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DRUGS

New York State's new drug law - called the Nation's toughest - goes into effect tomorrow with mandatory life sentences for some offenders - and rewards as incentives for informers. The tough new state law treats drug addiction as a crime rather than a medical problem - and in certain cases it will mean life imprisonment for the sale or possession of hard drugs. It will be mandatory for users of certain drugs to be sent to jail for at least a year. Governor Rockefeller - who asked the State legislature for the new law - is authorized to name up to one hundred new judges to handle the expected increase in jury trials for offenders.

NIXON

President Nixon and Vice President Agnew will meet tomorrow in Washington to discuss the current investigation into Agnew's possible involvment on Maryland political irregularities. Presidential spokesman Gerald Warren says the Vice President requested the meeting to be held after President Nixon returned from San Clemente ~~some~~ somewhat earlier than originally expected. Also, in Washington a House investigator, Jack Brooks of Texas - charged today that a document ~~+~~ recording the sale of the President's San Clemente property - had been altered before copies of it were released by the White House earlier this week. The White House promptly rejected the charge and any suggestion of impropriety in the matter.

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TRIAL

A federal court jury in Gainesville, ^{Fla.} ~~Georgia~~ delivered a verdict of innocent today in the trial of eight anti-War veterans charged with conspiring to ~~violently~~ violently disrupt last year's Republican National Convention in Miami. The ~~acquittal~~ acquittal verdict was rendered about four hours after the jury began its deliberations.

PAYROLL

A sixty day postponement of pay increases for some three and a half million federal government employees ~~this~~ was ^{asked for} ~~ordered~~ today by President Nixon in a message to Congress -- the President saying it's necessary in order to hold ~~on~~ down the rising cost of living and continuing threat of ~~inflation~~ inflation, - unless Congress over-rules the Presidential ~~order~~ ^a ~~the~~ pay ~~increase~~ increase of nearly five percent will ~~now~~ go into effect, December first. - ~~instead of~~ ~~October first~~.

However, today's order does not ~~and~~ affect postal workers across the nation who are receiving pay raises under a separate two year contract.

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The White House today proposed that propane gas distributors be required to ~~furnish~~ furnish ~~the~~ fuel in areas where supplies are short -- especially in the big farm states where propane is vitally needed for drying out crops. Public hearings on the mandatory plan are set for September seventh. ~~As~~ Only propane would be effected despite current shortages of other fuels such as gasoline and heating oils.

CHINA

Chinese Premier Chou En Lai has opened
the door to improvement in those long strained relations
with Moscow. -- *This we learn via a* ~~this according to a new~~ China news
That came out through agency dispatch ~~by way of~~ Hong Kong. Chou made this
invitation to the Soviets, the agency says, in a speech
delivered a week ago during the national congress
of the Chinese Communist Party.

SUBMARINE

Off the coast of Cork, Ireland, rescue workers report failure in their first attempt to save the two British crewmen trapped on board a small submarine at the bottom of the Atlantic.

There was a report that the trapped men were "delirious", but the men of the rescue craft say two seem in good spirits; their communications with the surface still coherent and intelligent. They are reported to have enough oxygen to last until - tomorrow morning.

ELEPHANTS

For the first time in its history, Kenya is outlawing -- temporarily - all elephant hunting and all ^{dealing in} ~~and~~ ivory. ~~dealings~~ ^{This} a move to prevent poachers from destroying the herds. Uncertainty in the world's money markets has ^{even} caused some speculators to switch from ^{currencies} ~~currency~~ to ivory, and, as a result, a single set of ~~such~~ tusks now bring ^{s around} ~~as much as~~ twenty-five hundred dollars. Game officials say Kenya ~~elephants~~ are not in danger of extinction. ~~But, precautions are more necessary.~~

WEATHER

A new tropical storm - Christine ^{is her name,} ~~is~~
^{is} churning ^{into the Caribbean} toward the Lee-ward Islands tonight, ^{some}
twenty-five ~~in~~ hundred miles southeast of Miami. ^{So far}
~~Now~~ with ^{only} sixty mile ~~and some~~ an hour winds. ^{But} Christine
is expected to become a hurricane either tonight or
tomorrow.

The Northeastern part of the United States
~~could do with a~~ ^{needs some kind of} breeze tonight. Temperatures ^{today again} ~~are~~
^{were} ~~in the upper~~ ^{high} nineties ^{all the way} from the District of Columbia
~~all the way~~ to Southern New England. New York city
^{is having} ~~is experiencing~~ one of its most intensive heat waves
in twenty years -- causing widespread problems ~~in~~
electricity, ~~and~~ ^{and so on.} water supply. ~~The eastern~~ heat wave
is expected to ^{last over} ~~extend through~~ the Labor Day weekend.
^{Other parts of the nation} ^{are doing} ~~had a better~~ ~~time of it~~
^{have cooled off} ~~with~~ thunder storms ~~in~~ the central plains, the upper
Mississippi valley and the Gulf Coast. ^{Also} ~~And it was~~ cool

in the Rockies and Pacific Northwest; ^{but plenty} ~~although~~ hot
 in the southwest and along the Texas coast. ~~And~~

^{Are you familiar with}
~~perhaps this is the point to say a word for~~ Gabriel
 Fahrenheit. ^{He was} the German physicist whose ~~tex~~

thermometer we've been using all these years. ~~But~~

Times and thermometers are changing. ~~As we know,~~

^{— had you noticed — is}
 The United States [^] gradually ~~is~~ [^] joining the world wide

trend to the metric system of weight calculations,

^{Gabriel}
 and Doctor [^] Fahrenheit's thermometer may go the way

of the lightning rod. With the metric system, we'll

have centigrade degrees and when this happens "ninety

in the shade" will be "thirty-two in the shade." ^{Will that seem any cooler?} [^] Water

will freeze at zero centigrade - not at thirty-two

degrees Fahrenheit as before. Likewise, water will

boil and cakes will bake at unheard-of readings. ~~But~~

⁶ ^{The} National Geographic tells us that we ^{if} ~~can~~ still ^{be able to get} ~~get our~~

hot and cold readings outside the window from the

snowy tree cricket. - Just count the number of cricket chirps over a period of fifteen seconds - add forty - and that's the temperature. In Fahrenheit, ~~that is~~.

6 1/2 How are you at counting cricket chirps, Bill. At any rate how about a few chirps from you?

STEWARDESS

Nineteen months have passed since Vesna Vulovic fell thirty-one thousand feet from an exploding ~~Jugoslavia~~ Yugoslav airliner. Twenty seven other persons died in the crash - but the tall, blond twenty-four year old stewardess lived - becoming the only known person to have survived a fall from such a height. She suffered brain damage - a fractured spine - and paralysis from the waist down - not to mention bits of metal imbedded in parts of her body. But her recovery rate has ~~am~~ astounded the doctors -

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~~and~~ Today Vesna Vulovic is ^{reported} ~~virtually~~ virtually back to normal. ^{This another} ~~more of a~~ miracle, ^{Not} ~~than ever. Neither~~ has

^{In fact she has made} she given up flying. - ~~with~~ ^{to and from} eighteen plane journeys since the crash - the most recent ~~being~~ a five week

~~vacation~~ vacation of swimming and dancing on the

Dalmation Coast. ^{How} How did she survive a fall from

such a fantastic height? There's been no official

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^ explanation - and Vesna ^{Vulovic} can't remember ^{much about it.} ~~but~~ Some experts believe she could have been inside the plane's tail section which broke off - spinning to earth like

a falling leaf, ~~and~~ landing in such a way as to, ^{have made} ~~preserve~~ the ^{miracle possible.} ~~girl's life.~~ One thing Vesna says she can do without - people who tell her how lucky she is.

They keep telling me I'm the luckiest girl in the

world - and I'm sick of hearing it, - ~~it's~~ nonsense,! --

^{says Vesna Vulovic,}

if I was really lucky I wouldn't have been on that plane!

and a-l-Mon.