

VERSAILLES

Wed. Mar. 1-72.

In France At Versailles, ~~France~~ a gathering of ~~one~~<sup>a</sup> hundred  
of the world's most ~~powerful~~<sup>influential</sup> men. These including top  
business tycoons from the U S and Europe. Among them:  
Richard Gerstenberg,<sup>Chas. B. Ed</sup> of General Motors - William Gott of  
U S Steel - J Kenneth Jamieson of Standard Oil of New  
Jersey. David Rockefeller of the Chase Manhattan Bank -  
also Giovanni Agnelli, the President of Fiat - and Jean  
Jacques Guerlain, the French perfume magnate. One and  
all attempting to find a ~~common~~ common ground ~~or~~ for  
international ~~to~~ trade and <sup>on</sup> monetary policy.

SAIGON

*From the U S command in Saigon -an order today calling for the second biggest troop withdrawal yet. Nearly five thousand more men - soon to be heading home. These including ~~Major~~ armored, artillery, and helicopter units up to now assigned to guard Saigon northern approaches.*



PENTAGON FOLLOW SAIGON

Here at home - Defense Secretary ~~Melvin~~ Laird

~~said today~~ <sup>was saying</sup> he hopes to keep draft calls below fifty thousand  
this year. Laird adding that the Administration is still  
shooting for an all-volunteer army - as of June Thirtieth  
next year. And - "we can meet that goal" said he, ~~"if the~~  
~~acceptability of military service is at hand," enough by~~  
~~then?~~

## AMNESTY

The National Commander of the American Legion -  
one of the latest to testify on the subject of amnesty for  
draft dodgers and deserters. John Geiger telling a Senate  
panel that any form of amnesty -- would "make a mockery

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of the sacrifices" of U S service men in Vietnam. I attended  
a Legion luncheon with Commander Geiger today in Wash.

~~Another witness~~ The Pentagon's Chief of Military

Personnel - General Leo Benade; ~~she~~ <sup>also</sup> said ~~that~~ amnesty for

deserters - could lead to still more desertations; and

~~thereby~~ "seriously jeopardize our national interest -

and our national security."


KIRYAT SHONA

In the occupied Golan Heights an Arab rocket  
attack on the town of Kiryat Shona <sup>brought a</sup> ~~in~~ response, <sup>—</sup> Israeli  
air and artillery strikes - ~~xxxx~~ across the cease fire  
lines with Syria, and <sup>in reply —</sup> then a Syrian air strike <sup>—</sup> the first  
in nearly two years. This causing heavy casualties according  
to Damascus; <sup>says</sup> ~~but according to~~ Tel Aviv <sup>—</sup> none at all.

CAPITOL HILL

For Father Theodore Hesburgh of Notre Dame -  
a trip today to Capitol Hill; where - as Chairman of the  
U S Civil Rights Commission he testified before a house  
panel. Father Hesburgh charging that a proposed  
constitutional ban on forced school bussing - 'would be a  
~~major~~ major step backward in the quest for equal rights  
for all Americans. This "would undermine" - said he -  
"the progress we have already made in race relations -  
both in our schools and in society as a whole."

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**BUSSING FOLLOW CAPITOL HILL**

~~Across Capitol Hill~~ → The Senate today defeated

a series of proposed tough anti-bussing measures. This

enroute to final passage - of a new <sup>24 billion dollar</sup> aid to education bill,  
to provide a basic <sup>annual</sup> grant <sup>^</sup> of \$1400 to any  
college student who needs it!

## FREVAGH

*In the border town of Frevagh about a hundred yards from the Irish Republic - a northern Ireland part time ~~militia~~ militiaman was seized today by four gunmen. Forty three year old Tommy Fletcher -- a Protestant -- next forced back into his home. The gunmen confiscating his rifle and shot gun -- then, as they dragged him off, telling his wife they planned to release him at the ~~border~~ border. When they got him outside though they pumped three bullets into his head. This the second killing of a part time militiaman in the space of twelve hours. According to ~~one~~ the commander of the Ulster Defense Regiment - "nothing other than pure murder."*



*Add Frevagh*

*And now the latest: A third shooting attack  
tonight in Belfast.*

KEY BISCA YNE

After ten days in a pressure cooker - the start  
of a brief respite today for President Nixon <sup>Who flew</sup> ~~The Chief~~

~~Executive flying~~ to Key Biscayne for an extended weekend

of rest and ~~relax~~ relaxation, <sup>but</sup> ~~Also~~ taking along ~~for~~

~~occasional serenity~~ <sup>Papers concerning</sup> a full brief case of domestic issues.

<sup>As for</sup> ~~Ah, but~~ a woman's work - <sup>of course it's</sup> ~~is~~ never done, #

~~seems.~~ First Lady Pat Nixon <sup>is</sup> soon to <sup>fly to</sup> ~~be off again for~~

Sacramento, ~~planning~~ to attend <sup>^</sup> a California camilla

festival; ~~where she will reign, no doubt - the comeliest~~

~~flower of all.~~

## RIO AGAIN

Aside from its brand new capital ~~management~~ way out in the middle of nowhere - one of the most dramatic developments in Brazil is <sup>what</sup> at ~~Rio~~ ~~where~~ they have been <sup>doing</sup> to ~~eliminating~~ those spectacular slums, the favelas that clung to the mountains that make Rio de Janeiro just about the most dramatic city in the world. These ~~se~~ favelas were shanties erected <sup>-higgledy piggledy, all</sup> ~~at random,~~ jammed together, on the sides of those steep slopes. Nearly all have now been torn down and the hundreds of thousands of <sup>the</sup> poor who lived in them have been moved to the outskirts of Rio, to high rise ~~apartment~~ apartments. <sup>ing</sup> This ~~has~~ created a new problem. The ex-favela cliff-dwellers can't afford to commute so far to work. <sup>So,</sup> Employers try to solve this <sup>with big</sup> ~~by providing a popular~~ ~~form of transportation.~~ Huge open Japanese trucks that make the long twice a day journey with a hundred or more ~~is~~ jammed in each.

Although a decade ago Rio had a population of

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*under two million, Clarence Boonstra our American  
minister tells me ~~it's~~ it's now up to over six million.*

*Fantastic as that seems, Rio no longer is Brazil's largest <sup>city</sup>  
a city about which I'll have something to say in my next.*

QUIRIHUE

This next from the town of Quirihue; population

ten thousand, in southern Chile. The local residents -

mostly farmers - left without a doctor for three ~~next~~ months

say their ~~now, a desperate~~ situation <sup>is desperate and they are</sup> ~~calling for~~ desperate ~~action.~~

~~Thus,~~ <sup>5/2</sup> a committee of farmers demanding <sup>s that</sup> ~~today the hiring~~

~~of a new~~ <sup>be hired at</sup> doctor, whatever it costs, <sup>and soon, to</sup> ~~threatening to take~~

~~over the local hospital - unless it happens soon. And to~~

prove they really mean it, husbands and wives alike are

vowing to abstain from conjugal relations; <sup>until they</sup> ~~to do so~~

~~as long as it takes to~~ get some action. ~~And~~ That's the latest

from ~~Quirihue~~ Quirihue, Chile. - ~~a good "Eysteiratu"~~

SAN DIEGO

The development of a new non-lethal riot control  
weapon - is reported ~~today~~ from San Diego. Systems ~~science and soft wear~~ Incorporated calling  
<sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ new device simply - "splat", explaining that "splat" is  
a plastic shell - the same size as a shot gun cartridge;  
except that it contains - instead of lead or bee-bee's  
two plastic projectiles.

These said to cause a severe skin bruise but  
no penetration <sup>^</sup> even at point ~~no~~ blank range. ~~A spokesman~~  
~~saying~~ when they hit - they just go "splat!"