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THAILAND

After fifteen hours of negotiations, there is movement in the capital city of Bangkok, Thailand.

Four Palestinian terrorists who had seized six Israelis and occupied the Israeli Embassy, have emerged with their captives bound in ropes. They boarded a bus for the airport. Eight Thais including the air marshall, Dawee Chullasapya, were with them. And so was the Egyptian Ambassador to Thailand, Moustafa El Essawy.

Essawy early on hand entered negotiations with the terrorists unharmed in return for free passage out of Thailand, presumably to Egypt.

VIETNAM

For the tenth straight day, American bombers continued their massive attacks against the Northern cities of Hanoi and Haiphong--and reports from Hanoi say parts of that city "have been erased from the face of the earth." The U-S Command says two more B-Fifty-Twos were shot down ^{IN RECENT ACTION} ~~today~~ with at least six airmen missing, bringing to twenty-two the total number of planes lost since the current series of attacks began. Hanoi, however, disputes these figures--claiming seventy-two planes have been destroyed, including thirty-one B-Fifth-Twos. In Paris, a North Vietnamese spokesman says at least fifty-thousand tons of bombs have fallen in the past ten days--striking Hanoi and Haiphong with "the force of a violent earthquake" and killing thousands of people. Despite this, Communist negotiator Dinh Ba Thi says his country's

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position on the peace talks remains unchanged, ~~and~~ ^{ING} demands that the United States sign the agreement drafted last October by Henry Kissinger and Le Duc Tho.

In Australia, the Seaman's Union ~~announced~~ announced a boycott against all American shipping in Australian ports as a protest against the bombing of North Vietnam. And in Washington, more than two hundred scientists, attending the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, signed a letter of protest to President Nixon--calling for an immediate end to the bombing "as an outrageous misuse of the fruits of science for ~~human~~ death and destruction."

SCIENCE (folo Vietnam)

At their meeting, the scientists also heard some advice from a George Washington University law professor - Harold Green - who urged them to proceed with caution in the matter of test tube babies. Green saying that recent major progress in genetic research could eventually lead to carbon copies of extraordinary human beings or super-people. "For the first time," he said, "genetic theory offers the possibility of man changing himself."

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Hundreds of scientists throughout the world are preparing to observe the Year of Copernicus--Nineteen-Seventy-Three--the five-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Nicholas Copernicus--the Polish astronomer who first advanced the proposal that the Earth moves around the Sun. "As though seated on a royal throne," he wrote, "the Sun governs the family of planets revolving around it." Before Copernicus, it was thought that the Earth stood still--immovable at the center of the universe and, if anything, the rest of the planets revolved around it. When his theory was published, it sparked a tremendous upheaval in human thought, particularly because it demoted Man to a very humble place in the universe, thereby having a far-reaching impact on theology and philosophy. To this day, it's called the Copernican Revolution.

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MIDEAST

Egyptian President Anwar Sadats says he has asked his cabinet to prepare the nation for another possible outbreak of war with Israel. His statement came in the wake of diplomatic reports from London which say the Soviet Union has warned Egypt NOT to start a war with Israel--adding that Russia will NOT bail Cairo out if the Egyptians strike the first blow.

TRUMAN

Soldiers, statesmen, family and friends were in attendance at private final rites for Harry Truman today in Independence, Missouri - paying honor to the tough little man who made some of history's most awesome decisions. Burial followed in the courtyard by the Rose Garden of the Truman Library - a resting place chosen by the former President himself - his funeral embellished only with quiet military flourishes - taps from a lone bugler - and a twenty-one gun salute.

ELEPHANTS (tape)

All this week, Lowell Thomas has been skiing at Lake Placid in upstate New York and, indeed, over the years he has been a strong influence in bringing the sport to its present peak of popularity. We hear from Lowell now, but NOT about skiing. Instead, he has a few thoughts on those animals who remember everything - elephants.

TAPE RUNS: 1:30

OUTCUE: So Long.....

ELEPHANTS

Question: What is it that can bulldoze a jungle - that can penetrate trackless forest and seemingly impassable swamp - that runs on tree bark and leaves? Answer: You guessed it - the elephant; the true king of the jungle - the greatest land mammal on earth; also, one of the chief characters in a new National Geographic book - called "The Marvels of Animal Behavior."

Author John Eisenberg of Washington's National Zoological Park - noting that the elephant, for all his size, has a great need for "social tact." "A knowledgeable trainer can fulfill such needs" - he reports - "by placing a hand in its mouth by way of greeting." He also says that "life in a herd - adapts the elephant to what psychologists call negative conditioning." And thus - he adds - "a pesky youngster quickly learns the instructive value of a swift kick - or a smack across the rear."

Author Eisenberg further reports that the average elephant has a brain - about three times the size of a

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man's brain; which lends a certain credence - to the old
proverb that an elephant never forgets. But then - as my
old friend Harry Hershfield once said: "What's he got to
remember?"