

WASHINGTON

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Here at home, ~~again~~ New York's Governor Rockefeller joins the Nixon team. Agreeing today to visit a number of Latin American countries - beginning in April. His role - that of personal emissary from the President. With his job, said the White House that of strengthening hemispheric unity.

LIMA FOLLOW WASHINGTON

Meanwhile the Government of Peru signs a new trade agreement - with the Soviet Union. This announcement today - from Lima; which said the new pact marks an end to Peru's traditional economic reliance on the U.S. And so - a new low in U.S. and Peruvian relations.

WHITE HOUSE

Soviet Ambassador Antoli Dobrynin - a caller today at the White House. Conferring with President Nixon for about an hour. The White House later reporting - "it was a very constructive meeting." Topics discussed - not disclosed. Although the subject of Berlin - would seem a good guess; especially since the President plans to visit there - in just ten days.

EAST BERLIN FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Meanwhile Russia's chairman Brezhnev -
already a visitor in East Berlin. Arriving today for
secret talks - with East German Communist leader
Walter Ulbricht. ~~Amid~~ ^{This} Amid growing fears -
of a new Berlin crisis.

According to later announcement from the
Soviet news Agency Tass - the two ~~men~~ discussing
West German attempts - "to ~~create~~ create a focus of
dangerous tension in Europe."

This a reference to that planned meeting
of the West German assembly in Berlin next month -
to elect a new President. But what happens next -
we'll just have to wait and see.

VIETNAM

For maybe a third of the human race - a joyous occasion. With more than a billion people, the ushering in of the Lunar New Year. The Year of the Rooster, symbolic of vitality and virility. An excuse to forget hunger, pain and poverty - if only briefly - in favor of raucous celebration.

Then - back to reality tonight. Including the tragedy of war - and widespread human suffering. Especially in Vietnam - where the brief TET truce ended with a bang. Big U.S. B-52s - pounding enemy targets practically on the outskirts of Saigon with shock waves from the aerial blitz right across the city. Much to the point - hopefully stalling once more any threatened TET attack.

RAWALPINDI - KARACHI

In strife-torn Pakistan President Ayub Khan

today agreed at Rawalpindi - to meet with his left

wing opponents; agreeing to try to find a solution -

to the crisis currently wracking his country; only

to learn of a new outbreak of rioting in Karachi - just

a few hours later.

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SOMALI PENINSULA

The awesome rebirth of an age-old terror -- is reported today ~~in~~ from Northern Africa. With billions upon billions of ~~the~~ locusts sweeping across the land - devouring everything in their path - leaving famine and death in their wake.

Spanish Sahara on the east coast - first to feel the effects of the plague; which now extends westward to Egypt - and south to Ethiopia. With new swarms said to be forming daily - on the Somali Peninsula on the Gulf of Aden, ~~The pestilence~~ threatening to engulf one fifth of the earth's entire land area ~~if~~ unless science can somehow check the advance.

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are of course edible. But a poor substitute for
green crops" said he. - ~~and who's to argue?~~

SAN CLEMENTE

At San Clemente Island off the coast of

California, death strikes at a hundred fathoms. The

victim U.S. aquanaut Berry Cannon. Attempting to

help repair a leak in the Navy's Sea Lab Three --

at a depth of six hundred feet - he was suddenly

stricken. Apparently a heart attack. His aquanaut

buddy diver quickly rushing him to the surface - but

by then it was too late.

Berry Cannon first to perish in the Navy's

Man-In-The-Sea project. A civilian electronics

engineer from Panama City, Florida -- now listed

officially as "lost in the Pacific." Age thirty-three.

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MEXICO CITY

For years now - Mexico City has been sinking slowly in the West - west of New York anyway. Geologists blaming the sinkage - on the fact the city was built on a former lake bed. It's soft, spongy surface - too weak to support a modern city - it was said. Indeed, the relentless decline - undermining countless famous buildings.

Ah, but now - all that's changed. Geologists at Mexico University - ~~reporting today~~ a sudden reverse trend; marked by a slow but steady increase in the density of the city's subsoil. ~~To the point we are told~~ ~~where~~ ^{actually} The city ~~is~~ once again rising; with the total "up lift" - expected to run about ten feet.

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NOTRE DAME

In the midst of student strikes and demonstrations here, there and ~~and~~ everywhere, Notre Dame decides to get tough. Father Theodore Hesburgh spelling out the new policy in an open letter today to students and faculty alike. Warning that anyone who attempts to disrupt normal operations of the University "will be given fifteen minutes to cease and desist." After which the offender - if he persists - will face immediate suspension, expulsion, and / or arrest.

The Notre Dame President adding that there can be no excuse - for "anyone or any group that substitutes force for rational persuasion."