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BEIRUT

Leftist Moslem forces in Beirut - ^{today} were continuing today a drive ^{along} ~~across~~ the city's ^{picturesque} seafront, ^{They} at last report ~~were~~ ^{were} ~~near~~ ^{near} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~headquarters~~ ^{headquarters} of their Christian ~~enemies~~ ^{adversaries}. Heavy fighting was also reported in other parts of Lebanon, ~~across much of the country~~. Socialist chief Kamal Jumblatt ^{was} saying he ~~will~~ agree to a cease-fire - only when the Christians ^{forces} agree to "total secularization" of the Lebanese government.

~~The~~ U.S. ^{Embassy staff has left Beirut} ~~embassy staff~~ ^{meanwhile} ~~clearing out most of its~~ ~~Embassy staff~~ - and ~~advising~~ ^{ad} American nationals ^{still} in Lebanon, ^{are urged} to get out while they can. ^{Meanwhile} ~~The U.S. State~~ ^{Department} ~~is~~ ^{is} warning Syria and Israel - against intervening in ~~the~~ Lebanese ~~crisis~~. A spokesman saying: "Military intervention by any outside power contains great dangers - and must be avoided."

and now -

CAPITOL HILL

Secretary of State Kissinger ~~was again~~ on Capitol Hill today ^{was} attempting to persuade Congress to approve military aid to Egypt and Turkey; ~~Dr. Kissinger~~ saying if we fail to do so there will ~~not the result will~~ be "disastrous consequences - for which we will pay for decades."

PENTAGON

~~At the Pentagon~~, President Ford today presenting Department of Defense Medals - to three former members of the NATO Council; ~~also, taking~~ ^{took} the occasion to ~~say~~ ^{say} ~~notice~~ he will veto a pending defense spending bill - if it "short-changes our national security."

^{Said} The President ~~going on to say~~, there are "some members" of Congress - "apparently oblivious to the realities of the world;" some who think we should cut defense spending - when in fact, said he, "we must be willing to spend greater amounts." The President adding: "We remain unsurpassed" in military strength - "and we shall keep it that way;" for, "if we fail - there is no one to take our place."

BOOK FOLLOW CAPITOL HILL

~~On another front~~ ^{Sec. of State} Dr. Kissinger ^{has} ~~strongly~~ criticized ~~today~~ ^{the} new book purporting to tell the "inside story" of the last days of the Nixon Administration. Dr. Kissinger saying the book contains "too much gossip - too many inaccuracies, distortions and misrepresentations." ~~to be dealt with.~~ ^{And that} ~~Adding,~~ worst of all, the book's authors have shown "an indecent lack of compassion - and lack of essential human understanding."

SENATE

Capitol Hill again - the Senate today approved a compromise measure - extending U.S. fishing jurisdiction two hundred miles out to sea. The compromise is that the new bill would ~~take effect~~ ⁱⁿ ~~July~~ ^{of} next year - instead of ~~this year~~ this year, as originally planned.

CANTON

Tornado in Mississippi. The twister ripping through
~~the town of~~ Canton--in the ^{mid-}central part of the state.

First reports--indicating at least three dead.

SUPREME COURT

*The Supreme Court upheld today the
Constitutionality of a Virginia law - banning homosexual
acts even in private by consenting adults. The High Court
agreeing with a Virginia panel which earlier said the
outlawing of homosexuality - "is appropriate in the
promotion of morality and decency."*

BALI-CANBERRA

For touring Nelson Rockefeller - a brief stopover ~~today~~ in Bali, home of the topless; where he and his wife, Happy, were met by beautiful dancing girls - casting petals before their feet by way of welcome.

The Vice President heading next for Canberra - where ~~he may face another type of welcome.~~ Left-wing students and unionists from three Australian cities ~~were~~ gathering ^{to put on} ~~today in Canberra to get ready for a series of~~ protest demonstrations. The leftists blaming the U.S., in part - for the recent ouster of Australian Labor Prime Minister Gough Whitlam.

NEW DELHI

A new government bill - in effect, a start at Equal Rights, Hindu-style - was introduced today in the Indian Parliament. The new bill providing that Hindu girls forced into child marriages - may repudiate those marriages when they reach the age of Eighteen. For some - a bitter pill. Observers noting that an estimated Ninety Per Cent of all marriages in India - are arranged long in advance by parents or guardians of both boys and girls.

AMSTERDAM
NAIROBI

From Nairobi - a report today telling of the arrest of hundreds of witch doctors and sorcerers ~~along the Kenya coast~~ in East Africa. A government spokesman saying withcraft - had become all-pervasive in that area; used to influence everything from school examinations - to soccer matches. ~~But~~ The final straw apparently - a series of ritual killings. Nairobi saying the witch doctors and sorcerers - were "seriously hampering the development of

the entire coastal area." Colin Turnbull of N.Y. Mus. of Nat. Hist. is an authority on these Leopard Men of tropical Africa.
And now this

AMDERMA

~~This next~~ ~~from the Soviet news agency Tass;~~
~~telling of an incident that supposedly happened~~ - In the
Soviet town of Amderma up near the Arctic Circle, The nurse
at the local kindergarten - heard a ring at her front door;
Opening up the door ~~only to discover~~ ^{turned out to be} her caller ~~was~~ a polar
bear. - ~~standing on its hind legs~~ ^{He had stood up and} leaning against the
doorbell; ~~When~~ she slammed the door, ~~of course~~ and
the bear ambled away. Lucky nurse up there
~~And that's the intext from~~ ^{at} Amderma in the ^{Arctic,} ~~Soviet~~
~~North~~ - where it's not the wolf at the door you have to
worry about, but the polar bear.

4/2 And new for CBS