

OTTAWA

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~~At the top of the news tonight~~ <sup>Pres.</sup> Richard Nixon <sup>is</sup> in

Canada. The President and Mrs. Nixon arriving at Ottawa - just a few minutes ago. The President's schedule <sup>is</sup> expected to include talks tonight and tomorrow - with Canada's Prime Minister Trudeau; also, an address tomorrow night before a joint session of the Canadian Parliament; after which the signing of a treaty Saturday - pledging a joint effort to clean up the Great Lakes.

All this - an attempt to mend a few fences, <sup>next</sup> ~~close~~ door, before the President <sup>takes</sup> ~~is~~ off <sup>for</sup> ~~again~~ to Russia.

AN LOC

In Vietnam - the ~~battle lines are drawn~~ <sup>North Vietnam forces</sup> ~~the~~  
~~crunch is on.~~ <sup>today were</sup> ~~Enemy forces,~~ setting as their main target  
~~today~~ the beseiged city of An Loc just sixty miles north  
of Saigon. ~~And then~~ an all-out attack \* carry ~~ing~~ <sup>ed them</sup> to within  
a hundred yards of the city's main command post. ~~When~~  
~~this~~ <sup>This</sup> was turned back - with heavy losses. - ~~a later~~ <sup>Now, a</sup> second  
attack; <sup>going on right now,</sup> ~~raging on and on - into the night.~~

The Communist goal <sup>is announced</sup> ~~is spelled out~~ in leaflets  
scattered throughout the area, ~~These~~ pledging to make An  
Loc a provisional capital for the Viet Cong - within a week.  
~~Reverse side~~ <sup>with</sup> the South Vietnamese pledging to hold An  
Loc - at "all costs."

PARIS FOLLOW AN LOC

~~Meanwhile~~ <sup>From</sup> Paris <sup>came word</sup> ~~a disclosure today~~ that

President Nixon secretly asked Hanoi for a resumption of peace talks - nearly two weeks ago. ~~This - according to~~

<sup>AW</sup> ~~U.S.~~ Ambassador William Porter; <sup>says</sup> ~~who added that~~ the only response from the Communist side - was a "mushrooming invasion" of South Vietnam.

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~~Next up~~ a spokesman for the Viet Cong; ~~who~~ <sup>says he knows</sup> ~~said that he knew~~ of no such message. ~~Whereupon the~~ U.S. observed: ~~"It simply shows - their friends are not keeping the Viet Cong informed."~~

## SENATE FOLLOW PARIS

While ~~at~~ this was going on - the Senate <sup>today</sup> was taking  
up ~~today~~ a measure aimed at curbing the President's  
war-making powers; ~~taking it up~~ <sup>It</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>ed</sup> ~~passing it~~ by a vote  
of sixty-eight to sixteen.

Observers were quick to note, however <sup>that</sup> it's  
extremely doubtful the Senate bill will ever become law.  
~~Why so? Because~~ <sup>that</sup> ~~one~~ the House will probably kill it;  
or failing that ~~two~~ the President ~~will~~ veto it.

## NEW YORK

*Here in New York - it was "play ball" today; a cry that was warmly greeted - across the land. The major league players and owners - finally settling their contract dispute of nearly two weeks. Marvin Miller of the Players Association observing - "no one ever wins in a strike situation." "I'm just happy to announce" - he continued - "that settlement has been reached - so that the baseball season can start this Saturday."*

## **CAPE KENNEDY**

*Cape Kennedy - the countdown to Sunday passed the halfway mark today. No difficulties - right on schedule.*

*The weather forecasters - also predicting good conditions;*

*while the men of Apollo-Sixteen - were brushing up on*

*their geology lessons. A space official saying, in sum:*

*"It looks good."*

## BALLYMONEY

The lid that was clamped on Northern Ireland  
a couple of weeks ago - ~~with it~~ finally blew off today. IRA  
terrorists mounting their worst campaign of shootings and  
bombings - since the start of direct British rule. One of  
the blasts killing an elderly woman - during a shopping  
trip at Ballymoney, about forty miles northeast of Belfast.

In Belfast ~~its~~ - a Catholic civil rights group  
urged the IRA to stop the violence. This in a public  
statement - with the Catholics adding: "Our Protestant  
fellow countrymen - faced on one side with betrayal and on  
the other side with IRA violence - are placed on the verge  
of despair; and it is in this despair" - the statement went  
on - "that evil men or fools can plant the seeds of civil war!"

UCON

*From the University of Connecticut - a new twist to an old tale. Anthropologist William Laughlin - discussing a thirty-year study of the Aleutians; confirming, in part, the theory that Asian man crossed into the New World - across a land bridge that existed some ten to twenty-five thousand years ago; disputing, however, "the romantic picture of stone-age man - taking advantage of a geologic accident to reach for another horizon."*

*In truth - says Laughlin - the "land bridge" in question - was actually a thousand miles wide; prior to the last great Ice Age - linking Asia and North American "like great, continental Siamese twins." He adds, what's more, this land mass "was a place of permanent habitation - not a migratory route." And those who made it across - he contends - not really migrants, more like drifters.*



## WASHINGTON-SHREVEPORT

On the campaign trail - Democrat versus

Democrat today. Senator Jackson accusing Senator McGovern

- of, quote, "political flimflam;" <sup>for having urged -- a</sup> ~~This - for urging a~~

Thirty-Three Billion-Dollar cut in defense spending.

Jackson adding: "I am going to speak out against this

simplistic thinking & however well-meaning and however

decent the man who espouses it."

Earlier, Governor Wallace <sup>was</sup> carrying his campaign -

to Shreveport, Louisiana; where he was asked whether he ~~would~~

would accept, if offered - the Democratic nomination for

Vice President. Wallace's answer? ~~well,~~ He didn't say

yes - he didn't say no. He merely observed: "It is

significant that people are asking such a question now -

while it wasn't even raised during the Nineteen-Sixty-Eight

campaign."

## WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

On the Republican side - Vice President Spiro Agnew was addressing a business convention at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia; there blasting a group of Democratic Senators - among them, a number of Presidential contenders - for opposing technological advances such as the SST and the space shuttle.

These are typical "no no birds" - said ~~Mr. Spiro~~<sup>Mr. Agnew</sup> Agnew. Further explaining: "The no no bird is a strange little creature - that spends most of its time with its head in the sand; and when it does fly - it flies backward; because it doesn't want to know where it's going" - ~~just~~<sup>Warren "only"</sup> where it's been."

~~All of which would seem to indicate the "no no bird" is a distant cousin to the fabled "ooseleftnoh." Ah, but that's another story~~

**DETROIT**

**For Red China's visiting ping pong team - a brief time out today; to allow for a visit - to a Detroit auto assembly line. A spokesman for the group - aptly named Ping - telling each of the auto workers: "We bring you the greetings of the working people of China." - <sup>Said he:-</sup> "the working class is a great class." In return, the auto workers drawing up a sign - saying in English and Chinese: "We welcome you to Detroit."**

**Incidentally, the Chinese were most impressed - <sup>by</sup> ~~with~~ the speed and efficiency of American assembly line methods. But they were most surprised - by the fact that virtually all the auto workers were men. In China - explained Ping - "men and women work together in plants like this."**