

PENTAGON

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~~Back~~ In Washington at the Pentagon, Defense Secretary ~~Melvin Laird~~ ^{stated} ~~front and center today, reporting,~~

that a Russian task force normally stationed north of

Finland - is currently heading toward the Caribbean.

The Soviet flotilla ^{is} said to include five surface vessels -

including two missile-firing ships; also, a Soviet landing

ship - the first of its kind ever to enter the Caribbean. *Secy.*

Laird going on to say:- "my point in making this information

public is to add further evidence that the Soviet Union

5 1/2 is going forward with a world-wide all-ocean naval force."

SAIGON

~~Being a world away~~ - The U S today assigned to
the South Vietnamese air force - complete control
of a full U S Army helicopter company, ^{and also} ~~at the same time~~
transfer^{ed} ~~ed~~ to the South Vietnamese Navy - major
responsibility for coastal patrols. These ^{moves are} ~~are~~ seen as major
steps - toward a further Vietnamization of the war.

PORTLAND

Vice President Spiro Agnew ^{was the} ~~the main~~ speaker today at that American Legion convention ~~out~~ in Portland, ^{Oregon.}

The Vice President saying his ~~own~~ recent Asian tour ^{convinced} ~~had assured~~ him ^{that} U S troop withdrawals from Vietnam

⁴⁶ "can go forward" safely. ^{Also that} ~~Spiro Agnew also saying~~ "the American people" - if "confronted with a choice - would choose the policeman's truncheon over the anarchists bomb."

MIDDLE EAST

In the Middle East the tension builds - again.

Diplomatic sources in Jerusalem ~~asserting~~ ^{saying} that Israel views alleged Egyptian troop violations as "very very serious." Adding that Israel is considering the possibility of taking action on its own - unless President Nixon steps in to ~~alleviate the situation.~~ ^{do something.}

~~As you may have heard we also~~
~~have on our own shores - a report today that~~
~~the U.S. now has its own~~ ^{have} evidence - confirming the alleged Egyptian violation. This - ~~we are told~~ - in the form of data obtained by U-2 spy planes, space satellites, and electronic surveillance equipment, ~~as~~ said to show the recent installation of a number of guided missile sites well within the supposed truce zone.

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Meanwhile Jordan was having its ~~problems~~ ^{problems} ~~hand~~ ^{hand} ~~with~~ ^{with} ~~attempting to cope~~ with ~~militant~~ ^{the} Palestinian guerrillas.

This leading to a demand from Iraq - that Jordan ease up on the guerrillas or else. ~~However,~~ Jordan promptly ~~told Iraq to mind its own business.~~ ^{told Iraq to mind its own business.} ~~firing back no dice.~~

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SPACE

~~Elsewhere in Washington~~ The U S Space Agency pulled in its belt a hitch today; Cancelling for reasons of economy - two of the six more planned Apollo Moon landings; the last of which is ~~now~~ now scheduled for late Nineteen Seventy-Two.

Outgoing space chief Dr. Thomas Paine adding that the U S Sky lab program - aimed at building an ~~embryonic~~ embryonic space station -- will continue ~~through~~ through June of Nineteen Seventy Three.

Beyond that, though - said he - "our operations will be at a standstill - until we come to the space shuttled-in-space station-programs; ^{he says this will be} hopefully λ around Nineteen Seventy Six."

MANILA

A record rainfall of more than twenty-two inches in thirty hours - reported today ~~from~~ⁱⁿ the Philippines. The storm flooding an ~~about~~ area the size of Florida - ~~also~~ including the city of Manila; where the waters were said to be surging, at one point - four to five feet deep; ~~This~~ leaving at least fourteen dead - ~~as well as~~^{and} many homeless. Philippine President Marcos ~~finally~~ declaring - a state of "calamity and emergency."

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LAGOS FOLLOW MANILA

~~More of the same - reported today from~~

Also in Africa,

Southern Nigeria; ~~where~~ heavy rains ~~are said to have~~

inundat^{ing}~~ed~~ that country's major food-producing area.

Nigerian officials in Lagos ^{report}~~stating~~ at least twenty dead -

hundreds homeless.

DETROIT

The advance rumor was correct.
~~Have it home again - Detroit~~ The United Auto

Workers ^{have} picked its primary strike target in ~~the~~ contract talks this year. U A W chieftain Leonard Woodcock saying: "We are going to go with General Motors and Chrysler." Woodcock explaining the U A W wants at least one major auto firm to remain in production - to turn out a mini-car in competition with foreign imports. Thus the break for Ford - which introduces its new Pinto later this month.

CASTEL GANDALFO

For Pope Paul - a regular weekly audience

today at Castel Gandolfo - his summer residence; proceeding

as normal when two stones came hurling through the air-

hitting a wall behind the Pontiff. Police quickly seizing

as the culprit - a thirty-five year old Italian - apparently

distraught who explained that he threw the stones - because

"the spirits" told him to. ~~Nevertheless, this morning~~

^Q~~the~~ second attempt in less than six ~~months months months~~

months to ~~stone~~ stone the Pope. The last time ~~stone~~

~~stone~~ during his visit to Sardinia in April.

HELSINKI

U S Secretary of the Interior Wally Hickel ^{is}
~~in Finland - arriving in~~
~~a visitor today to~~ Helsinki - where he extended greetings
from President Nixon to Finnish President Urho Kekkonen
-- who is ~~is~~ celebrating ~~his week~~ his Seventieth birthday.

^{Secy} Hickel ^{is} also scheduled to visit Sweden and Norway ^{to make}
[^] a brief
~~in a week long~~ study of Scandinavian environmental
problems.

PRAGUE

The Boy Scout motto - "be prepared". But, whether scouting was prepared for this next - well, it's hard to say. In any ~~one~~ event the government of Czechoslovakia - ordering an end to the Czechslovak boy scout movement within two weeks.

Czech deputy chairman ~~Marhous~~ Vaclav Marhous - saying the Boy Scouts had been subjected to "critical analysis;" ~~whereupon~~ whereupon it was decided to replace scouting - said he - with a new Communist ~~pioneer~~ pioneer youth organization.

A novel suggestion for improving auto safety - comes today from Essen, West Germany. Doctor Helmut Schelsky - a prominent Sociologist - ~~is~~ asserting that the anonymity of drivers - is ~~the~~ the main cause of their aggressive and hostile behavior on the roads.

Suggesting therefore, that "all motor vehicles should be marked with not only number plates - but also the names of their owners." He adds that this would give dangerous drivers in effect, no place to hide.

- or nearly all -

~~Practically~~ All the world likes a party ~~that~~ if it's a good one. And that ~~includes me, too and that there was a real hum-dinger~~ Because of a flu bug I missed

The party, in New York, ~~this week~~ a celebration marking

the sixtieth birthday of one of America's ~~great~~ top

newspapermen - Jack R. Howard, President of the

~~Scripps~~ Scripps-Howard newspapers.

~~Unfortunately, I couldn't make it myself - a little~~

~~about with the flu. They tell me though the party drew some~~

Some leaders of life in N.Y. and Wash - were there. ~~two hundred of Jack's friends~~ with the famed Jack Paar

at his best

~~acting~~ as master of ceremonies, - ~~assuring one and all,~~

~~a gala evening~~

Most important of all the glamorous ~~And the place of residence - Mrs. Howard~~

Eleanor Howard had wheeled the over of the Empire State Building a fifty foot banner ~~at the top of the world's tallest bldg. In letters~~

~~which was hung from the eighty-sixth floor of the~~

17ft high it read simply Jack. No one else

~~Empire State directly opposite the party site in the~~

ever had that honor. Surely anyone who

~~was nearby Pan Am building. The banner bearing a~~

can see his name waving from the top of the single word - a giant "Jack" to which

~~Emp. State Bldg should run far public~~

~~of today or yesterday, can only be~~

success spread across! Warren.

SHEILA

One of the world's ^{top} ~~great~~ women pilots

off again today into the wild blue yonder. Britain's

Sheila Scott ~~departed~~ ^{off from JFK} ~~New York Kennedy airport -~~

on the final leg of ^{an unusual} ~~a daring~~ solo flight around the world.

^{On this her final lap she hopes}

~~hoping~~ to add still another mark - to the ninety-one

world records in aviation she already holds. The lovely

Sheila flying a twin engine Piper Comanche, ^{flying solo,} ~~pushing it~~

~~to the limit - which is all right in the air apparently,~~

~~but not on the ground.~~

Before she ^{said all this} ~~left~~ Sheila ~~asserting that~~ women's

business is ~~li~~ ~~not~~ not for her. "I think they're pushing too hard"

- ~~says~~ Sheila. Adding: "Women already have ^{their} ~~got~~ liberation

- particularly in aviation". ^{Says} Sheila Scott; ~~saying~~ "I just

want to be allowed - to fly alongside men, "and to be
with the men I like!"