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LONDON

Tanes

The latest issue of ~~News~~ Fighting Ships -- just out tonight
in London; ~~and in the~~ ^{includes} a report that Russia is presently way ahead
of the U.S. in submarine strength; while just starting work -- on a
new fleet of aircraft carriers; at the same time -- expanding its
activity into every ocean on the face of the earth. ~~News~~ ^{Tanes} going on
to say; "The Soviet Navy's attitude to the older naval power seems
to be -- 'anything you can do we can do better.'" Adding this is,
indeed -- "a sobering thought."

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PARIS

At Paris today, a display of public optimism -- perhaps unprecedented in all the years of Vietnam peace talks. A so-called "high American official" -- foreseeing the possibility of a settlement within "two or three months." Saying: "We have a feeling that something will happen in a couple of months -- but not before October;" which ^{of course} also happens to be -- just prior to the U.S. Presidential election.

This same source adding, however, the Communist side remains adamant on at least one point. "They want us to do for them" -- said he -- "what they never have been able to do for themselves;" that is -- "to remove the present South Vietnamese government."

LOS ANGELES

The ordeal of Thomas Eagleton -- Part Two:-- The Democratic nominee for Vice-President traveling today to Los Angeles; ^{Out} where he refused; at first, -- to discuss his prior "nervous condition;" but later, under pressure from reporters -- finally relenting.

Eagleton saying the same as yesterday -- ^{that} he now considers himself perfectly fit. Adding that as far as medication is concerned -- he now takes only an occasional tranquilizer.

Insisting: "If by fate or tragedy, I should succeed to the Presidency -- I would pace myself." Also, telling of contacts with his former psychiatrists -- in an effort to arrange a full report of all his past treatments.

Next question: Would Eagleton be willing to undergo today -- a new psychiatric test. To which he replied -- with a smile: "Yes -- if all four major candidates do."

NEW YORK - FOLLOW LOS ANGELES

On the Republican side -- President Nixon's campaign director was traveling today to New York. Clark MacGregor saying the President had long known -- of Thomas Eagleton's prior health problems. Stressing, however; "The mandate and directive from the President -- is that no one connected with him would have any comment to make about this very personal matter."

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On his own, MacGregor adding: "I concur one hundred percent -- the individual citizens will decide for themselves on this issue."

WHITE HOUSE - FOLLOW NEW YORK

Where the rest of the Congress is concerned though -- the President was serving notice today: No quarter asked and none given. This by means of a politically-charged special message -- to the Democratic-controlled House and Senate; wherein the President threatening^S to veto -- any election-year giveaways.

Said he: "No matter what the political pressures -- no matter how frequently I may be told that in an election year a President cannot veto spending measures -- I will simply not let reckless spending of this kind destroy the tax deductions we have secured and the hard-earned successes we have earned in the battle against inflation."

BIRMINGHAM

From Birmingham ^{comes} -- An announcement ~~today~~ that Alabama's Governor

Wallace -- will not -- ~~report~~, will not -- attend next week's

American Independent Party Convention. A Wallace aide explained --

he hasn't sufficiently recovered ~~yet~~ from recent additional surgery;

But ^{he} ~~refused~~ to comment -- when asked about a possible draft, ~~saying~~

only: "An announcement will be made Saturday -- on Governor

Wallace's future plans for national politics."

JERUSALEM

In the Middle East -- a direct appeal today, said to be the first ever-- from Israeli Premier Golda Meir to Egyptian Anwar Sadat; an appeal for the two sides in the current Arab-Israeli impasse -- to "meet as equals" in a common quest for peace.

"Let us sit down together" -- said Madam Meir; "let us search for a way to break the deadlock -- lest war be renewed."

The Israeli Premier also addressing herself briefly -- to the American political scene. Expressing confidence -- in the policies of George McGovern, but saving her warmest praise -- for President Nixon. Noting especially the President's decision earlier this year -- to sell more Phantom jets to Israel. "The government of the U.S. and its President" -- said she -- "deserve our full appreciation and gratitude for this."

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COMMUNICATIONS - FOLLOW JERUSALEM

And later on -- the inauguration of a new Israeli satellite ground station; linking that nation -- with the rest of the world communications network. Whereupon Madam Meir -- promptly placing a telephone call to President Nixon; recalling with pleasure -- her recent visit to the White House.

The President responding, in turn -- that Madam Meir was "always welcome." Also, pledging to continue to work -- for "a just peace in the Mid East; " One -- said he -- "which will protect the integrity of Israel."

BELFAST

In Northern Ireland -- a day of national mourning -- in honor of the nine bombing victims -- in last week's "Bloody Friday." This including a one-day work stoppage -- by factory workers, store employees and public transport drivers throughout the country; a work stoppage -- said to be "almost one hundred percent" effective. The hustle and bustle of normal life -- coming to a virtual standstill.

But not the fighting -- sad to say. Another British trooper -- shot and killed today in Belfast. The apparent victim -- of another I.R.A. terrorist attack. With the death toll in three years of continuing violence in Northern Ireland -- now coming to nearly five hundred.

HOUSTON

For three rookie astronauts -- the start of an extended isolation test today at the U.S. Manned Space Center in Houston.

Robert Crippen, William Thornton and Karl Bobko -- entering a twenty-foot chamber where they plan to spend the next eight weeks. All part of a test of cramped living conditions -- such as those to be faced by future Skylab crews.

DETROIT

This next -- from Detroit; where a couple happily married for three years -- have just filed suit for divorce. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hammond saying they intend to keep on living together -- but not ^{officially} as man-and-wife; blaming it all -- on a recent change in the Federal tax structure.

Charles Hammond explaining that in certain tax brackets -- his and his wife's, for example -- two single persons now get a better break than a married couple. Adding that he and Mrs. Hammond -- by "living in sin," so to speak -- ^{will be able to} ~~could thus~~ save about Three Hundred Fifty Bucks a year.

And that's the latest from Detroit -- where, once again, ^{Warren-} two are trying to live as cheaply as one.