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*In the latest saga of man on the moon - another thrilling chapter tonight. Astronauts Gene Cernan and Jack Schmitt - setting out on another lunar excursion. They're out there - right now; with the schedule calling for a four-mile drive - to permit a sampling of avalanche debris at the foot of a towering mountain. They'll also dig some rocks - from the face of a three-hundred foot cliff.*

*Tonight's adventure - to last seven hours, in all. To be telecast back to earth - in living color. All this - almost commonplace now; but to many - still a seeming miracle.*

## PARIS

*Getting back to earth - the quest for peace at Paris continued today on three different levels. First and foremost - Henry Kissinger conferring virtually non-stop with Hanoi's Le Duc Tho. At the next level - a continuation of discussions between the representatives to regular weekly peace talks. At the third level - groups of technicians for both sides; attempting to work out the precise wording - that could lead to a cease-fire.*

*French Foreign Minister Robert Schumann - is also said to be in close contact with both sides. Schumann saying today: " A settlement is likely and probable." Adding that he's confident it will come before the new Congress convenes in Washington. The date for that - January Third.*

## KANSAS CITY

*In Research Hospital at Kansas City - Harry Truman*

*continues his battle for life. His condition less than critical today - but still extremely serious. Doctors reporting his vital signs - have become "somewhat unstable." Adding that his respiration, pulse and temperature - have increased. All of which could keep him in serious condition - we are told - perhaps indefinitely.*

## **WHITE HOUSE**

*The White House - President Nixon picks a new Number Two man at the Pentagon. Texas oilman William Clements Junior - to succeed Kenneth Rush, who is moving over to the State Department. A White House spokesman saying that Clements has "strong management and executive talents - as well as wide knowledge of defense and national security matters."*

*The President also met today with W. Clement Stone - a Chicago millionaire who was reportedly one of the President's biggest campaign contributors. The White House indicating that Stone may be in line - for a new diplomatic post.*

**BEVERLY HILLS**

*At Beverly Hills, California - a Five Hundred-Dollar - a-couple Democratic fund-raising dinner. Main speaker - Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts; who <sup>(spent)</sup> ~~spoke~~ a good part of his speech - <sup>surprise, surprise</sup> praising President Nixon.*

*Kennedy saying of the President: "It was he who brought America's China policy  $\swarrow$  out of the Korean dark ages into the sunlight of the modern Pacific world. And with respect to the economy" - he went on - "whatever problems of timing and inequity may now exist - we know that the wage-price freeze of Nineteen-Seventy-One was right."*

*Kennedy also said that he now sees "a very great opportunity - for effective action and cooperation between Congress and the Administration; especially in vital areas - such as national security, the economy, and health and education."*

*Sen. Ted Kennedy adding: "We have differences, to be sure - but I for one will extend the olive branch to the*

Administration in the coming Congress." "I am confident" -  
he continued - "that we can close ranks."



## **AUSTIN FOLLOW BEVERLY HILLS**

**Another prominent Democrat was also making a rare public address today - at the University of Texas. Former President Johnson presiding at the formal unveiling - of his Administration's civil rights papers; pledging to keep on fighting - for civil rights.**

**"Our objective" - said LBJ - "must be to assure that all Americans play by the same rules - and all Americans play by the same odds." "This is the first work of any society which aspires to greatness" - he went on. Adding: "Let's be on with it, - we shall overcome!"**

## ATLANTA

*A number of cases of a new-type influenza - have been reported in five major U.S. cities; namely, Memphis - Kansas City - Baltimore - Anchorage - and Seattle.*

*This according to an announcement today - from the Federal Center for Disease Control in Atlanta. Government doctors saying the new virus - closely resembles so-called "London flu." Adding that this is a strain - for which there is, as yet, no specific vaccine.*



**PHILADELPHIA**

*From the U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission -*  
*an order today suspending the operations of a leading*  
*Philadelphia brokerage <sup>firm</sup> for ten days. Butcher <sup>of</sup> and Sherrerd*  
*and six of the firm's partners - allegedly telling regular*  
*customers to buy stock in the Penn Central Railroad; while*  
*telling favored customers, at the same time - to sell their*  
*Penn Central stock.*

*All this - said to have occurred just before the*  
*railroad went bankrupt. The SEC saying: "It was like the*  
*crew abandoning a sinking ship before the passengers got off*  
*- while at the same time they were still booking passengers*  
*on the ship." The firm was also ordered to set up a Three*  
*Hundred and Fifty Thousand escrow fund - to make*  
*restitution to those who were so misled.*

## DAR ES SALAAM

To the average American housewife - a clove is a "sometimes thing" used in flavoring ham - or apple pie - or maybe spice cake. To the average Tanzanian - it's something else again. The clove serving as one of Tanzania's major exports <sup>- from the off shore island of Zanzibar.</sup> ~~as such,~~ a valuable money crop; also, a great temptation to international smugglers - hence, the recent passage of stringent anti-clove smuggling laws.

Now - from Dar Es Salaam - a story that tells of the cracking of a major clove smuggling ring. Four native Tanzanians - and eleven cohorts from neighboring Kenya. All found guilty - and all promptly sentenced to death.

<sup>- Zanzibar -</sup>  
In Tanzania - you don't fool around with cloves.

## MORGANTOWN

*This next - from the University of West Virginia; where campus life - seems to have its ups and down. At any rate, sophomore Bruce Brenda - setting a new world's yo-yo endurance record; yo-yoing non-stop - for eight hours and fifty minutes; adding that he would have made it an even nine hours - except that his string broke.*

*And that's the latest from the University of West Virginia - home of Bruce Brenda, the new world's champion yo-yoer. How are you as a yo yoeer, Bill?*

A U.S. Navy hospital ship today became the first American naval craft - ever to have women as part of its regular deck crew. The U.S.S. ~~Sanctuary~~ Sanctuary sailing out of San Francisco Harbor - with a ship's complement including sixty able-bodied sea-women. One of them actually serving on the bridge - there manning a telephone. And Navy Captain Bruce Gair - the man in charge - saying of one and all: "They <sup>do</sup> ~~did~~ a good job."

For what it's worth though - the ship was fifteen minutes late in getting underway. Why - not disclosed; but ~~Bill~~ Bill - would you care to guess? And s-l-u-t-m.