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WHITE HOUSE

As expected, President Ford today vetoed that new strip mining bill - as he did its predecessor a few months back. The President claiming such a bill would cost about thirty-six thousand jobs, force an increase in electric rates, - and make the nation even more dependent on foreign oil; adding: "We can develop our energy sources while protecting our environment - but this bill doesn't do it."

The House will now try to override the veto - tomorrow.

CHARLOTTE

*The President later making a quick flight to Charleston, North Carolina. There he took part in a special bicentennial celebration, praising the courage and patriotism - of America's "founding fathers;" and calling for a renewal of "American pride" - in the wake of what he termed "divisions that have scarred our national life." Also, mixing in some praise - for the new South.*

NEW YORK FOLLOW CHARLOTTE

*Oh yes, and*  
~~And the interest~~ President Ford saying he still  
wants Nelson Rockefeller--as his running mate in  
'Seventy-Six. This in response to a call that he throw  
open the Vice Presidential nomination--at next year's  
GOP convention. ~~The President's remarks in an~~  
~~interview appearing tonight in the New York Daily News.~~

*And now*

PENTAGON

From the Pentagon--~~a new set of figures today~~  
~~on the number of casualties~~ <sup>ON</sup> ~~in the Mayaguez,~~  
~~affair.~~ The new count listing fifteen dead--three  
missing--~~and~~ fifty wounded, ~~Of the latter~~--two in  
serious condition.

VIENNA

At Vienna - another <sup>four</sup>~~two~~ hours of talks today -  
between Secretary of State Kissinger and Soviet Foreign  
Minister Gromyko. The two said to have agreed to try for a  
"cooperative atmosphere" - at <sup>the</sup> upcoming Geneva Middle  
East peace talks. A senior U.S. official adding: "We then  
will try later to see if we can work out a cooperative  
approach" <sup>for</sup>~~on~~ the whole Arab-Israeli impasse.

NEWARK

The captain of a schooner that sank off the coast  
of New Jersey last January <sup>was</sup> ~~λ~~ indicted for manslaughter  
today by a Newark grand jury. Captain Cyril LaBrecque  
allegedly keeping his eighty-pound dog ~~on~~ <sup>on</sup> a crowded life  
raft - while refusing to let two of his crewmen climb aboard.  
The men died - the dog survived. LaBrecque reportedly  
telling authorities - he couldn't ~~to~~ <sup>bare</sup> to throw his dog  
overboard.

CAPE CANAVERAL

At Cape Canaveral - an attempt today to place in orbit - the final link in a worldwide military communications network. Initial reports - saying everything "went beautifully;" and then an apparent malfunction - in the space probe's third stage rocket engine; ~~What went wrong xxxxxx~~  
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~~xxxxxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx~~ followed by wild tumbling - <sup>with</sup> ~~no~~ no way to stop it. This ~~marking~~ the first failure of a so-called "transtage" rocket firing - in more than ten years.

**ROME**

*In Italy - a nationwide strike today - by more than a million government workers; the first in a series of walkouts this week <sup>also</sup> that will tie up planes, trains, schools and health servies. The Italian labor movement flexing its muscles - in preparation for new contract talks to begin in the fall.*



# INDIANA

*This next - from Indiana University in Pennsylvania; the story of a twenty-year-old art major by the name of Paul Alberth - who has just finished building an all-wooden pickup truck; wooden frame and body - wooden axles and leaf springs - wooden brake linings - wooden exhaust system - the works - even wooden ash trays.*

*Why? Because "it's a statement of prophecy" - says student Alberth. Adding: "My truck will survive" - when all the present-day machines have ended up "in the junkyard."*

*The only problem though - his wooden truck also has a wooden engine; and when last ~~we~~ heard <sup>from it</sup> ~~it starts~~ <sub>λ</sub> wouldn' run.*

*and now*

CAPITOL HILL

Capitol Hill again - a hearing today on a bill to create a huge sanctuary for grizzly ~~bears~~<sup>is</sup> - in northwestern Montana. A spokesman for the Wilderness Society saying: "This noble animal epitomizes the wilderness - in fact, the grizzly cannot survive without it."

The bill is opposed, however, by the Montana lumber industry - which claims it would cost hundreds of jobs. And Mrs. Lynn Lietz, who with her husband owns a small logging business in the area, <sup>was</sup> telling the Senate panel: "The time has come, gentlemen, when we need votes for the truly endangered species - the lower and middle class American."

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