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On Capitol Hill - the prisoner of wx war controversy

part two! Secretary of State William Rogers - testifying

before the House Foreign Affairs Committee; asserting

the attempted rescue of American prisoners of war

in North Vietnam - would have no effect whatsoever

on the Paris peace talks. Nor would be brief resumption

of American bombings, - Said he! - Adding: "No progress

has been made in Paris anyway - it's as simple as that."

Rogers then went on to observe that Hanoi would probably go agree to a negotiated settlement only when such an agreement was in its interest; which means - said he - that any American military successes in the meantime - would probably serve as a help rather than a hindrance. Rogers observing the important factor in negotiations is not "public relations" - but "where you stand in the war."

ka Meanwhile, President Nixon was presenting medals today - to four of the men who helped to stage

the prison camp raid. These including Brigadier

General LeRoy Manor, - Colonel Arthur Simmons, 
Army sergeant Tyrone Adderly, - and Air Force Sergeant

LeRoy Wright. Theirs was "a mission of mercy" 
said the President -- "a message that the prisoners

of war have not been forgotten." And he added:

"When a man is willing to ma risk his life to rescue

one of his fellow men - that is heroism of the highest

order."

Elsewhere in Washington - the lion and the tab lamb were to be found side by side today. South Viet Nam's visiting Vice President Ky - attending a tea with Chairman Fulbright and other members of the Senate Foreign Relations Down wins Committee. Ky later telling reporters that he and Fulbright had both that
US troops should be pulled out of Vietnam as soon as possible. Ky adding that Saigon "would have no objection to a Congressional deadline for American withdrawal" - provided just one thing; that the Communists "agree to discuss with us sincerely" putit. "a solution to the political problems of Vietnam."

INDO CHINA FOLLOW KY

that President Nixon has called for an extended cease fire in Indo China; a cease-fire to last - supposedly - from through the Lunar New Year observance,

January 26th. The Viet Cong calling this - a "clever psychological plan aimed at explix exploiting the customs, beliefs, sentimentality and just aspirations - of our people the American people and other peoples." Adding, in effect - no dice.

From Saigon though - also Washington - a prompt denial that any such offer had ever been made. But the White House with that "we would favor a cease fire during that period" - as, indeed, "we have traditionally."

The White House - a long time rumor final made official today. President Nixon dismissing from his cabinet Interior Secretary Wally Hickel. Giving as his reason - a lack of "mutual confidence." The President adding he intends to appoint as Hickel's successor Maryland Congressman and National Republican Chairman Rogers Morton.

In the Holy Land - death came to the Roman Catholic patriarch of Jerusalem. Archbishop Alberto -age 81-Gori a chaptain in the Italian army during World War One. Later heading Terra Santa College at Aleppo, Syria - prior to his appointment as patriarch in Nineteen Forty Nine. Archbishop Gori establishing the first Episcopal conference - of Catholic bishops in Arab countries; also seeing to it - that church texts were translated and and published in Arabic. Now the end at are eighty one.

From Detroit - another chapter today in the saga of "the Rajah's crown; a little bauble - encrusted with six hundred and seventy eight diamonds pearls rubies, emeralds and sapphxx sapphires.

The Rajah's crown - originally stolen from a Maha-Rajah's palace in East India in Nineteen Oh Three.

Two years later, acquired by financier J. Morrisine

- a partner of the fabled Jey Gould. In Nineteen Forty
Two purchased by Detroit jeweler Meyer Rosenbaum 
has even
who has since exhibited it at museums, clear neress

the country.

The Raja's crown finally ending up as the center

piece - in a window display at Rosenbaum's jewelry

store from whence it was stolen some time over night 
dispide despite an elaborate burglar alarm system.

Police reporting that someone threw a rock through the

store window - grabbed - the Raja's crown and away he

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six figure.

Here's one - you might call it a "mini-ministory. Famed Paris fashion designer Yves St. Laurent one of the first with the new midi-look -- announcing

more - Many more
today he has decided to make mini skirts, again. Yves

St. Laurent explaining: "I just feel like seeing legs
again."

A new book of special interest to animal lovers 
"America's last wild horses" by Hope Ryden; the story

of the Spanish mustangs that originally escaped from the

conquistadors - that takes played such an important role

in the history of the West only to end up now - at

the point of virtual extinction.

Where once there was an estimated two million

of these wild horses - says Hope Ryden - the current

figure is no down to around sixteen thousand. "But

in ten years" - she goes on - "even these will be gone;

for they are unprotected by any law - and are mercilessly

and most cruelly hunted by agents for canning favoratives x x

factories."

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competing plea for the preservation of an integral

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For film star Elizabeth Taylor - who is currently living in London a visit today from the editor of Wild Life Magazine - followed by a heart to heart talk whereupon the celebrated actress was quoted as saying she was has decided now to give up her fur xo wardrobe, preservation; and to do so - in the interest of wildlife present xpresent Includes everything - we are told - from her Arctic Russian sable to her tropical leopard; which apparently means that hubby Richard Burton - will also give up his mink sport jacket. The won TER ORECH.