

BRUSSELS FOLLOW VIENNA

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~~At the same time~~ <sup>There was</sup> a meeting of common  
market foreign minister<sup>s</sup> in ~~London~~ Brussels, <sup>today</sup> Attempting  
to lay the ground work - for a common oil policy.

As usual though - the Common Market  
acting in a most uncommon way. Instead of taking  
up the oil issue as planned - first debating the  
future of a common market aid program to depressed  
areas.

## VIENNA FOLLOW ENERGY

Meanwhile, at Vienna, a secret strategy meeting - drawing delegates from twelve major oil ~~producing~~ producing nations. Its purpose - ~~we are told - that of~~ <sup>to</sup> determining <sup>the extent</sup> ~~the size~~ of a new increase in oil prices.

## ENERGY

Here at home <sup>an</sup> on ~~the~~ energy front - ~~an address today by~~  
~~Energy czar~~  
~~by William~~ Simon - at ~~a council so-called~~ <sup>an</sup> agricultural  
outlook conference, ~~The nation's energy czar~~ <sup>was</sup> saying:

"There is no question that ~~farm~~ farmers will have to  
contribute to energy conservation & just like other  
~~sectors~~ sectors of the economy. Stressing, however,  
that farmers will be getting all the ~~gasoline~~ gasoline,  
propane, and fuel oil they need - to harvest and  
process their crops.

<sup>Also</sup>  
~~Simon~~ observing that this is essential -  
"if farmers are going to provide the increased  
production they have been asked to produce." Adding  
that "farm needs - are really ~~national~~ national needs."

## COMMONS

*Britain's bleak outlook for Christmas -  
grew even bleaker today. Chancellor of the  
Exchequer Anthony Barber - announcing today the  
start of additional belt tightening measures. These  
including tax hikes - credit curbs - and government  
spending cuts; all aimed at easing an ~~economic~~  
economic crisis -- made worse by the present  
energy <sup>situation.</sup> ~~crunch.~~*

*Barber observing that "many have described  
the situation Britain faces as by far the ~~grossest~~ gravest  
~~one~~ since the war. "They do not exaggerate" said he.  
Adding, however, the government will take whatever  
action necessary - "no matter how severe."*

PARIS

Hanoi's Le Duc Tho = arrived today in  
Paris; there to prepare for talks Thursday - with  
Secretary Kissinger. <sup>Le Duc</sup> Tho telling newsmen: "I  
come to Paris with good will and serious intent."

But the progress of the talks" he continued  
"and the ~~and~~ development of the situation in Vietnam -  
depends on whether the U S, too, will have the  
same serious intent.

JERUSALEM

Sec. of State  
For ~~Henry~~ Kissinger - ~~on~~ the final stop  
of his mid-East peace mission <sup>included</sup> ten hours of talks  
with ~~Israeli~~ Israeli leaders, followed by a joint  
news conference today - with Israeli Foreign Minister  
Abba Eban.

Dr. Kissinger saying there is now "full  
agreement" - to proceed as planned with ~~that~~<sup>the</sup> Geneva  
peace conference on the Middle East. Adding that  
"the opening phase of the conference - should deal  
with the problems of separation of forces." ~~Also~~,  
~~saying: "The U S will maintain the closest contact~~  
~~with Israel throughout the negotiations."~~

Eban noting, ~~however~~, that any ~~dis~~  
dis-engagement of troops - must await the outcome  
of Israeli national elections set for December  
thirty-one. And he again stressed that Israel will

***refuse to bargain with Syria - pending the release  
of a list of Israeli prisoners now held in that  
country.***

## ROME ATHENS

Starting in Rome and heading on from there to Athens - ~~the bloodiest rampage yet by~~  
~~Arab~~ <sup>again,</sup> terrorists; with the death toll, at last report -- more than thirty.

They ~~Arabs~~ <sup>ed</sup> launching their attack by shooting up a passenger's lounge at Rome Leonardo Divinci airport; then fire bombing and machine gunning a ~~pan~~ Pan Am jet liner - killing at least twenty-eight; after which they seized a Lufthansa jet and several hostages. - ~~flying to Athens.~~

The terrorists ~~there demands~~ demanding the release of two "Black September" guerrillas - who were captured in an earlier airport attack.

When the ~~greek~~ <sup>Terrorists</sup> Greeks balked - the ~~Arabs~~ threatening to kill one hostage every forty-five minutes; actually ~~Killing~~ <sup>four</sup> ~~shooting~~ <sup>of their prisoners</sup> - before the "Black Septembers" were finally surrendered. ~~But Greek rifle-~~  
~~men later shooting out the tires of the Arab jet.~~

WHITE HOUSE

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From The White House - an ~~an~~ announcement  
today that President Nixon is still hoping to produce  
~~announcements~~ a series of "white papers" before  
Congress adjourns. These to cover controversial  
issues - such as the I T T case, ~~the~~ dairy industry  
contributions and so on. - Spokesman Gerald Warren  
saying: "~~People are at work~~"<sup>11</sup> It's our hope and  
goal to ~~provide~~ provide Congress with complete  
information prior to adjournment.<sup>11</sup> - ~~we are trying~~  
~~to meet that goal.~~"

## FORD

Gerald Ford ~~continues to~~ assume<sup>s</sup> a growing leadership role. The new Vice President presiding today at a meeting of top ~~and~~ administration and ~~congressional~~ congressional leaders; attempting to map legislative ~~proposals~~ proposals for next year - in the field of human rights ~~and~~ and community ~~affairs~~ affairs. This the third legislative strategy session - that Ford has now headed. The previous two - dealing with energy and the ~~economic~~ economy.

## LONDON

*A British army brigadier who serves  
as an aide to Queen Elizabeth lost a hand today  
when he unwittingly opened a letter bomb. The  
victim - Brigadier M. J. P. O'Cock, chief of  
staff of the London District. The bomb that cost  
him his hand - of a type earlier linked with the  
provisional wing of the Irish Republican Army.*

## MOSCOW

*In the Soviet Communist party newspaper Pravda - an article apparently drawn from an unpublished speech last week by Leonid Brezhnev. Pravda noting that the Soviet economy - failed to reach its goals this year for the second year in a row; adding that it will again fall short - in Nineteen Seventy Four; also, quoting Brezhnev as saying a need exists - for further improvement in economy ~~and~~ management on a 'scientific basis.*

*"Pravda stressing, ~~however,~~ that Russia's economic problems - might better be called "teething problems." In other words - ~~simply~~ growing pains."*

## HYATTSVILLE

The death of one of America's ~~for~~ pioneers in solar energy research - is reported today from Hyattsville, ~~MD~~ Maryland. Charles Greeley Abbot starting out as an astro-physicist with the ~~the~~ Smithsonian ~~institution~~ back in Eighteen Ninety-Five. Helping ~~to~~ ~~now~~ revolutionize the field of Astron-physica, <sup>and</sup> Along the way, developing a sun-powered oven in Nineteen Twenty-Two and a new solar battery in Nineteen Seventy-Two.

Charles Greeley Abbot - age one hundred and one; a man who <sup>70 yrs. ago was</sup> ~~was~~ ~~abundant~~ said to have been "ahead of his time" <sup>and even today</sup> ~~seventy years ago~~ and still ahead of <sup>it</sup> ~~his time today.~~

CABS

6/12  
The national ~~new~~ highway traffic safety  
administration has been asked to require that,  
henceforth - Taxi-cabs shall be equipped with safety  
belts. Said request - coming from the center for  
auto safety. ~~Center~~ Director ~~Lowell~~ Dodge saying:  
"we are not suggesting that people - ought to be  
required to buckle up in cabs; but, people who want  
to should be able to - without the hassles they  
face today." Dodge adding that the center's  
action - was prompted by numerous complaints <sup>le</sup>  
~~many~~ from people <sup>Bill</sup> ~~who were~~ against <sup>find</sup> thrown ~~into~~ the security  
barriers <sup>you</sup> now ~~installed~~ between ~~the~~ front and  
rear ~~seats~~ in many cabs. Ever been thrown Lee  
Jordan,

## SUGAR MOUNTAIN

Here in the ~~the~~ East winter arrived today  
did you know?  
~~a week early bringing with it~~ snow, sleet and  
freezing rain - from Maine to Virginia; ~~leaving~~ <sup>with</sup>  
the nation's capital all but paralyzed - under a  
six inch <sup>ea. of it.</sup> ~~blanket of white.~~

The sudden cold snap also extending on  
down South; ~~dropping nearly~~ <sup>leaving</sup> a foot of snow in  
North Carolina ski country, <sup>where</sup> Sugar Mountain ski  
director LaFond Biggs, <sup>says:</sup> ~~claiming that right now~~ -  
in North ~~Carolina~~ Carolina - "we've got the best  
skiing ~~conditions~~ in the country."