

CAPITOL HILL

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The focus of U S war ~~pk~~ policy <sup>returned to</sup> ~~back to~~

Capitol Hill today where three top Administration officials - were meeting with Republican Senators.

Defense Secretary ~~Melvin~~ Laird, White House Advisor

Henry Kissinger, Under Secretary of State Elliott

Richardson - all three attempting to detour a Senate

measure ~~is~~ aimed at ham-sringing the President in

Cambodia. <sup>They were</sup> Arguing that first U S withdrawals from

Cambodia - ~~we~~ are already well ahead of schedule;

adding that most G I's will be back in Vietnam - by the

middle of June, declaring flatly that all will be withdrawn

by the end of June.

Senate Republica Whip Robert Griffin later

observing that passage of the Senate measure - would

mean the Senate simply "doesn't believe what the

President says."

*The National Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars - who was also in Washington today - going even further. Raymond Gallagher asserting that passage of the Senate measure - would be tantamount to a declaration of surrender, in Southeast Asia.*

INDO CHINA

Meanwhile, another South Vietnamese armored column -- was thrusting deep into northern Cambodia today; with the help of U S support units -- opening up an eleventh front in that one-time enemy sanctuary. Allied troops operating in the so-called "fish-hook" region of Cambodia - also reporting ~~today~~ the ~~capture~~ capture of enemy <sup>(documents \</sup> ~~documents~~ <sup>what is called</sup> including a computer ~~and~~ "read out sheet". Major General Edward Bautz - who commands the U S Twenty-fifth Infantry Division -- telling reporters: "I think we have found the area - ~~where~~ where" Communist field headquarters "used to be."

## PARIS

The U S was also getting tough today -  
at the peace table in Paris. Philip Habib, telling  
the Communists - they're attitude had become "intolerable".  
Adding that the U S - is willing to be conciliatory up  
to a point; but, "we shall react accordingly" - said he -  
if the enemy continues stalling in Paris, while at the  
same time increasing its attacks in Vietnam.

For all the apparent effect though - he might  
as well have been talking to a stone wall. The  
Communists - when it came their turn - denouncing  
President Nixon in their strongest terms to date.  
Further calling the U S operation in Cambodia - a  
"latent swindle" on the U S peace movement.

WHITE HOUSE

For President Nixon <sup>it was</sup> ~~himself~~ a busy day

~~today~~ including a mass Medal of Honor ceremony -  
in the East Room at the White House. The President  
presenting to twelve U S service men - the nation's  
highest award for valor. In the process, observing  
that the war in Vietnam - is "many times not under-  
stood and not supported in this country."

But, "as time goes on" - he told the Medal winners -  
"millions of your countrymen will look back ~~at~~ and  
realize" how well "you served this land of the free;  
by being brave - far beyond the call of duty."

The President also signed a bill today -  
guaranteeing a free or cut rate lunch to every needy  
child in the nation. Noting that "the student who is  
well fed - is more attentive, and learns ~~back~~ better;"  
(and therefore stands a better chance - of breaking out  
of "the cycle of poverty".)

~~The President later attending to countless~~  
~~odds and ends. According to White House observers,~~  
~~appearing visibly tired after his non night and day~~  
~~ordeal of the past few weeks. Whereupon it was~~  
announced the President was flying to Key Biscayne for  
a long weekend - ~~there;~~ hopefully, to ease up a bit.

AGNEW FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

~~A related item~~ The President today *was also*  
quoted as telling ~~Pro~~ Spiro Agnew - he will be  
the Republican Candidate for Vice President once again  
in Nineteen SEventy two. This according to an article -  
appearing in the Scripps Howard Newspapers. The  
President reportedly telling his Vice President - he  
personally ~~agrees~~ agrees with the latter's views;  
adding that he believes the great majority of Americans -  
also share in those views. And, as for ~~Spiro~~ Spiro  
~~Agnew's criticisms~~ Agnew's critics - the President  
supposedly ~~asserting~~ <sup>saying</sup> "You <sup>are</sup> ~~are~~ my Vice President <sup>!"</sup> -  
~~not theirs."~~

AGNEWS

*All of which the White House has since denied  
however.*



SENATE

From Chairman Arthur Burns of the Federal Reserve Board - a mixed forecast today for the nation's economy. Burns ~~told~~ telling a Senate panel - that unemployment, probably will continue to rise for the next few months; but then we'll have an economic ~~re~~ recovery, probably well before the year is over," said he. ~~Adding, by way of explanation, that "we're travelling a narrow path," right now attempting to maintain a position midway "between recession and inflation."~~

DETROIT

*Detroit - Henry Ford the Second says Nyet to the Soviet Union. Formally rejecting today a Kremlin request - that he build in Russia the world's largest truck factory. Ford's decision - ~~xx~~ apparently based in part on a recent statement by Defense secretary Melvin Laird; who said he was opposed to "exporting American technology to the Soviets -- while they are sending trucks to North Vietnam."*

*Ford added - however, that he still has under consideration - a possible exchange of "non-strategic technical information."*

MT. EVEREST

*Have you heard*

From the "Roof of the World;" *the* report ~~of~~

~~two~~ two Japanese mountain climbing teams - ~~have~~ finally succeeded <sup>ing</sup> in scaling mighty Mt. Everest; ~~thereby~~ completing the seventh and eighth successful assault - on the world's loftiest peak.

These twin ascents - following by a week the feat of Japan's Yichiro Miura; who skied about two miles ~~to~~ down the slopes of Mt. Everest starting from an altitude of more than twenty-four thousand feet. Along the way - achieving speeds of more than ninety miles an hour.

On the debit side though - the Japanese expedition has already cost at least two ~~new~~ lives. ~~That~~

*QW* ~~of~~ Japanese ~~+~~ who died of a heart attack; ~~also~~, *and*

*hit by falling ice,*  
a Sherpa ~~guide - who was struck by a falling cake of~~

~~ice.~~

WEST BERLIN

~~This next well, would you call it a "tall story"?~~ ~~At any rate,~~ The third annual European congress of Tall People <sup>has been</sup> in session ~~today~~ this week at West Berlin. Delegates including some five hundred men and women - ranging in height from five nine on the feminine side all the way up to <sup>feet</sup> seven seven for one of the men. One and all commiserating with each other - on the problems they encounter in busses, airplanes, hotels and so on. This leading to eventual adoption of a resolution - demanding a special tax exemption for all tall people; a resolution which was then duly presented -- to West Berlin Deputy Mayor Kurt Neubauer. As it turned out though - the tall people were given short shrift. Deputy Mayor Neubauer - who stands only five-six - accepting the petition, <sup>Warren</sup> ~~all right,~~ <sup>but</sup> ~~Nevertheless,~~ observing, "how about tax reductions for <sup>us</sup> ~~tax~~ small men."

## HONOLULU

Alexandra the Great ~~αααααα~~ conquered at last.

The story - from Honolulu; where Alexandra The Great -  
a thirty year old stripper - was married to a young  
American sailor - Robert Smith, age twenty.

By the way, Alexandra the Great comes by  
her billing quite naturally, we are told; with a figure  
said to measure - forty-eight, twenty five, forty-eight.  
Seaman Smith for his part, returning to his post aboard  
the U S Navy submarine Nathan Hale - immediately after  
the ceremony - no honeymoon, <sup>for the</sup> ~~thus following in the finest~~  
~~traditions of a~~ man  $\pi$  who <sup>gives</sup> ~~also gave~~ his all, for his country.