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Minneapolis

LAHORE

Starting today at Lahore, Pakistan - an all-Islamic summit meeting said to mark "the rebirth of Moslem unity." Those taking part including thirty top Arab and Moslem leaders - from the Middle East, Africa and Asia; joining together at last - in an effort to solve their common problems; number one of which - is, of course, Israel.

Indeed, the conference starting out with joint services - in the famed Badhsahi Mosque, largest in all the world; where the biggest reception from onlookers - going to Yasser Arafat, the head of the Paliestine Liberation movement. He was applauded mightily - in a mosque, a rare tribute. The Moslem leaders then praying for guidance from Allah - in freeing Jerusalem and, quote, "securing the national rights of the people of Palestine." The parley to continue - for three days.

HILLSBOROUGH

The father of kidnaped Patty Hearst--was at the end of his rope today. Newspaper publisher Randolph Hearst--saying he was unable to meet the kidnapers' latest ransom demand. Adding that "now--the matter is out of my hands." Whereupon ^{great} the Hearst Corporation--stepping in; offering to put up--an additional Four Million, as requested.

A spokesman stressing, however--the Hearst Corporation is publicly owned and not a family property. "No other funds will be committed"--said he--"under any circumstances."

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ATLANTA FOLLOW HILLSBOROUGH

In that other kidnaping--the Atlanta Constitution today agreed to pay a ransom of Seven Hundred Thousand--for the safe return of its editor, Reg Murphy. The kidnapers then pledging to set him free--sometime tonight.

CANARY ISLANDS

The latest reading on balloonist Thomas Gatch-- comes from the Canary Islands; where his radio signal-- was picked up at least three times today. Gatch apparently heading for a landfall--somewhere in Morocco. He may be there--even now. If so, the first man ever to cross the Atlantic--in a free-flying balloon. And what a story he'll have to tell!



HOUSTON

At Houston - the three Skylab-Three astronauts were telling today of their close call - on re-entry into the earth's atmosphere; how they suddenly lost - their automatic guidance control. Mission Commander Jerry Carr saying: "Our hearts fell and our eyeballs popped - but we immediately moved to the next line ~~line~~ of defense; ["]meaning - a manual override.

Jerry and his two colleagues - Ed Gibson and Bill Pogue - also saying they all returned from space - in excellent physical condition. Space officials adding they are now convinced that at least one out of every ten Americans - could easily fly in space. Let's go. I'm ready.

DETROIT

The latest in milady's hair styling--is reported today from Detroit. It's called--the "energy cut." Very short. When combined with a permanent--said to require "almost no care;" thereby cutting down on the use of electricity--~~and~~ and gasoline, getting to and from the beauty shop.

HOUSE

Impeachment proceedings before the House Judiciary Committee--today were declared off limits to radio and TV coverage. This at the request of the committee's ranking Republican--Congressman Hutchinson of Michigan; who objected to any additional coverage of the Watergate affair--on the grounds that his constituents are simply "tired of it."

ELECTION

Britain's current election campaigning - was thrown into a state of turmoil today; the result of mixup, just discovered - in calculating the wages due striking coal miners. Government officials conceding now - the miners may have a valid claim to a special increase.

Labor leader Harold Wilson - quick to take advantage.

"The mixup shows grave incompetence on the part of the government" - said he. Adding: "The nation is bewildered and confused." While Liberal leader Jeremy Thorpe - saying it's now clear "the election was unnecessary; and that all parties concerned - have been made to look rather foolish."

WHITE HOUSE

First Lady Pat Nixon will be traveling to South America - in a couple of weeks; there to attend Presidential inauguration ceremonies - in Venezuela and Brazil.

The announcement coming today - from White House. Press Secretary Ron Ziegler. - A reflection - we are told - of the President and Mrs. Nixon's "personal interest - in promoting close and cooperative relations with the nations of South America and the Caribbean."

PEKING

Women's Lib comes to Red China. Actually, it's been there a long time - but now it's official. The proof in an item today - from the New China News Agency.

The writers - two women serving as alternate members to Red China's Communist Central Committee.

Saying the "women of New China - are masters of socialist revolution and construction." Adding that "whatever men comrades can accomplish - women comrades can, too."

ENERGY

On the energy front, gas station operators in many states - were threatening today a "pumpout" strike; threatening to sell all the fuel they still have left - and then close down for the rest of the month. This in protest against lagging allocations - and government pricing policies.

Now an attempt to head off the "pumpout" - before the nation runs dry. Energy czar William Simon telling station operators - he will "take action within a matter of days" to ease their problems; and hopefully - yours and mine, too. Just what "action" though - well, we'll have to wait and see.

LONDON

In Western Europe - the price ^{of} gold was again smashing through what once was thought an "unbreakable barrier." On the big London market - topping the Hundred-and-Sixty-Dollar mark for the first time ever; actually ending up - at One-Sixty-Three an ounce.

LAPLAND

From way up North in Lapland - where the nights are six months long - a report today on the high cost of progress. The Lapp reindeer herdsman - relying more and more on cars, trucks and especially skimobiles. These crashing into more and more reindeer - as they speed along in the dark; to the point where something - just had to be done.

So first, they coated the antlers of the reindeer - with phosphorescent paint. A good try - except that the reindeer shed their antlers every year. More recently, the introduction of small reflectors - which are stapled to the reindeer's ears. They work great. And way up North in Lapland - it's now "Rudolph the Red-Eared Reindeer."

MINNEAPOLIS

The man who picks out the so-called "honey shots" for N.C.A.A. football telecasts - a chap by the name of Andy Sidaris; down through the years - becoming something of a beauty expert; and now the source of an appraisal of feminine pulchritude - right across the nation.

Andy Sidaris saying the best of the "pretties" - are in the South. The worst - in the Big Ten. The latter - said he - "have got to lose some weight - take some gymnastics - do their hair and put on a little make-up - and quit going to ball games looking like infantrymen." An interesting comment - but it's obvious he missed the University of Minnesota - Minneapolis-- and all the long-stemmed Nordic beauties here.