni-present;" in hopes of further influencing - Paris peace talks.*

*The enemy's timetable - as yet uncertain - said General Abrams. Adding, however, that he believed Saigon - would be spared this time. Main reason: It's too well defended.*

## PARIS FOLLOW SAIGON

*Meanwhile, in Paris - a heretofore secret Viet Cong document was made public today. Strongly attacking Henry Kissinger - President Nixon's chief adviser on foreign policy.*

*Kissinger's Vietnam strategy - aimed chiefly "at prolonging the war" - said the Viet Cong. Adding: "It will certainly bring the Americans - nothing good."*

## REDWOOD CITY

Here's one - perhaps of special interest to nagging wives - their husbands, too. A story today - from Redwood City, California; where convicted wife-killer Earl Grover - was permitted to plead guilty to a reduced charge of manslaughter. His sentence promptly set at one year - the least he could get.

Earl Grover originally indicted for murder - freely admitting he shot and killed his wife Shirley Anne. However, Judge Conrad Reisch agreeing to the lesser charge - on the basis of truth serum tests administered the defendant. The judge ruling, in effect: She drove him to it.

## VALLEY FORGE

Retired four-star General Harold K. Johnson - winner of this year's prestigious George Washington Award - presented annually by the Freedom Foundation. Announcement today - from Valley Forge, Pennsylvania; where the official presentation will take place tomorrow - as usual, on Washington's Birthday.

General Johnson - a survivor of the infamous Bataan "death march." Later becoming - U.S. Army Chief of Staff. Now cited for "a lifetime of exemplary character - earnest scholarship - superior leadership;" while serving his country thirty-five years - "with bravery and distinction - in peace and war."



## WASHINGTON FOLLOW VALLEY FORGE

Speaking of Washington's Birthday - a new book just out. "Aspire to the Heavens" - by Washington scholar Mary Higgins Clark. A veritable treasure of little-known fact - about the nation's first "first family."

For example, the "Father of Our Country" was widely acclaimed - in his younger days - as the greatest dancer in all Virginia. Thanks, in part, to the tutelage of Sally Fairfax - wife of one of Washington's best friends; who was for a time - the woman he worshipped from afar. Then along came that pretty widow - Martha Custis; or "Patsy" - as he called her. Proving the perfect mate - for the man who would become the first President. Indeed, she was there at *this* side - even at Valley Forge.

## MOUNT VERNON FOLLOW WASHINGTON

By the way - Martha Washington was later to become famous in her own right. Hosting enormous parties - serving tremendous meals for the countless guests who thronged to Mount Vernon.

One of her standby recipes - which recently came to light - that for a so-called "great cake." Ingredients including forty eggs - four pounds of butter - four pounds of sugar - five pounds of flour - plus a half-pint of French wine. The resulting batter - seasoned to taste with French brandy.

That from Martha Washington - America's first "hostess with the mostest."

## CAPE KENNEDY

*At Cape Kennedy - the pressure begins to build.*

*With America's three Apollo-Nine astronauts - today completing a dress rehearsal for their upcoming space chase. Clearing the way for start of the final countdown in just a few hours - followed, hopefully, by blast-off a week hence.*

*Meanwhile, Apollo-Eight Commander Frank Borman - was returning today from his goodwill trip to Europe. Getting a welcome-home and a well-done from President Nixon - also, Vice President Agnew. Colonel Borman was then asked - by newsmen - whether he had any political ambitions - of his own - whereupon he replied: "None whatsoever." Spiro Agnew adding: He doesn't have to run for office - "his name is already a household word."*