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*The Western White House - an attempt today to speed the advance of U.S. economic expansion. President Nixon ordering a change in the tax depreciation allowance - to permit a faster tax write-off on new business investments. A move expected to save the U.S. business community - an estimated Two-point-Six Billion in taxes in Nineteen-Seventy-One alone. The President saying this will help ~~to~~ create jobs for the unemployed - promote economic growth - and increase the competitiveness of U.S. goods abroad.*

MOSCOW

More diplomatic maneuvering in Moscow. The U.S. filing a "strong protest" with the Kremlin today ~~as you~~ ~~may have heard by now,~~ demanding that Soviet authorities provide "adequate protection" at once - for Americans currently living or visiting in Russia. The protest accompanied by a list of incidents to date - citing an apparent "principle of reciprocity" in the Russian harassments.

As for the Kremlin's response - it was said to be "low key." However, a U.S. <sup>Embassy</sup> spokesman ~~said~~ <sup>said Moscow's</sup> ~~adding it was~~ <sup>point was</sup> ~~essentially this~~ - "that none of these things would have happened to Americans residents - if the American authorities were able to provide normal ~~working~~ conditions for Soviet officials in the States."

## **STATE**

*Here at home, the U.S. State Department was attempting to determine - what steps, if any, might be taken against the militant Jewish Defense League. This following the group's weekend threat - to make life "miserable" for Russians here in the U.S.A.*

## VIETNAM

On the other side of the globe - Defense Secretary  
Melvin Laird today completed a three-day mission to  
Vietnam; a mission he categorized - as "most heartening."  
Adding again that the Nixon Administration - would "meet  
or beat" its present May One withdrawal schedule.

Sec. Laird also disclosed that Admiral Moorer - chairman  
of the Joint Chiefs ~~of Staff~~ - would be flying to Cambodia  
tomorrow for a look at the war there. This amid reports  
that a South Vietnamese task force - was preparing to join  
up with Cambodian troops. Object: To break the current  
enemy stranglehold - on Phnom Penh.

Mideast peace envoy Gunnar Jarring was back at the U.N. today - where he briefed Secretary General U Thant on the results of his trip to Jerusalem. Jarring later meeting with Egyptian and Jordanian ambassadors - bearing with him Israeli peace proposals said to be "the most detailed yet."

Meanwhile, a fourth straight day of fighting - between Palestinian guerillas and loyal Jordanian Army troops. Compelling the chief of an Arab truce team - to fly to London; there to see Jordan's King Hussein - in an attempt to end the violence. Hussein - as you know - currently undergoing a medical check-up - because of an irregular heartbeat.

## **SUPREME COURT**

*For Cassius Clay - also known as Muhammad Ali - another fighting chance today. The U.S. Supreme Court - agreeing to hear an appeal from his draft conviction of three years ago.*

*At the same time though - a T.K.O. for Jimmy Hoffa; who was turned down in his appeal - from a conviction for misusing Teamsters Union pension funds. In effect, the High Court ~~is~~ tacking another five years - on the term of eight years which Hoffa is already serving on another charge.*

## **DRUNK**

*Washington again - an attempt today to reduce the number of <sup>2</sup> traffic deaths - an estimated twenty-five thousand a year - caused by drunken drivers. This by means of a nationwide educational campaign - to be developed jointly by the Transportation Department and the Health, Education and Welfare Department. Transportation Secretary John Volpe observing: "It is as illogical and inhumane to give a driving permit to a known alcoholic with repeated convictions for drunk<sup>SM</sup> driving - as it is to furnish knives to homicidal maniacs."*

Canada's Prime Minister Trudeau - ~~who is~~  
~~currently touring~~ <sup>visiting</sup> India - the target of a youth protest in  
<sup>holy Hindu</sup> the city of <sup>on the Ganges,</sup> Benares; where a group of students - attempted  
to bar his path; saying they were angered at a newspaper  
report - charging that the Canadian government was  
discriminating against Indians - forcing them to leave  
Canada.

Far from being upset though - Trudeau agreed to  
meet with a delegation of ~~the~~ students; who finally admitted  
they were unable tell him - where or when any of them had  
seen the alleged article in question; whereupon - they  
apologized.

One of the students - just before he left - explaining:  
"We have a saying in India - that the mother only knows  
when her child is hungry, when it cries." Trudeau replying:  
"We have a saying in our country, too - that the wheel that  
squeaks the loudest - needs oil the most." And he added:  
"There are injustices in every country - ~~but~~ <sup>but</sup> they can only  
be solved by people getting together and talking."



HAVANA

One of the problems plaguing Castro Cuba - one of many, ~~I might add~~ - a serious manpower shortage; which has been aggravated - by those that Castro himself commonly calls "parasites." End result - Radio Havana announcing today a new law; providing penalties up to two years in a labor camp - for any able-bodied male found guilty of chronic absenteeism or vagrancy.

*Here in New York - the National Institute of Student Opinion - announces the results of a survey among some fifty-seven thousand U.S. high school youngsters. Findings well, perhaps surprising.*

*For example, seventy-six per cent of those polled - saying they thought that anyone found burning a U.S. flag should be arrested. Seventy-five per cent - saying they preferred the present letter system of grading - A, B, C/and so on. Fifty-nine per cent - saying they considered air and water pollution the nation's most pressing problem. (Fifty-five per cent - saying they would like to see an end to the current movie rating system; which bars them, in some cases - from seeing the films they would most like to see. And so it goes in high schools - right around the country.)*

## CHICAGO

*Chicago's new Civic Center - which is housed in a thirty-story glass-and-steel building - the pride of the "Windy City"; except for one pesky problem - we hear today. Its bronze-tinted, nine-foot square windows - keep breaking, one after the other, a grand total of three hundred over the past five years - at a repair cost of nearly Four Hundred Thousand Bucks.*

*The breakage apparently caused by a rust build-up - in the glazing channels of the windows; the result of ineffective sealing. So the trouble - can be and is being eliminated. Says building manager Elmer Halberg:*

*~~Elmer Halberg~~ no one has been hurt so far - only my pride."*

*Chicago's window pane problem - John Shafer, mainly an expensive \$400,000 pain in the neck.*

*At Cambridge, Mass. - Dean Derek Bok of the Harvard Law School - today was named the twenty-fifth president of Harvard University; thereby becoming the first "outsider" to head the nation's oldest university - since the Seventeenth Century.*

*Dean Bok - originally a Stanford man; now to succeed - retiring Harvard President Nathan Pusey; who said that the forty-year-old Bok "has shown himself admirably equipped - to cope with the intensified demands posed for administrative officers in these difficult times." Pusey adding that Bok's qualifications - include the fact that <sup>he</sup> "is sympathetic to student needs, intelligent, energetic, imaginative, good humored, conscientious, resilient, and, - not the least - willing" to take the job.*