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From President Ford - a claim today that his victory in New Hampshire, as close as it was - will prove "a great spring board" to future success. The President telling aides: "If we win a couple more primaries and I think we will - we'll be ready for the finals" in November "and I think we'll win there, too."

Ronald Reagan insisting nevertheless - he "couldn't be more pleased" with the New Hampshire outcome. "We far exceeded our expectations" - said he, ~~he. Adding, however, as he resumed campaigning in Illinois - winning there "would be very difficult."~~

On the Democratic side, ~~the big winner,~~ ~~as you know,~~ former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter who said today because of "the ~~lucrose~~ broad base of support" he received - he no longer fears any other candidate.

However -

~~Second place finisher~~ - Morris Udall who

came in second insists ~~asserting however~~, the first real test will come

next week in Massachusetts ~~where~~ where "all they

~~candidates~~ ^{all} are ^{As he put it:} in the race." "For the first time -

~~said he~~ "we'll be playing with a full deck."

And now -

PEKING

Richard Nixon in Peking today became the first private individual - ever allowed the use of China's Great Hall of the People; ^{where he put on} ~~throwing~~ a banquet ~~there~~ for his Chinese hosts; ^{he said} ~~saying~~ and in a toast the U S and China must work together - in "building a new world - in ~~building a bridge of understanding~~ ^{building a bridge of understanding} from the Golden Gate of ~~of the Golden Gate of~~ California to the Golden Gate ~~of~~ of Heavenly Peace in Peking."

The Chinese reply - from acting Premier Hua Kuo-Feng; who toasted the health of President Ford - and called for "further improvement of Sino-U S relations." Hua also praising Mr. ~~the~~ Nixon for reopening the door to contact between the Chinese and American peoples." Adding that his second visit to China - ^{is} ~~was~~ of "positive significance."

KISSINGER

Here at home - Secretary of State Kissinger

*~~was~~ discussing the Nixon visit; ^{was} ~~saying~~ saying the former
president will be questioned by administration officials
- on the results of his talks with Chinese leaders.*

*Kissinger adding the U S would have ~~preferred~~ preferred
to communicate with the Chinese - in a more normal
manner; "but we welcome" - said he - "any statement
the Chinese make," whatever the "forum."*

WHITE HOUSE

- subject to Senate approval -

Our new man at the U N - former
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Pennsylvania Governor William Scranton; by ~~app~~

appointment today from President Ford in a special

ceremony at the White House with ex-U N Ambassador

Daniel Moynihan and Secretary of State Kissinger -

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- both standing by.

The President calling Scranton - "a personal friend and a friend in many many other ways." Adding that the new Ambassador will be carrying out the policy begun by ~~him~~ Kissinger and ~~was~~ carried ~~forward~~ forward by Moynihan; that, of standing up for the U S - against unfair attacks from the third world bloc at the U N.

TOKYO

From Prime Minister ^{Miki} ~~Shimura~~ of Japan -

in a letter to President Ford made public today -

an appeal for all the facts relating to alleged Lockheed

payoffs in Japan. ^{Miki} ~~Miki~~ saying "if the whole issue

is kept unsolved, with the names of officials involved

remaining in ~~some~~ doubt - democracy in Japan may

~~suffer~~ suffer a fatal blow."

BEIRUT

Two U S diplomats ~~are~~ kidnapped by
Palestinian guerrillas four months ago in Beirut -
were ~~finally~~ set free today, ~~in the same city~~. Charles
Gallagher of Roanoke, Virginia, and William Dykes
of San Jose, California both in good health. ~~and~~
~~heading home.~~

SAN FRANCISCO

The prosecution in the Hearst case in
~~San Francisco~~ ^{today} ~~was~~ attempting ^{ed} ~~to~~ ~~now~~ repudiate ~~today~~
- the testimony of ~~brainwashing~~ brain washing expert
Louis West; ~~along the way~~ ^{by} bringing out the fact
that Miss Hearst had smoked ~~marijuana~~ marijuana and
taken both L S D and mescaline - prior to her kidnapping.
But ^{stuck}
Dr. West, ~~nevertheless,~~ ~~sticking~~ to his original
~~conclusion~~ conclusion that the defendant was, indeed,
brain washed by her captors.

And now -

SAN JUAN

From San Juan, a clash between two legislators - supporting rival candidates for the Democratic nomination for President not of Puerto Rico - of the U.S.A. The first - an anti-Carter man who at a party caucus referred to Carter supporters as "Carteristas". Whereupon he was about to be attacked and would have been slugged by a Carter backer if other legislators ~~hadn't~~ hadn't intervened. Why the fracas? Oh the word "Carterista" in Spanish means "purse snatcher!"

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