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In Saigon, Paris, Washington, around the globe - the peace rumors are building again tonight. Sparked, in part, by the lull in the fighting - also, news today of a sharp drop in traffic on the Viet Cong's Ho Chi Minh ^(Supply) Trail.

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According to Marine General ~~Or~~ Ormond Simpson - this ^{is} taken to mean: Either one - that "the enemy is hurt - and therefore regrouping for new attacks;" or two - that "this is the ~~hopeful~~ sign - that everyone has been looking for."

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At the same time - in Paris - an announcement that Hanoi's Xuan Thuy is returning to the French capital as of tomorrow. After lengthy consultations at home ^{he} once again ^{will} take charge of the Communist peace delegation. ^{All this} Spurring hopes that maybe - just maybe - a break is finally at hand.

KEY BISCA YNE

For President Nixon and the rest of the First Family - all but Tricia - an old-fashioned Fourth of July today at Key Biscayne, Florida. With the hit of the day - according to one and all -- a typical holiday parade; complete with marching band - high stepping majorettes - veterans' units - also, colorful home-made floats.

Time and again - the President striding into the ~~the~~ street - temporarily ~~the~~ halting the line of march. Shaking hands with old friends - congratulating little children on the ingenuity of their costumes. When the last unit had passed in review - flags waving - ^{said} the President ~~observing~~: "This is proof - we haven't lost faith in this country."

LONDON FOLLOW KEY BISCAVNE

Nixon

Meanwhile, Tricia^A was attending a Fourth

of July celebration of her own at the U S Embassy

in London. Later - boarding a jet for home. Expecting

to arrive in Key Biscayne - in ~~plenty of~~ time to help

her sister Julie celebrate her twenty-first birthday.

MOSCOW

From Moscow comes a report ~~today~~ -
telling of an apparent Soviet attempt to steal a
march on the U S Apollo Eleven. According to Soviet
sources - the Russians ~~attempting~~ ^{had planned} to send up a couple
of unmanned Moon ships of their own. Hoping to
obtain the first actual samples of ~~the~~ Moon ~~soil~~
-- we are told: ~~except~~ ^{Ah, but} ^{Soviet} the two spacecraft - reportedly
~~blew~~ ^{blew} ^{or} up on the launch pad.

ISLAMABAD

~~Southeast Asia again it's official;~~

peace at last - between India and Pakistan. The formal reconciliation - at Islamabad, West Pakistan; where officials of both nations signed today - a settlement worked out by an international arbitration commission. One that ends, hopefully, once and for all - their long dispute over who shall control the Rann of Cutch.

You may recall - the feud resulted in a brief but bitter border war - back in Nineteen Sixty-Five.

In the settlement

~~Five. Now~~ India getting ~~the~~ ninety percent of the disputed

territory; Pakistan - the other ten percent, and ~~lost~~

~~there be any mistake the settlement including joint~~

~~approval of some fifteen hundred maps and documents that~~

~~specifically spelled out almost spelling out practically inch by inch who gets what part~~

of the Rann of Cutch.

BUCHAREST

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For the first time in memory - maybe the first time ever - an American diplomat was ~~was~~ allowed to appear, live, today on Communist television. The trail blazer - Harry Barnes Jr. U S charge d'affaires in Bucharest. Telling the people of Roumania - in Roumanian - that President Nixon's visit ~~there~~ next month - will demonstrate the "good will and friendly relations that exist between us." Adding a ~~the~~ hope - that "all the aspects of our relations - political, economic and cultural - can be further developed" in the years directly ahead.

COLUMBIA, Md.

Another ~~great~~ step in the ecumenical movement - is reported ~~today~~ from Columbia, Maryland; where work has ~~just~~ begun on a religious center-housing under one roof the congregations of seven different faiths, Catholic, Jewish, Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Baptist, and Unitarian.

The city of Columbia chosen for this experiment - mainly because it's a brand new pre-planned community. No old churches, ^{no ethnic groupings,} ~~no ethnic groupings,~~ no shibboleth to buck. The people directly concerned hoping to prove that various religions can work together -- sharing the same facilities - praying to the same God - each in its own way.

And the money they are saving on land bricks, mortar, ^{9 lbs} ~~2~~ already pledged to the service of humanity. "After all" - said a Columbia ^{spokesman} - "isn't that what religion is all about?"

CHARLES

Britain's
Back in London - [^] Prince Charles ~~is~~ still ~~seems~~
to be ^{as} the man-of-the-hour tonight ^{he} appearing ^{as the} central
figure - in a new TV documentary entitled, "a Prince
for Wales."

At one ~~point~~ point young Charles tells of a
recurring day-dream about ship ~~christenings~~ christenings -
one that drives him into "~~hysterics~~" "hysterics". "In my
imagination" said he - "I see someone spending a long
time hurling ~~champ~~ champagne bottles at the bow and
then the dais with all the people on it - slides slowly
down into the sea; and all that's left are two flowered
hats and a bowler - bobbing on the water."

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A British Bowler bobbing ~~under~~ on the
water - blue, blue, blue!

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Warren with the British Chapie under
the bowler going

FRANKLIN

Here's one - something of a surprise.

An historical reminiscence today disclosing that Benjamin Franklin, besides all his other attributes was also an expert swimmer. Even at ~~at~~ age seventy plus - swimming up to three miles a day. Which accounts for the fact that he was recently inducted into the new Swimming Hall of Fame at Fort Lauderdale, Florida - along with fourteen past Olympic ~~champs~~ champs.

We are further reminded by the National Geographic that many, if not, most U S Presidents have been excellent swimmers. From George Washington and John Adams - right up to the ~~present~~ present occupant of the White House. Indeed, many a chief executive of the past taking advantage of the nearby Potomac ^{to} ~~river~~ ^{some} ~~engaging~~ in what ^{used} ~~used~~ to call - "skinny-dipping!"
~~in my days~~

On one such occasion a group of foreign diplomats ^{with} ~~joining~~ Teddy Roosevelt ^{swimming a la} ~~in a nude~~

~~Natural~~ *Nature*.

~~The~~ The bathers including a French Ambassador -

who took off everything but his white gloves. Reason -

["Oh, Madames & Messieurs]

said he: ~~well~~ you never can tell - we might meet

~~some~~ *the* ladies."