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**WHITE HOUSE**

*Israeli Premier Golda Meir was - a guest today at the White House. Her welcome from President Nixon - stressing American hopes for a "real peace" in the Mideast - not just words. The President called this of vital interest - not only to the countries directly involved but to "the whole world." In return - Mrs. Meir told of her own country's yearning for peace. And paid special tribute - to twenty-one years of "unwavering" U.S. support of Israel.*

*Later, to private, Mrs. Meir pressed for more U.S. arms - to help offset the recent build-up of Soviet aid to the Arab states. The President's reply was not disclosed. However, the White noted that a current Israeli order for U.S. jets - will not be fully completed till Nineteen-Seventy. And "so" - we are told- "there is no need for an immediate decision."*

# MIDEAST FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Meanwhile, the Middle East "non-war" continues.

Israeli jets soared to the attack today - after a one-day respite

Blasted Egyptian targets on the Gulf of Suez - and returned to

base, according to Tel Aviv, without loss.

At the same time - Egypt was denying a United Nations report - hinting at the possibility of direct Arab negotiations with Israel. Cairo asserting flatly: "Never."

## PARIS

*On the peace front in Paris - President Nixon was accused today of pressing the war in Vietnam - even more than President Johnson. The Viet Cong charging an increase in "the number of U.S. sweep operations" - also, "the poundage of American bombs."*

*Even so, the Communist side concentrated its heaviest fire today - on what it called America's "special war" - in neighboring Laos. Charging "an ever-deeper U.S. involvement there - "creating extreme tension in Indochina." Hanoi added that the U.S. and Laos "must bear full responsibility - for the consequences arising from their nibbling attacks against the liberated zones" of that country.*

*wounded in Vietnam*

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*to withdraw all its troops from Vietnam - by December of*

*November, twenty.*

## VIETNAM

*Half-a-world away - in Saigon - a summary today of casualty figures covering total U.S. involvement in Vietnam. According to American officials - Communist battlefield deaths have amounted to more than five hundred and fifty-four thousand; or a little more than the entire Communist toll - during the previous eight years of war with France.*

*As for American losses - they're now set at thirty-eight thousand, seven hundred and twenty-eight. A figure - we are told - about a thousand more than the French toll. In terms of fatalities then - the two wars virtually even-up - for the moment, anyway.*

*And - a quarter of a million Americans have been wounded in Vietnam.*

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WASHINGTON

~~Here at home~~ - a clarification of the Pentagon's  
promised "Vietnamization" of the war. Defense Secretary  
Melvin Laird asserted *that* that the term Vietnamization -  
means "a lot more" than mere "modernization of the South  
Vietnamese" army; "a lot more" - than the bare "assumption  
of mere military responsibility."

What it really signifies - said he - is "the progressive  
transfer to the South Vietnamese - responsibility for all  
aspects of the war and management of their own affairs;"  
which in turns calls for a "stronger government - stronger  
economy - stronger military forces and - stronger police  
for internal security."

**(SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED "CUDDALORE")**

And now - time again for Lowell Thomas - with another special report; discussing tonight the "shot heard round the world." Lowell...

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Geographic "The Revolutionary War, America's Fight

for Freedom"; a new book, which says that the battle of

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the diplomats negotiated a peace settlement. And even

then - the new look seven months later - such Cuddalore,

where the British and French were still battling it out -

Hello Everybody:

L. T. tape insert - unedited

Here's a question: The first battle of the Revolutionary War was fought where? Answer: Concord, Lexington, of course - everybody knows. Ah, but the next question - it's a tough one. Where was the last battle of our Revolutionary War fought? ~~And~~ <sup>The</sup> answer to it - not Yorktown - as we learned in school. It was ~~rather~~ the Battle of Cuddalore in far off Hindustan - nearly ten thousand miles from the U.S.A.

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*in fruitless combat -- in far off India.*

*In the end though - the great distance of the last battle - was perhaps appropriate. From Concord to Cuddalore - the shot that heralded the American Revolution - a shot that did echo right around the world.*

*Solong.....*



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**Thank you, Lowell. More in a moment!**

## **TURIN**

**A large segment of Italian industry - was virtually paralyzed today by a strike of four hundred thousand metal and rubber workers. The walkout closing major factories in Milan, Turin, and Genoa - also, lesser plants in Rome and Naples. And in streets of Turin, people were shouting: "Long Live Mao - Down with the Bourgeoisie."**

**Still to come - a nationwide strike of Italian mail and telegraph workers - set for next week.**

## SENATE

*In his first full day on the job - the new Senate Minority Leader took an appraisal today - of the current - Democratic-controlled Congress. Hugh Scott observed that no new money bills of any importance - have yet been enacted even though the new fiscal year - started almost three months ago. In sum - said he - it is "the worst record in forty years."*

*As for anything else - the Congress has done - nothing to write home about - said Scott. Adding that, indeed, the current Congress - "has been something of a turkey" so far. And he assured one and all - that the Republicans are and will be "spotlighting this."*

TOKYO

For the better part of a week now - Japan's Foreign Ministry has been carefully checking its every possible news source in Red China. Attempting to determine the truth of that report from Moscow - that Chairman Mao Tse-tung has suffered a stroke - and that he is "incapacitated."

Now, at last - Japan's China-watchers have all their information together. Coming to the conclusion that Mao is either sick - well - dead - or merely taking a vacation. A spokesman summed up. He said - "We just don't know."