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SENATE

The Senate was still working today -- on an overall rewrite of the Federal Election Law; along the way, voting to deny federal funds to any Presidential candidate -- who receives less than ten percent of the popular vote in two consecutive state primaries.

pursue a tough policy -- toward nations opposing U.S. interests at the U.N. Assistant Secretary Samuel Lewis saying: "The style may be different between Ambassador Moynihan and Ambassador Scranton -- but the basic approach of frankness and candor will be the same."

and now this -

SAN FRANCISCO

In closing arguments in the Patricia Hearst trial -- the prosecution asserted today it was "only by the grace of God" -- that Miss Hearst didn't kill someone. And the claim the defendant was brainwashed -- said to be "too big a pill to swallow."

For the defense, F. Lee Bailey again saying -- Miss Hearst was an innocent victim in a bizarre plot."

The case to go to the jury tomorrow.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

From Buckingham Palace -- a report that Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowden are studying a separation agreement -- drawn up by Queen Elizabeth. Palace sources adding a divorce has been ruled out; for now 5 on the grounds the problems it would raise are too complex.

The prestigious Financial Times of London was unable to publish today -- a victim of union censorship. Times printers refusing to handle a story on a government report -- calling for massive cuts in The famed Fameural newspaper employment. The Times deciding that rather than run blank space --- it would simply close down.

From President Ford and Irish Prime Minister Cosgrave -- a joint communique; urging citizens of both the U.S. and Ireland -- "to refrain from supporting" the outlawed I.R.A.

Cosgrave also appearing on the "Today" show -- saying he believes

Ireland eventually will be unified. But, this will come -- said he --

Presidential sweepstakes; announcing his candidacy today at Idaho City,
Idaho -- population a hundred and seventy-five -- where the Church
family once lived. Church saying, if elected, he will put an end to
what he called -- a "leadership of weakness and fear." And he added:
"To those who say it is too late -- I reply that it's never too late,
nor are the odds ever too great, to try."

On the Republican side -- at Greensboro, North Carolina -- Ronald Reagan was accusing the White House -- of trying to force him out of the race. Reagan insisting, however -- he's doing far better than expected. Adding if the President wants someone to quit -- "Why doesn't he quit?"

This followed by a statement from the White House to saying: "The President has not asked or authorized anyone to contact anyone in the Reagan organization" -- and try to get him to withdraw.

More than a thousand civil servants who normally work at NATO

today
headquarters near Brussels -- were staging today a one-day sit-in,

steike: The NATO staffers seeking pay increases -- to keep up with

inflation. They camained at their desks though -- a spokesman saying:

"Don't worry. If the Russians attack, we'd be operational in thirty
seconds."

into the strife-torn west bank of the Jordan. The result -- we are told -- an end to violent anti-Israeli demonstrations -- and the first relatively quiet day in two weeks.

In spite of language and cultural problems, more than eight out of ten employable Indo-Chinese refugees -- have now landed jobs here in the U.S. This, according to reports today -- from the International Rescue Committee.

and row this -

EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE

(Excerpt From Lowell Thomas CBS Coast-To-Coast Broadcast -- From KNX-Los Angeles, Thursday, March 18, 1976)

Out here on the West Coast, I've been hearing about something new and exciting in education -- back east in New York. If you still want a college education, you can do the work for a degree right while you are working as a machine operator, a salesman, a teacher, a preacher, or whatever -- and do it in two or three years.

Several thousand Americans from ages twenty to sixty, or even older are taking advantage of this opportunity to get a college education, do it by enrolling with the State University of New York -- Empire State College at Albany, New York.

The driving force in all this is an able young educator, Dr. James W. Hall, who says there are thirty-some centers throughout the state, any one of which will help you while you are working toward a baccalaurate degree.