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STATE

For the first time since the swearing in - Henry Kissinger checked in today at the State Department. The new Secretary of State - quickly signaling an attempt at improving administration relations with Congress. Less than an hour after his arrival - having lunch with Senator Fulbright of Arkansas. Along the way, the two men posing for photographers. Dr. Kissinger saying: "These meetings are going to be so frequent they won't be news any more."

WHITE HOUSE

At the White House the President conferred with House Republican leader, hoping to reverse a vote in the House Ways and Means Committee - where in the Soviet Union was denied - most favored trade status - the attempt to force the Kremlin to permit free immigration. The President saying we cannot force the Soviets to change their basic policies simply for trade concessions. Adding that such an attempt - could be "disastrous and catastrophic."

The Vice President was present as an observer.

~~For Spiro Agnew - the moment of truth. A~~

A Baltimore Grand Jury ^{ed} today launching a sweeping ~~Agnew~~ investigation; taking up point by point - the allegations - ^{been made concerning Vice Pres. Agnew and his} that have ~~all but engulfed the Vice President in recent~~ activities years ago, Vice ~~works~~ This in spite of the President's contention - that he is immune from prosecution.

Today's proceedings ^{were} held in strictest secrecy.

But, one of the ~~most~~ first witnesses - William Muth, a former Vice President of the Baltimore City Council,

~~who later served time for unlawfully obtaining city~~

~~frauds~~ ^{while} Muth refusing to discuss his testimony - ^{did} ~~not~~

to say: "This whole investigation - is a lot of B-S."

PENTAGON

Following the return of U S prisoners of war -
there were ~~only~~ two officers accused of prison camp
misconduct; Navy Captain Walter Wilbur - and Marine
Colonel Edison Miller. ~~The~~^{The} charges against both -
today ^{were} officially dropped. Navy Secretary John Warner -
ruling that ^{the} initial accusations - were "warranted by the
evidence." Also, ordering that both men be publicly
censored -- "for failing to meet the standards expected
~~of~~ of officers. Adding, however, that any attempt at
further punishment would have "disruptive effects on the
entire community of former P O W's and their families."
~~and~~ ^{anyway} ~~they're~~ both retiring^{ing} shortly.

MOSCOW

Back in July of Nineteen Seventy One - following
the death of three Soviet cosmonauts the Russian manned
space program came to a ~~stopping~~ halt. Now ~~comes the~~
~~news - it's off~~ ^{it's} ~~again~~ ^{underway} again. The Soviets sending aloft a pair
of rookie astronauts - on a two-day earth orbiting flight.

The flight of Soyuz-twelve -- says Tass - "one of the
stages ~~is the work on~~ ^{toward} further improving manned space-
craft. Also, an important step in preparing for that
joint U S and Soviet space mission - scheduled in Nineteen
Seventy five.

TOKYO

The chief oil economist of giant Chase Manhattan Bank - a visitor today in Tokyo, ~~where he was making~~ ^{made} ~~at~~ some dire predictions. Bank Vice President Robert Winger - ~~says~~ saying the U S is facing a major "oil crunch" in Nineteen Seventy-Six; one that could affect practically everybody - and everything; from ~~unemployment~~ unemployment - to the availability of womens panty hose.

Winger adding, ~~that this~~ ^{that this} ~~isn't~~ ~~it~~ needn't be. Suggesting as preventive measures; one -- a revision of environmental protection laws - so as not to block the development of energy resources; and two, special tax relief -- for firms converting to more efficient methods of using energy.

VIENNA follow Tokyo

Meanwhile, Vienna - a secret meeting of the world's major oil exporting nations; ending up with a resolution - calling for a re-negotiation of oil prices, starting in ten days. The oil nations claiming that "crude oil prices - are no longer in line with the current and expected future trends of world inflation."

NAIROBI

At Nairobi, Kenya -- a press conference today in conjunction with a meeting of the international monetary fund. U S Treasury Secretary George Shultz - saying the U S will refuse to tackle world monetary reform before ~~next~~ next summer. Why? Because under present trade conditions - said he - "we would just be chafing our tails."

Shultz statement - quickly endorsed by West German finance minister Helmut Schmidt. International monetary reform "could never be started - said he - "until the dollar ~~has~~ come^s around to a stable position."

The monetary meeting was also the scene of another step today - in the re-emergence of the peoples' republic of China. Officials reporting that Peking has inquired about obtaining membership - in both the I M F and the World Bank; ~~where~~ Jugoslavia and Romania ^{have been} ~~have been~~ up to now _λ the only Communist member.^s

DRUG

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From the new U S drug enforcement administration - an order today imposing strict new controls on the drug metha-qualone. Acting Administrator John Bartels noting that Metha-qualone -- is commonly prescribed for day-time sedation and night time sleep. Adding, however, that abuse of the drug among young people - who think it's a "love potion" has now reached "near epidemic proportions."

The result - said he - in the last eighteen months - a hundred and forty-five suicides -- more than nine hundred over-dose cases -- and countless damaging after-effects. Bartels observing that young people - "are just not aware how dangerous this drug is." Indeed, the new controls on metha-qualone - also called "sopors" or, "quaalude" -- the same as those already applied to cocaine, methadone, and other dangerous drugs.

SOUTHERN CAL

In a special graduate class at the University of Southern California - an hour-long lecture on "the application of mathematics to human behavior." The professor - a Dr. Myron Fox;" spicing his scholarly remarks with ~~some~~ anecdotes and ~~some~~ humor. Later answering questions - whereupon the students were asked to fill out questionnaires rating his performance.

Dr. Fox's report card -- coming out practically straight "A's" -- "excellent presentation" -- "extremely articulate" -- good analysis" - the students applauding. All except one - who observed that he seemed "too intellectual!"/ Now comes a disclosure that the Professor in question - was really a Hollywood character actor. He had been coached by two professional colleagues - but other than that hadn't had the faintest ~~any~~ idea of what he was ~~is~~ talking about. How did he ~~answer~~ answer questions? By using double talk - non-sequiturs -

and even ~~even~~ coining new words. All of which -
an experiment in new teaching ~~methods~~ methods. The
professors in charge finally concluding that "a personable
presentation - may result in satisfying students but not
educating them." Adding, however, that some "study
might be given - to using actors as lecturers," full time.

ROOPVILLE

In rural Roopville, Georgia - population two hundred and forty - they're getting ready to hold municipal elections next week. ~~But~~ Roopville City clerk - one Ralph Huff, disclosing today, however, the ballots will all be blank. A new Georgia law - requiring the advance filing of qualifying petitions; and so ~~far~~ ^{far} ~~no~~ - nobody has bothered. One reason says Ralph Huff - the fact that Roopville's mayor and ten councilmen "don't get paid." Another reason - they're all hard working people ~~we are told, they just~~ ^{who} don't have a lot of time - to spend on ~~the~~ preliminaries. Never fear though - it will all work out. Ralph Huff saying: "We'll just write in our votes - and then go to the winners and beg them to accept."

LIMA

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Coming soon to Lima, Peru - a new ^{so-called} "living museum of Boris Karloff;" the ~~brain~~ brain child of Lima's entrepreneur Juan Reyna, who plans to present thirty actors and actresses - in thrilling recreations of some of the most famous monster movies.

Poor Juan ~~has one problem though~~ ^{is} ~~he's~~ trying to get five women - to work as guides, ~~thus~~, placing an ad in a local paper - specifying that applicants must be "tall, robust and ugly." So far - twenty women responding. ^{Bill} But none - we are told - ^{are ugly.} ~~meeting the~~ ~~principal requirement that of being ugly.~~

Juan Reyna observing: "Perhaps there are no ugly women in Lima."

MENLO PARK

About six months ago - you may recall - *there was a* remarkable break through in predicting earthquakes. Or so it was claimed. Government scientists at Menlo Park, California -- going so far as to predict an ~~near~~ imminent quake along the San Andreas fault. A safe enough bet - it seemed; the fault line hit by four tremors - in the ~~spank~~ preceding fifteen months.

Since the government's great pronouncement though - not a single quake. A spokesman saying today "we blew it, - back to the drawing board."