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In Washington ~~again~~ the first unveiling of a proposed nationwide rail passenger system. This the brain child of The national Railroad Passenger Corporation - otherwise ~~known~~ known as Railpax ~~which was~~ ^{created} ~~established~~ by Congress last year. The new plan calling for a rail network - linking a hundred and fourteen cities - or eighty-five percent of the nation's major metropolitan areas. Railpax chairman David Kendall saying: "We believe ~~that~~ this new program will succeed - because it unifies for the first time all the operations of a national railroad passenger service."

1 But the new plan is already drawing - howls of anguish. In part, because it would drop about half of the trains now running - and virtually eliminate almost all local service. It also by-passes completely the city of Cleveland - which ^{has} ~~is~~ ^{always} ~~already~~ called itself, up to now, "the best location in the nation."

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - President Nixon issued today his annual report on juvenile delinquency. Stating that the problem of crime among young people - is particularly acute in non-white city ghettos; adding that the entire life patterns of such areas must be changed - if the problem is ever to be solved.

The President, therefore, pledging the development - of a new national strategy; including first and foremost, a massive crime prevention effort - to be coupled with community based treatment centers.

"The urgent need to reduce crime among urban non-white youth - is obvious" - said the President; and it will require - said he - "a total effort toward changing their demoralizing conditions - the unequal opportunity and discrimination they confront - and the overcrowding and decay of the urban ^{sections} ~~sections~~ in which most of them live."

In the fighting in Laos - scores of U.S. warplanes roared to the attack today. Blasting away at ~~the~~ North Vietnamese tanks & attempting to cut off the withdrawal of South Vietnamese forces. The ground to air battle - leaving at least nine tanks destroyed and a tenth damaged. Military sources adding that the U.S. mission at this point - is to make sure that vital Highway Nine remains open; "so ~~that~~ South Vietnamese troops - can get out."

PENTAGON

Here at home - the Pentagon was calling the Laos operation an unqualified success. Contending that the flow of Communist supplies along the Ho Chi Minh Trail - has been cut to barely twenty percent of last year's level; which means - we are told - the North Vietnamese ^{quote:-} "certainly will not be able to make - the logistical effort planned during this dry season." A spokesman adding that in spite of certain specific setbacks - South Vietnamese forces "have won the overall battle so far."

BELFAST

In Northern Ireland - the election of a new Premier is scheduled for tomorrow; as a result of which - British troops ~~there~~ were ~~placed~~ on full alert tonight. This in keeping with a pledge from British Prime Minister Edward Heath - to "maintain law and order and ~~wipe~~ ^{wipe} out ~~terrorism~~ terrorism.

~~At the same time~~ ^{most successful} Belfast's ~~largest~~ ^{largest} bookmaker ^{gives} ~~making~~ Brian Faulkner a five to one ~~chance~~ to win the Premiership. Brian Faulkner - a moderate. ^{His} ~~With~~ chief opponent, ~~of course~~ right winger William Craig.

In the Swiss Alps - at a ski run near St.

Moritz - an attempt today to clear away an overhanging

snow ~~bank~~^{carvice} with a group of five workmen - firing a

rocket into the midst of ~~a big drift~~^{overhang}.

Only trouble it worked too well. The rocket setting off an avalanche ~~m~~ that buried all five; and by the time help arrived - two were already dead. This - and another death in France - raising to eight the number killed in Alpine avalanches - in ~~just~~ the past three days.

TEFELMIN FOLLOW ST. MORITZ

While on the other side of the globe
~~Half a world away~~ a giant mud slide today

at the village of Tefelmin in New Guinea; killing at least
twenty - including an American couple and their two
children. The husband and father - Walter Steinkraus
of Sheboygan, Wisconsin - a linguistic expert who had
been studying the local tongue.

From the New York Stock Exchange - a profile of the average American investor; who is said to have attended college - earned ~~and~~^s about thirteen thousand a year - buys mostly big board stock - and now holds more than seventy percent of all stock and mutual shares.

We are also told that the total number of U.S. shareholders - as of January 1 - was a record thirty-one point nine million. *Which means a lot of people hold* ~~And that's~~ a lot of "shares in America."

VIENNA

From Vienna ^{comes} a report ~~today~~ that the world's biggest ferris wheel - will soon be celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary. This the Riesenrad - literally, "giant wheel" ~~which~~ soars two hundred and eighteen feet above the surrounding countryside. On a clear day ^{from the top} you can see all the way to Hungary and ^{into} Czechoslovakia.

You may recall, the Riesenrad figured prominently - in the Nineteen Forty-Eight spy ^{picture} ~~movie~~, "The Third Man"; which has since become - a film classic. Indeed, the visitors keep arriving from all over the globe - asking where ^{are} the spies? ~~are~~.

In line with this, Austria's foreign ministry reports ~~are~~ ^{right} there ^{are} now about fifty thousand foreign agents operating out of Vienna; ~~but~~ ^{at any rate} as far as anybody knows - not one ^{spy} ^{of them} has ever ridden the Riesenrad.

LONDON

The Times of London - Britain's most venerated newspaper - the subject of a growing controversy today; and all because of a Times first last week - it's first full page nude advertisement.

This an ad for a company that turns out diet foods, among other things. - ~~and it~~ ^{The ad} asks: "What's a nice girl like you doing in a firm like this?" And now Times readers - are asking essentially the same question.

One letter to the editor demanding, in effect: ~~"What's~~
~~the Times~~ "Is this the Times - or is this Playboy."

Another suggesting that only "topless people" ~~would~~ ^{will} continue to take the Times."

~~Reverse side~~ ^{But another} letter calling ~~ing~~ ^s the nude a "delightful picture." The writer ~~saying~~ ^{saying:-} "I hope this has the same effect on The Times circulation ~~as~~ ^{that} it had on mine."