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SAIGON

*The cease-fire in Vietnam to some today may seem a mere scrap of paper; with battles being fought in the central highlands - in the coastal highlands in the extreme north; with an attempt at launching a peace-keeping operation - getting bogged down in petty haggling in Saigon; with the Pentagon still attempting to get a full accounting for all American prisoners and missing in action.*

*Slowly but surely though the war is winding down. Indeed, the great bulk of Americans remaining in Vietnam have now been withdrawn from combat areas. And the first prisoners will be heading home - we are told - perhaps within the week.*

~~In the same vein~~ - the Florida White House  
<sup>also</sup> was taking note of <sup>the</sup> continued fighting. Press Secretary  
Ron Ziegler saying, "quite frankly - it comes as no  
~~shock~~ surprise. "We are dealing here " said he -  
"with a number of units - in a very large country  
- that are in the process of standing down."

Ziegler added, however, "we, of course,  
have stood down totally - we expect the agreement  
to be adhered to."

GUAM

For Vice President ~~Spive~~ Agnew - a brief rest stop today at Guam ~~in connection~~ enroute to ~~South~~ Southeast Asia. He did not meet with newsmen - ~~he~~ issued no statements.

At the same time, a report today from Hawaii - where the <sup>Vice</sup> President stopped earlier; a report that it was "possible and quite feasible" ~~that~~ he might play a role in welcoming returning prisoners. This - we are told - perhaps in the Philippines or maybe in Hawaii itself.

ONAWAY

*The last American to die in Vietnam,  
prior to the cease fire - Lt. Colonel William  
Nolde; whose wife and family met with reporters  
today - in their home at Onaway, Michigan. Mrs.  
Joyce <sup>Nolde</sup> ~~Onaway~~ reading with pride - a statement  
prepared by her nineteen year old son Blair;  
declaring that her husband could not have asked  
for a more fitting epitaph -- than an end to the war.*

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*"His last wish - " she added - "would  
have been that all peoples of the world work to make  
the peace in Vietnam a lasting one; that all men and  
nations - ~~would~~ try a little harder to understand  
one another."*

## BUDGET

The full text of President Nixon's new two hundred and sixty-eight billion dollar budget was presented ~~to~~ today to Congress. The President spelling out ways and means by which he intends, as he put it - "to get big government off your back and out of your pocketbook." These including drastic cutbacks in the late L B J's "Great Society" programs; <sup>also</sup> ~~even~~ a sixty percent cut - in the President's own White House staff.

<sup>All of which brought on</sup>  
~~Nevertheless~~ a storm of protest - just as the President had predicted. The Democrat front runner Teddy Kennedy saying: "Once again, we have a Nixon budget that means good news for the big defense contractors - and bad news for the average citizen." House speaker Carl Albert adding that this would mark - an ~~end~~ end to humanitarian ~~SS~~ government."

*In his speech Saturday night, and again today, the President made it perfectly clear - he would brook no retreat. "If we are going to keep taxes and prices down" - said he - "the Congress must keep spending down."*

SANTA BARBARA

A bizarre murder case - is reported ~~today~~  
today from Santa Barbara, California; the way police  
tell it - ~~a case that~~ <sup>it all</sup> actually began three months  
ago.

One Gourgen Yanikian - age seventy-seven -  
placing a telephone call to the Turkish Consulate in  
Los Angeles; ~~and~~ identifying himself as a prominent  
land developer of Armenian descent - which was true;  
also, the author of five ~~books~~ books on religion and  
philosophy - again true; but then claiming to have  
in his possession a painting ~~that was~~ stolen more  
than a ~~century~~ century ago from the Sultan of Turkey.  
And this - was apparently not true.

At any rate - there followed a series ~~for~~  
of additional calls. The Turkish Consul General  
and Vice Consul General in Los Angeles finally  
agreeing to meet with Yanikian. Joining him for lunch

in a private cottage - where<sup>re</sup> they were ~~it~~ suddenly  
shot dead. ~~Whereupon~~<sup>In</sup> a phone call to the Sheriff's

office, Yanikian<sup>is</sup> quoted as saying: "I have ~~us~~ just

killed two men." <sup>Why? It may all go back</sup>  
<sup>to rather recent Armenian</sup>  
<sup>Massacres by Turks. But</sup>  
~~Why - still a mystery~~ The F B I and the

U S State Department <sup>have</sup> both involk<sup>ed</sup> strict secrecy.

An old newspaper clipping - perhaps shed<sup>ding</sup> some

light though. Yanikian telling a reporter that twenty-  
six members of his family had been killed years ago -  
when Armenia was torn asunder by Russia and Turkey.

A local newspaper also received today - a lengthy

~~letter~~ letter signed by Yanikian; a letter - apparently  
mailed the day of the killings. In it, Yanikian asserting

that "Armenians everywhere - should pursue this tactic  
this new type of war."



NEW YORK

*The subject of this next - August Ricord a Nazi collaborator in France during World War Two; later fleeing to South America. In Paraguay, just a year ago, I heard how for years he had headed an international drug smuggling ring. Finally arrested and brought to the U S he was tried and convicted in New York earlier this month. In the words of the prosecuting attorney he was "the biggest narcotics trafficker ever brought to justice." Now the final pay-off. Renegade Frenchman August Ricord sentenced today - to twenty years in prison. Since he is age sixty-three this means a virtual life sentence. The death and suffering that he brought - said the judge - probably equalling "the recent figures for all Vietnam war casualties."*

ABKHAZIA VILCABAMBA-HUNZA

Love and marriage go together like a horse and carriage -- so the song tells us. Now comes a report that love and marriage and longevity - bear an equal inter-dependence.

This - according to doctor Alexander Leaf of Harvard University; based on a study of centenarians -- in the regions where they are found most often ; at Abkhazia in the Soviet Union -  
Vilcabamba in Ecuador and Hunza in <sup>Pakistan.</sup> ~~Kashmir~~.

To begin with, these are all mountainous regions - which helps. Says Doctor Leaf: "just getting through the affairs of the day - conditions the heart," he observes. But more than that the good doctor discovering ~~something~~ that virtually all the centenarians - were married folk.

Many elderly couples have been married seventy, <sup>some</sup> eighty, <sup>for a</sup> even ~~one~~ hundred years - said he.

Adding that, indeed, an abundance of ~~our~~ children was also readily apparent. Several of the women - said he - having had more than twenty children.

For a marriage to prolong life though - it better be a ~~successful~~ happy one says Doctor Leaf. To prove his point, <sup>he cites</sup> ~~citing~~ the case of an Abkhazian gentleman age one hundred - who was recently married for the seventh time.

The <sup>recent</sup> bridegroom quoted as saying: "My first six wives were all wonderful women but this present wife is an angry woman." <sup>Bill,</sup> And, he added a bit sadly; "since marrying her I've aged at ~~yx~~ least ten years."

## HEIMAÆY ISLAND

*At Heimaey Island off the coast of Iceland - a bitter weekend storm; with winds up to seventy miles an hour was compounding the effects of the eruption of Helgafjell Volcano. The storm whipping tons and tons of volcanic ash - through the streets of nearby Vestmannaeyjar; filling every nook and cranny with a black powder which then turned into a thick black sludge.*

*Meanwhile, the government of Iceland has been debating what to do with an estimated five thousand refugees. Volcanologists are having a field day. Professor Arne Noe-Nygaard of Denmark proudly saying - "I have collected fresh lava from the volcano - and found it to be of a type earlier unknown" in this region. Others noting that the present eruption is now in its sixth day and may continue indefinitely.*