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**WHITE HOUSE**

**At the White House - an attempt today at a hurry-up patch job on the U.S. image. President Ford meeting in rapid succession with New Zealand Prime Minister Wallace Rowling - Australian Prime Minister Gough Whitlam - and British Prime Minister Harold Wilson. Assuring each in turn: "The Indochina setback has in no way weakened U.S. resolve - to stand by its allies and friends in Asia and elsewhere." Also, urging "continued close cooperation - between the U.S. and its allies in Asia and the Pacific."**

## **PENTAGON**

*From the Pentagon - an admission today that the bodies of the last two Marines killed in South Vietnam - were somehow left there. Spokesman Joseph Laitlin saying in all the confusion of the final evacuation - "different people thought others had taken care of the matter." He added, however: "The State Department is now doing everything possible - to arrange their return."*

**BENEFITS FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE**

*In a related move - the President also ordered  
a cut-off today - in special Vietnam war benefits <sup>for</sup> U.S.  
servicemen. The President saying: ~~The President saying:~~  
"America is no longer at war - the time has now come to  
terminate wartime benefits."*

**CAPITOL HILL**

On Capitol Hill - <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ House <sup>panel</sup> ~~Judiciary Committee~~

began hearings today - on a bill to provide a "grubstake"

for Vietnamese war refugees. Lead-off witness -

Congressman Rodino of New Jersey; urging that the proposed

legislation - be given "the highest national priority."

"We must extend the national hand of welcome -

as we did after the Second World War" - said he. Adding

if "this country ever forgets its immigrant heritage - we

will, indeed, have written "finis" to the American dream."

And now -

## **STRIP**

**Capitol Hill again - the House today completed passage of a retread strip mining bill; in virtually the same form - as it was vetoed last year by President Ford. The bill supporters appearing confident, however, this time - they will be able to override.**

MOSCOW

*The U.S. wartime Ambassador to the Soviet Union back in Moscow today. W. Averell Harriman serving as a special representative of President Ford - at ceremonies marking the Thirtieth Anniversary of the end of World War Two. While there - also making a pitch for detenté; but suggesting perhaps - a better name.*

*The problem - said Harriman - in the fact that many of us don't really know what detenté means. It's not a "rapprochement, or reconciliation" - he said - nor an "entente," which means "understanding." What it is - he continued - is merely "a relaxation of tensions between nations." Adding that "no one" - should "be against that."*

# TOKYO

Britain's Queen Elizabeth today chalked up another first - on her current world tour: The first British monarch- ever to visit Japan. The Queen receiving a warm welcome from Emperor Hirohito - and tens of thousands of Tokyo ~~residents~~<sup>people</sup>; more by far than greeted President Ford - when he was there last year. The Queen telling the Emperor: "It's very nice to be here."

## SUEZ CANAL

After being trapped eight years in the Suez Canal  
- two West German freighters were able to steam to freedom  
today under their own power. The Munsterland and the  
Nordwind - making their way to Port Said <sup>at</sup> the  
Mediterranean ~~sea~~ <sup>end</sup>; where the newly-cleared canal was ~~then~~ <sup>then</sup>  
proclaimed - "the cleanest waterway in the world."

The two German ships and twelve others <sup>were</sup> trapped  
in the Canal at the outbreak of the Six-Day War in Nineteen-  
Sixty-Seven. ~~But the rest since~~ <sup>The others have</sup> deteriorated to the point -  
where they will have to be towed away.

and now - this commercial ~~mess~~



LONDON

The daughter and chief heir of the late Aristotle Onassis was in London today - acting like the world's richest woman, which she apparently is. Christina Onassis meeting with top British oil executives - who previously dealt with her father. Telling them, quote: "From now on, if there is anything to be decided - you will be dealing with me." The twenty-four-year-old Miss Onassis <sup>is</sup> said to have ~~some~~ <sup>much</sup> knowledge of her father's business affairs. ~~Let's~~

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~~Let's~~ And -