

WHITE HOUSE

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~~The big story~~ Tonight ^{as you no doubt have} ~~perhaps got to~~

heard, ~~comes with~~ President Nixon ^{is} scheduled to address ~~the nation~~

the nation at ten o'clock Eastern time. Subject:

The current enemy offensive in Vietnam - and the

future of U S troop ~~withdrawals~~ withdrawals - ^{all of which} ~~and~~

you ^{will} ~~can~~ hear ~~it right here~~ on many of ^(these) ~~the~~ CBS

radio stations.

BROOKLYN FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

As to content of the President's address -

~~We may have one clue from~~
~~that's still a secret - of course. But a clue maybe~~

~~in~~ a Brooklyn speech today by defense Secretary

~~Melvin~~ Laird; who bitterly attacked - some of the

President's chief critics in Congress.

^{See:}
Said ~~Melvin~~ Laird: "As one who was

elected to Congress for nine years, I find it

impossible to understand - how those who sought

no limits in the years when we were going up and

up in U S military strength in Vietnam - today to

seek limits on protection of Americans as our

troop levels go down and down and down.

Laird adding: "If I seem to be blunt ~~today,~~

it is ~~ga~~ because I am frankly fed up with those

who would compromise the safety of Americans -

for whom the President and I are responsible."

PENTAGON

~~Back at~~ ^{From} the Pentagon ^{comes} a report ^{that} ~~states~~

the U S is highly encouraged by the success of South Vietnamese troops -in repelling recent enemy attacks. A spokesman for the Pentagon adding:

"The enemy has taken very major casualties - and is on his way to another set of losses similar to the Nineteen Sixty-Eight ~~in~~ TET offensive."

VIETNAM FOLLOW PENTAGON

Meanwhile, in Vietnam a series of continuing battles ^{seemed to be} underscoring the ^{is} point. In virtually every clash - the South Vietnamese ^{were} more than holding their own. Lest we forget - a number of South Koreans are also still fighting in Vietnam; and today they ~~reopen~~ reopened East West Highway Nineteen - at vital An Khe pass.

^{There also was} ~~in addition~~ a mass demonstration today at Hue ^{with} More than ten thousand South Vietnamese bitterly protesting the invasion from North Vietnam.

~~And~~ These - we are told - members of a sect ^{that} up to ^{had been} now ~~at least~~ strongly anti-government.

HELSINKI

From Salt talks in Helsinki ^{comes word} ~~an~~

~~announcement today disclosing~~ ^{of} the departure of

Chief U S negotiator Gerard Smith, ~~He's~~ heading

home for, quote, "consultations with his government," -

~~As was true of~~ ^{As was true of}
~~the same as~~ ^{his} Russian counter-part ~~just~~ a week

ago. Conference sources saying this could mean

- an agreement ^{maybe} ~~to~~ near, - ~~no hope.~~

SPACE

In the flight of Apollo Sixteen - ~~the~~

~~all down hill now.~~ The U S Moon ship ^{has been} accelerating
~~steadily -~~ as it draws ever closer to the earth;
today passing the half-way mark in its return
voyage. ~~with a~~ splash-down ^{all} set for two forty-four
eastern time - tomorrow afternoon. Weather
conditions in the recovery area ^{are} said to be good.

Incidentally - a number of earthbound
scientists - have already begun to analyze the
astronauts findings - suggesting they may have
sampled lunar rock splashed out of the lunar crust
by some tremendous impact. (~~But Mission Commander~~
John Young ^{is} ~~for one~~ urging those below to
avoid jumping to any conclusion. Said he: "It just ain't
good science.")

SENATE

~~By a vote of nine to five, the Senate
Judiciary committee today scheduled another chapter
- in the continuing "perils of Richard Kleindienst;"
recalling the ~~the~~ Attorney General-designate for
additional testimony - at a session set to begin
tomorrow morning.~~

At the insistence of Chairman Eastland
and others ~~though~~ - the end is perhaps in sight,
With The Judiciary of The Senate
~~At any rate, the~~ committee [^] agreeing to vote on the
Kleindienst nomination [^] no later than five o'clock
tomorrow afternoon. [^] After ^{long} six [^] weeks of hearings.-
~~well, you might say "about time."~~

FLINT

A man who helped to shape the course of American politics over two decades - dead today at Flint, Michigan. Arthur Summerfield - one of the key supporters of General Eisenhower - in his quest for the Republican nomination for President in Nineteen Fifty-Two; also, instrumental in the choice of Richard Nixon - as Ike's running mate; and later ~~as~~ helping ~~to~~ thwart the so-called "dump Nixon" ~~movement~~ movement." Finally serving eight years - as Postmaster General.

Arthur Summerfield - Michigan's Mr.

Republican - age seventy-~~two~~ three.

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This next - from the University of Illinois -
at Chicago; where student journalist by the name of
~~Walter~~ William Chester - recently published an April
Fool's article on Womens Lib; with the result - he
has just been attacked on campus.

The way student chester tells it - his
assailants were three young women; one of whom =
weighing two hundred pounds - grabbed ~~for~~ him from
behind and threw him down; whereupon the other two -
ripped ~~me~~ open his shirt, ^{snapped his suspenders,} ~~and pulled down his trousers~~
preparing to do their worst when luckily - or unluckily -
depending on your point of view they were frightened
off by University employees and now ~~am~~ a postscript:
William Chester saying today - he had considered
filing charges of attempted ~~me~~ rape. But he added ^{Warner} _^
"just to show I'm no male ~~is~~ chauvinist pig - as they
called me - I filed only simple battery charges."

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LONDON

London - a joyous home-coming today -
for John Fairfax and Sylvia Cook. Remember? The
couple who arrived in Australia this past weekend -
after rowing across the Pacific? ~~On their return~~
~~now, friends and relatives and additional on-lookers -~~
~~shouting: "Welcome back" and "well done."~~

The couple ^{still} refuse ^{ing} ~~to~~ however, to discuss
their record making six month voyage. They ^{are}
saving ~~that~~ ^{it} for future newspaper and magazine
articles and maybe a book or two. They also brushed
aside - any talk of a possible ~~marriage~~ marriage.
Same as before Miss Cook noting that Fairfax had
previously ^{sailed} ~~rowed~~ the Atlantic. Adding: "Who wants
to marry a man - who goes off on jaunts like that!"

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MUSKIE

On the political front - here at home - the Democratic Presidential sweepstakes had its first major drop out today. Edmund Muskie retiring from the Primary route - for lack of money as well as votes. Muskie saying, in effect, he will still be available; but advising previously committed delegates - they should feel free to reassess their commitment.

Incidentally, the Senator also discussed today - his much publicized temper. Smiling and relaxed in this time of trial Edmund Muskie saying: "I really only get frustrated - at little frustrations."