

JAKARTA

Fri, Dec. 5-75

At Jakarta - on the way home from China - President Ford today was attempting to cement U S relations with oil rich Indonesia; both in private - and at a banquet hosted by Indonesia's President Suharto.

In his toast to the President - Suharto expressing deep concern - in the aftermath of Vietnam - "regarding the possibility of disturbances threatening the security and stability" of Southeast Asia. But the President in his toast saying despite our defeat in Vietnam = the U S "is a Pacific nation - meaning Pacific Ocean - and has no intention of pulling out of Southeast Asia. He said: "No area of the world is more important to us - than Asia."

And now.....

STATE

Here at home - the State Department announced today that China is returning the ashes of two U S airmen - who were shot down during the Vietnam war. These identified as Commander James Buckley of Sioux City, Iowa - and Chief Parachute rigger - Kenneth Pugh of Lancaster, California. The Chinese also confirming the deaths of two other Americans - Robert Snoddy and ~~Norman~~ Norman Schwartz - who were shot down on a C I A mission in Nineteen Fifty-Two.

CAPITOL HILL

On Capitol Hill - the Senate ^{today} ~~today~~ killed
today, with ten votes to spare - an attempted filibuster
on the save New York bill. The bill's backers ^{are} now
saying it could be ~~out~~ on its way to the White
House - ^{at any moment,} ~~before the day is over.~~

CHURCH

The

~~An~~ offer from former President Nixon to

testify before the Senate Intelligence Committee ~~was~~

rejected today by Committee Chairman Frank Church.

The Senator saying Mr. Nixon's terms - were ~~simply~~

"unacceptable."

MOSCOW

Moscow talks aimed at finalizing a new Soviet American ~~the~~ grain deal were broken off today ^{as a} ~~the~~ result of a dispute over freight rates. In a preliminary session last summer - the Soviets supposedly agreeing that U S ships should carry at least one third of the grain sold. The Soviets now insisting, ~~however,~~ on paying only world charter rates - instead of higher U S rates. U S official Robert Blackwell saying this "is totally unacceptable - because it ^{would} ~~means very likely~~ no U S tankers ^{used,} ~~could be employed."~~

PERCY

~~Here's one~~ **Senator Percy of Illinois, - on the
Illinois Presidential Primary to be held in March.**

~~Percy~~ ^Saying the President must defeat Ronald Reagan
in Illinois or forget about winning the Republican
nomination. Percy saying: "If President Ford can't
win in Illinois he can't win in the nation."

DETROIT

Spurred by mounting auto sales - General

Motors and Ford are both stepping up production, ~~sales~~.

~~But~~ ^{While} from Chrysler ^{camp} an announcement ~~today~~ that

it plans to close five assembly plants - during ~~the~~

^{early} ~~first week of~~ January; ~~An industry spokesman saying:~~

~~"Chrysler is being super cautious~~ to make sure

it's inventory doesn't get out of hand this year" -

as it did last year.

LOS ANGELES

A plan to carry the ~~current~~^{socalled} "Jaws"
mania to its ultimate ~~stage~~^{is} reported ~~today~~ from
Los Angeles. Promoter Bill Sargent saying he plans
to stage a live "fight to the death" - between a
three thousand pound ~~gaw~~ great white shark and
an Australian skin diver. The latter - to get a
million ~~+~~ bucks if he wins - if not, ~~he'll get~~^{he'll get}
burial at sea?

TORONTO

~~Up North~~ In Toronto ^{where} - it's against the law

to ~~go~~ swimming in the nude ~~but~~ four ~~Toronton~~ nudists
caught on a beach last summer ~~4~~ have just been ~~shown~~

cleared of all charges. Their attorney noting they

were ^{not} swimming in the nude - which the ~~same~~ law

disallows. - ^{They were} merely sun-bathing ~~in the~~ ^{all together}

against which ^{for Torontonians I guess is okay,} ~~there is apparently no impediment, ~~ever~~~~

~~modesty.~~ And now for C-
Man.