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WASHINGTON

From President Ford - on the eve of the New Hampshire primary - a pledge today to seek a five-year extension - of existing Federal revenue sharing programs. This is a speech before the mid-winter meeting - of the national Governor's Conference; where the President further pledged an attack on Bueareaucratic red tape; saying the government must simplify "complex, frustrating and inefficient regulations - that invite abuses and rip-offs."

The President also taking what appeared to be a slap at Ronald Reagan. Saying; "in the heat of an election year - it is all too easy to offer unrealistic suggestions; but a President, or a governer in office, has to provide accountable and realistic leadership - with honest answers to all constituents."

NEW HAMPSHIRE FOLLOW WASHINGTON

~~on the Democratic side~~ • In New Hampshire itself -

it was down to the wire today ^{with} _^ four of the five Democratic candidates - Jimmy Carter, Morris Udall, Birch Bayh and Fred

Harris - again stumping the state for most of the day; then

flying to Boston to appear with Sargent Shriver ^{and others} _^ on a TV show -

to be carried nationwide by educational ^{TV} _^ television.

PEKING

For ^{my Pres.} Richard Nixon, - in Peking, - ^{was} a visit today with Chairman
Mao. The two engaging in ^{what is described as} "friendly conversation" - for an hour
and forty minutes. A spokesman saying ~~at the close~~ "Mao asked
Mr. Nixon to convey his regards to President Ford, ["]upon ~~returning~~
home."

and now this -

BOGOTA

At Bogota - Secretary of State Kissinger today completed his talks - with Colombia's President Lopez. The latter apparently ~~missed~~ ^{misses} somewhat - at the fact the U.S. has given preference to Brazil in hemispheric relations. Telling newsmen: "Colombia doesn't have to go on its ~~own~~ knees before the U.S. or any other country."

Officials ^{are} insisting though - the Kissinger-Lopez talks were "cordial." Dr. Kissinger then flying to Costa Rica ^{his} final stop, ~~on his nine-day, six-nation Latin American tour.~~

SPACE

In ^{The} magazine Aviation Week - a story today telling of a
mock attack by the Russians - on one of their own orbiting
unmanned spacecraft. ~~The Soviet intercept said to have~~
~~taken place~~ last week - high in space, ^{over} just south of Havana.
Cuba; ^{and} ^{one} apparently ~~the latest~~ in a series of tests - "aimed"
we are told, "at providing a ^{method for} ~~means~~ of neutralizing U.S.
military spacecraft in orbit."

MOSCOW FOLLOW SPACE

Meanwhile, in Moscow - on the eve of the ^{worldwide} twenty-fifth
Communist Party Congress - a report today on the state of
Soviet preparedness. The Kremlin calling Russia - a "peace-loving"
nation; ~~adding, however, that, quote, "aggressive imperialist~~
~~forces," end quote, are actively threatening detente' by "continuing~~
~~the arms race and enlarging their military budgets.~~ ~~The Kremlin,~~
^{But} ~~therefore,~~ pledging to keep its armed forces "at full military
alert' - 'ready to deal a resolute rebuff to any aggression.'

HOUSTON

Rescue workers in Houston today recovered the body of a seventh victim - of a Sunday grain elevator explosion; ~~but~~ ^{with} two more ~~and~~ still missing.

By the way, the ~~damage in that~~ ^{done by the} explosion ~~is~~ ^{to} now set at forty-five million; more than half of ~~that~~ ^{it} in corn, wheat and sorghum - ~~most of which was~~ bound for over seas shipment.

SAN FRANCISCO

In the Patricia Hearst trial in San Francisco - a ruling today that the defendant must answer questions - dealing with a so-called "missing year" in her life underground. Judge Carter saying: "Where a defendant voluntarily takes the stand and offers evidence - the defendant cannot raise the fifth Amendment claim on relative cross-examination."

Miss Hearst, on advice of attorney ~~F. Lee Bailey~~ - refusing, however, to accede to the judge's ruling - ^{on the} when asked where she had been and what she had done - ~~the defendant saying:~~ "I refuse to answer on grounds ^{that} it might tend to incriminate me - and cause extreme danger to myself and my family." ^{the} Judge ~~later then~~ warning ^{her} Miss Hearst - she may be held in contempt. To no avail - ^{she was} and the witness ^{finally} excused - after seven days of harrowing testimony.

and now this

LONDON

Last week, you may recall, a pile of bricks called a "low sculpture" - was placed on display at London's Tate Gallery. The museum has since been flooded with do-it-yourself "art" - from would-be do-it-yourself "artists." Tate Director Sir Norman Reid saying the "works" offered for exhibit so far - have included a broken vacuum cleaner, a piece of string, a bent paper clip, a broken steering wheel - and a photograph of a filing cabinet with a row of coffee cups on top. Sir

Norman ^{calling it} ~~going on to say~~ "It has been a week of bad jokes."

And now for CBS —