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World

President Nixon's "State of the ~~Union~~" message

a brilliant, wide-ranging document - as you no doubt have heard by now; spelling out in great detail - the scope of American aims and intentions in Southeast Asia, in the Middle East, in regard to Red China, in the field of disarmament. But more than that - the President calling for a global effort - to meet "the common needs of this world today."

These are needs - said he - "about which there can be no disagreement or conflict as of national interest;" for we know that we must act as one world" - he continued - "in restoring the world's environment" in stopping "the flow of narcotics" - in countering "outbreaks of hijacking and kidnapping" - in sharing "the great discoveries about the oceans and outer space;" with the ultimate goal - said he - ~~that~~ of "developing a world-wide sense of community."

The President going on to voice confidence - "that this new diplomacy of partnership, of mutual respect, of dealing with strength and determination - will work;" ^{and} in the

process - said he - "building for our children the kind
of world they deserve - a world of opportunity in a world
without war."

On the political front - South Vietnam's President

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INDOCHINA FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

For the time being, however - the old problems are still with us. At the top of the list, of course - the war in Indochina; where ~~Communist troops are said to have~~ *there was fierce fighting* ~~captured~~ today *around* another key hill inside Laos; ~~doing this -~~ ~~by overwhelming a force of some two hundred South Vietnamese~~ ~~defenders.~~

On the political front - South Vietnam's President Thieu *today was saying* ~~front and center~~ ~~Asserting~~ that South Vietnam's armed forces - are now ready "for whatever duty demands of them." *Also -* ~~Thieu further stating~~ that "a mighty military operation against North Vietnam - is but a matter of time."

PARIS FOLLOW INDOCHINA

More on the same - from the peace table in Paris;
where Hanoi's Xuan Thuy charged today - that the U.S.
is "feverishly preparing" to attack North Vietnam.

~~However,~~ This drawing a charge from America's
David Bruce - that the Communist ~~were~~ ^{are} once again ^{are} distorting
the purpose of the peace ^{sessions and using} ~~meetings, in effect - using~~ them for
~~the benefit of their own propoganda,~~ ^{purposes,} Bruce telling the
Communists; ~~to~~ "Cease your polemics! - deal with the issues!"

JERUSALEM

In the Middle East - at Jerusalem - Israeli Premier

Golda Meir met today with her inner cabinet; attempting to work out the final draft - of Israel's response to Egypt's latest peace offer.

Chief bone of contention - we are told - the fate of Sharm El Sheikh; the ~~the~~ fortress ~~city~~ guarding the Strait of Tiran - which Israel seized in Nineteen-Sixty-Seven. The U.S. reportedly urging Israel to agree give it back, - but The Israelis ^{reluctant} ~~at last report, still saying "no dice."~~

BRUSSELS

At Brussels - a final meeting of that three-day World Conference on Soviet Jewry; starting out with bitter dispute # over the banishment of Jewish militant Rabbi Meir Kahane. Former Israeli Premier Menahem Begin - charging that Kahane had been "turned in" to the police. Dr. William Wexler of the U.S. - ~~who is~~ also a member of the conference's nine-man Presidium - ~~answering back~~ ^{replying:} "You're a blankety-blank liar - and you know it." ~~After which - a series of~~ ^{Then followed} shouting and shoving matches all around the hall.

In the end though - the conference finally adopting a five hundred-world text by unanimous vote. This - promptly called "The Brussels Declaration." Denouncing Russia's treatment of Jews - as a "crime against humanity." Adding that Jews the world over can not rest - until their fellow-believers behind the Iron Curtain "are free to choose their own destiny."

~~Incidentally, a reporter later approaching~~ ^{Said} Dr. Wexler,

~~- asking how he could explain the previous bitter debate.~~

~~Whereupon the good doctor observed: "Obviously, you've never attended a Jewish Conference before." And he added:~~

Jewish sessions
"If they don't end up with a good fist fight - they have not achieved anything."

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GRANDE JORASSES

From an icy ledge halfway up Grand Jorasses peak in the French Alps - a daring recovery today; with a French rescue team finally reaching and then bearing to safety - one of France's finest alpinists, Rene Desmaisons; ending an ordeal that began sixteen days ago - in a futile attempt to scale the mountain's unconquered Walker Peak face. The rescuers also bringing back the body of Desmaisons' sole companion - Serge Gousseault - who ~~had succumbed earlier~~ ^{died from} ~~to~~ cold and exhaustion.

One touch of irony: The search ~~party~~ ^{was} led by Gerard Devouassoux - a vice president of the Alpine Guides Association; ~~the same man~~ who forced Desmaisons' resignation ^a year ago - for disobeying orders during another rescue mission.

We've all heard about the indispensable, irreplaceable man; and we've also heard that there is no such person. Ah, but, there is; or was, and then, yesterday, his number came up on the spinning wheel of life, and now he's gone.

It happened near Granada, the Moorish City in Spain, famous for the glorious Alhambra. His name, John Clair; a unique American who quite recently was honored by being elected to the Ski Hall Of Fame.

In This jet age when we meet someone who always has time to do things for others, someone who goes far, far out of his way to do almost anything ask of him, ^{and more,} we're inclined to be skeptical and ask the cynical ^{al} question:

"Wonder what he's after?"

I'm sure that question must have been asked over and over about this man who did nothing but spread good cheer and do endless favors for his friends, working for our American Olympic cause, giving it endless hours. If you got acquainted with him, and knew him long enough, you discovered he really

wanted nothing, ^{nothing but} ~~except~~ the opportunity to do things for others.

If there were a few million men in this world like John Clair how easy it would be to solve all these problems that plague mankind.

LONDON

The scene - a swinging London party. Enter a leggy blonde - wearing black hot pants and a see-through blouse. She casts a cool eye over half-a-dozen young men - and then she makes her choice; dashing off in a racy sports car - with the only one of her admirers who is not - repeat - is not smoking a cigarette. And that - as you may have guessed by now - the scenario for a new TV commercial - sponsored by Britain's Health Education Council.

~~By the way, this is~~ the same group that sponsored

Remember Warren -

a birth control program last year - using as its symbol a

"pregnant" man? ~~But that one - well, someone it never quite~~

~~caught on. "A bit sticky" - would you say?~~

Present day

~~This next - from~~ ^{Ed} Edmonton, Alberta, ~~up in Canada~~

~~where a government researcher - has just completed a new~~

~~study of the Canadian Eskimo.~~ Professor Otto Schaeffer

^Sreporting over the past decade ~~^~~ a rapid rise in the Eskimo

birth rates, ^{Due says he to} also, ~~an accelerated growth rate - for Eskimo~~
~~children.~~

~~Main reason - says Professor Schaeffer - a marked~~

increase in Eskimo sugar intake; ~~And this, in turn - is adds~~

~~the result of~~ ^{and} a drastic change in living patterns. Where

once they were ~~essentially~~ nomads - the Eskimos now settling

in permanent Arctic communities; ^{where the Eskimo} ~~is now consuming more and~~

^{lives more on sugar than a blubber.} ~~more - soft drinks, candies, pastries and so on. Indeed,~~

~~about four times as much as before - we are told, the average~~

~~Eskimo now consuming more than one hundred pounds of~~

~~sugar each and every year.~~

Present day

life -
Ah, for the life of an Eskimo - how sweet it is!