

NEW YORK

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Surprise in New York, ~~the~~^{the} announcement today that Jacqueline Kennedy ⁴ will soon wed Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis. The official word from Mrs. Hugh Auchincloss - Mrs. Kennedy's mother - through the former First Lady's press secretary who said the union would take place - perhaps within the week.

Mrs. Kennedy - at age thirty-nine - a widow of five years, of course. Onassis - for his part - a friend of the Kennedy family for many years. At age ~~sixty~~ sixty-two - reputed to be one of the richest men in the world, ~~With~~^{is} homes in New York, Paris and Cap d'Antibes, France - as well as offices in Buenos Aires and Monte Carlo.

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However, Onassis ^{is} perhaps best known to the public - for his romance of ten years with opera star Maria Callas. This following his divorce from first-wife Tina Livanos - daughter of a fellow Greek shipping

tycoon. [¶] We are told, ~~nevertheless that~~ the couple plan to be married - in a Roman Catholic ceremony. Onassis' first marriage apparently presenting no religious obstacle - since it was contracted in the Greek Orthodox Ex Faith.

PEACE

Despite an official denial from Washington -
peace rumors ^{today} were again sweeping the world. ~~today~~
Unofficial sources predicting an imminent halt to the
U.S. bombing of North Vietnam - hopefully, the ~~ag~~
beginning of the end. With the only hold-up -- apparently -
Saigon.

The trouble - according to those who should
know - is the fact that the package deal calls for
~~exp~~ expanded peace talks in Paris ^{to} ~~including~~ equal
representation for South Vietnam - also the national
Liberation Front, or Viet Cong; a condition which the
Saigon government ~~is~~ supposedly cannot or will not accept.

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True or not - hurried meetings in Paris and
^{today} were adding fuel to the speculation. ~~xxx~~ U.S. Peace
negotiator Averell Harriman - conferring with South
Vietnamese Chief Observer Pham Dang Lam. U.S.
~~Ambassa~~ Ambassador Ellsworth **B**unker - huddling a third
time with South Vietnamese President Thieu; ~~while~~ the

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*U.S. command in Vietnam - was reporting "no major
ground action."*

CAMPAIGN FOLLOW PEACE

Here at home - in the final states of
"Campaign Sixty-Eight" - Richard Nixon was also taking
note of the peace rumor. At Johnstown, Pennsylvania -
Nixon asserting: "If a bombing pause can be agreed to -
one that will not endanger American lives - then we are
for it."

Nixon adding there is only one man - "who
can make that determination - the President of the
United States." And once he has made it - "we will
support him" - ~~sxx~~ said Nixon; "because" ^{he added,} "we want peace
- and we do not want to play politics with peace."

At the same time - Hubert Humphrey was
in Detroit, ~~Attempting~~ to turn back ~~an~~ apparent Wallace
boom in Michigan. The Vice President calling George
Wallace ^{an un} proven ~~a~~ "union booster" -- as he campaigned
coatless through a huge auto plant.

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SPACE

A hundred miles up in space - same old story today. Round and round she goes - that Apollo Seven moonship. Astronauts Schirra, Eisele and Cunningham - heading into the home stretch of their eleven day trial run. Setting a new record - with every spin of the earth. In the same process - all but assuring an attempt at a full-fledged Christmas⁵ moon-flight. So come along with me to the moon!

In the meantime though - it was business as usual today aboard the Apollo-Seven. Including a fourth telecast from space - with the three astronauts demonstrating their agility at zero-gravity. Walt Cunningham observing: "It's kind of like a monkey - moving around in his cage."

Later the astronauts photographed Hurricane Gladys - sprawling ominously off the West Coast of Florida. ~~Command~~ Command Pilot Schirra asserting: "Man - that's really a spinner."

WARSAW

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The ghost of horrors past - recalled again today in Warsaw. With the Polish war crimes investigation commission ~~is~~ reporting the discovery of a number of mass graves near the city of Czarne. These containing the bodies of an estimated forty thousand prisoners of war -- from Nazi Germany's infamous "Stalag-Two-B" camp.

Investigation of the find is still ~~in~~ proceeding - said the commission. Adding, however, that most of the dead - were Polish, Russian, Dutch, French and Belgian prisoners of war. (Their deaths - planned or not - evidently the result of negligence and hunger.)

SINGAPORE

Newly-reconciled Singapore and Indonesia -
once more at the brink of a diplomatic crisis today;
following Singapore's execution of two Indonesians -
convicted of bombing a bank during the Nineteen Sixty-
Five "confrontation" between the two countries.

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In Jakarta - some four hundred students
react~~ed~~^{ed} to the news ~~4~~ by sacking Singapore's embassy
and diplomatic residences in that city. ~~Although~~
~~luckily - they had just been closed - with the Singapore~~
~~diplomats taking refuge in a nearby hotel. Meanwhile,~~
~~President Suharto order~~ing~~^{ed} a temporary closing of the~~
~~Indonesian Embassy in Singapore - pending a~~
~~complete review of bilateral relations.~~

MOUNT VERNON

From Cornell College at Mount Vernon, Iowa - comes news today of the latest wrinkle in campus demonstrations. Officials reporting, quote "incidents of disrobing" by male ~~students~~ students - as part of a general protest against the college administration.

According to one of the male strippers - this ~~disrobing~~ disrobing is an attempt to deal with "man's inhumanity to man." On the theory that clothes - represent "barriers" to understanding.

Or as one nudist said to the other "I never really saw you before." What say you John Schaeffer?

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ICARUS FOLLOW CAMPAIGN

By the way - the press corps traveling with Hubert Humphrey - has decided to give his campaign a little symbolism. The reporters voting to name his two campaign planes - the "Theo" and "The Icarus."

"Theo" - the plane that normally carries the newsmen. So named because of Humphrey's recent criticism of alleged "Vietnam theologians" - who tend to pick apart his every utterance on the war. "The Icarus" - so named in honor of the Greek mythological hero Icarus; who tried to fly to the sun - on wings of beeswax and feathers fashioned by his father Daedalus;

Remember how ~~except that~~ the wax melted - and ^{Icarus} ~~he~~ fell into the sea?