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NEW YORK

Good evening everybody: -

Headline New York. The "big four" powers began their long-awaited talks - aimed at achieving a new Mideast peace formula. Today's session resulted in a - joint communique, affirming - first and foremost - utmost support of U.N. peace envoy Gunnar Jarring. Also, adding that "the situation in the Middle East is serious and urgent - and must not be permitted to jeopardize international peace and security." For that reason - says the communique - all future consultations will be kept as confidential as possible.

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April in Paris! - <sup>This year</sup> ~~pretty~~ much the same as January,  
February, March - <sup>- that is</sup> ~~as~~ <sup>that</sup> far as expanded peace talks are  
concerned. The eleventh session ~~of~~ - bogging down  
today in another exchange of charge and counter-charge.

For the Communist side - a Viet Cong spokesman accusing  
the U.S. of "cunning treachery" <sup>is even</sup> ~~is~~ hinting at the possibility  
of secret talks. There can be no agreement, public or  
secret, ~~to end~~ the war - said he - until the U.S. pulls  
back its troops.

In response - deputy U.S. peace negotiator Lawrence  
Walsh - <sup>today</sup> ~~accused~~ the Communists of "fallacious statements."  
Adding there can be no lasting peace until Hanoi withdraws  
its troops - not only from South Vietnam but also from  
Laos and Cambodia.

WASHINGTON FOLLOW PARIS

Be that as it may - the spectre of secret talks was further reinforced today in Washington. Defense Secretary Milvin Laird asserting that - "outside talks are going forward." Adding: "There has been some sign of progress."

However, <sup>Secretary</sup> Laird observed that the new Nixon Administration - has had "but two months to try to reach a successful negotiated settlement." Adding, in effect, - "give us time - "a few more months."

VIETNAM FOLLOW WASHINGTON

Meanwhile, in Vietnam - a U.S. one-two <sup>punch</sup> today. With  
American air and artillery strikes - knocking out an  
enemy ammunition dump in that demilitarized zone - so-called.  
According to U.S. intelligence source <sup>this is</sup> a serious blow to  
some two thousand Viet Cong - now said to be operating there.

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great hurry in this. Press Secretary Ron Ziegler saying  
the President intends to implement his strategic program -  
on a timetable conforming, as much as possible, to  
"policy available."

KEY BISCAYNE

~~Turning to domestic matters~~ - <sup>a</sup> summons today from Key Biscayne. President Nixon calling his key home front advisers - to a Florida summit meeting set for tomorrow. Purpose: To draw up a priority list of domestic programs - for presentation later to Congress.

However, the White House emphasizes - there is no great hurry in this. Press Secretary Ron Ziegler saying the President intends to implement his domestic program - on a timetable conforming, as much as possible, to

"dollrs<sup>a</sup> available."  
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VATICAN

On the eve of Christendom's holiest day of the year - Pope Paul delivers a bitter speech. At the Vatican in Rome - the Pontiff asserting that too many Catholics are assuming an "arbitrary and basic<sup>ally</sup> selfish autonomy - disguised as freedom of conscience." The result - said he - a ferment in the church bordering on the brink "of schism."

This - apparently intended as a rebuke to the Dutch church, which is currently asserting<sup>†</sup> the right of Catholics to develop in each count<sup>ry</sup> ~~ing~~ according to the social and cultural influences of that country.

PENTAGON FOLLOW VATICAN

Here at home - the Pentagon again - Melvin Laird overrules the Army. Asserting today that words such as "God" and "Supreme Being" - "are appropriate" and will continue to be used in military character guidance programs. This reversing an earlier Army decision to delete ~~the~~ <sup>such</sup> words, <sup>that was</sup> at the insistence of the American Civil Liberties Union.

MONEY FOLLOW KEY DISCAYNE

Speaking of dollars - the cost of money is going  
up again. With the Federal Reserve Board <sup>voting to</sup> raising ~~the~~  
interest <sup>rates</sup> for member banks - to a new forty-year high; up  
half-a-point - to a full six per cent. At the same time -  
ordering member banks to increase their own reserve  
requirements; also - by half-a-per cent <sup>as</sup> ~~The Fed calling~~  
~~its double-barreled action~~ - a "further move against  
inflation."



SACRAMENTO

An attempt to set a new round-the-world speed record for light airplanes - solo, - ~~Off~~ the ground today at Sacramento, California, Former Navy pilot Al Marks - heading for Wichita, Kansas, on the first leg of his journey; which he calls an attempt to conquer - "my sort of mountain."

If all goes well - he'll be back in Sacramento in about fifteen days, total-elapsed time. ~~Roughly cutting~~ *He hopes to cut* in half the present mark ~~held~~ *attractive* held by Britain's Sheila Scott - he hopes.

CHICAGO

Chicago - an analyst analyzes the medical profession.  
Party of the first part - Harvard psychiatrist Daniel  
Funkenstein. Telling a nationwide convocation of medical  
students - that the practice of medicine has passed through  
three distinct stages during the past half-century.

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First stage - said Professor Funkenstein - when the  
doctor's main concern was "the art of medicine;" in other  
words - the total concept of healing. Second stage - the  
era of specialization - said he; when doctors were  
principally concerned - with developing a "high degree  
of individual competence." Third and present stage - said  
he - the technological era; when a doctor's ultimate goal -  
is to become "a scientist doing research."

*As says the Harvard Psychiatrist: -*  
Result <sup>^</sup> - ~~we are told: That~~ Doctors have developed  
a loss of "social responsibility" - marked by a lack of  
"concern with the community." Which can only be cured -

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said Professor Funkenstein - by a return to that "old time"  
medicine. <sup>Warren,</sup> From personal experience with doctors I think  
Prof. Funkenstein is all wrong!  
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## HERSHEY

Among the most enduring of lyrics down through the years - a line in an old spiritual: "Oh, you can't go to heaven - on a roller skate." Remember? Now comes a light-hearted, light-headed book - its title the same: "You Can't Go to Heaven on a Roller Skate" - by reporter, author, playwright Burnet Hershey; a space age fable with a cast of characters - such as last seen in the Marx Brothers' "Night at the Opera."

The book proof positive "You Can't Go to Heaven on a Roller Skate" - or via a Saturn-Five rocket either.