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**WASHINGTON**

*In Washington Secretary of State William Rogers met today with the Swiss Ambassador to Havana. Silvio Masnata - who serves as an intermediary between the U.S. and Cuba; delivering to Rogers the text of a Cuban draft - for a proposed agreement between the U.S. and Cuba aimed at curbing air piracy.*

*Rogers then stating the U.S. view - to be relayed to Havana. Exactly what it was - not disclosed. However, Rogers later telling reporters that "a foundation for an agreement has been laid."*

## **RULES FOLLOW WASHINGTON**

*In the meantime though - an effort to minimize the skyjacking danger as much as possible. The U.S. Transportation Department today ordering the nation's airlines - to tighten anti-hijacking screening procedures; also, to inspect all hand luggage - before it's carried on, board.*

*Transportation Secretary John Volpe explaining that recent acts of air piracy - have shown "an increasing disregard for human life." Adding, therefore: "The most effective procedures possible must be instituted - as a means of preventing such acts."*

## PARIS

*In the quest for peace at Paris - a brief time-out.*

*The U.S. and North Vietnam - calling off today's  
scheduled negotiating session; apparently to permit both  
sides - to continue consultations with their home  
governments. The Florida White House adding only: "It  
was mutually agreed - the two sides would meet tomorrow."*

## **KEY BISCAVNE**

*The new Secretary of Housing and Urban Development - James T. Lynn. So announced today at Key Biscayne - as the President continues his second-term shakeup. Lynn moving over from the Commerce Department - where he served as Undersecretary.*

*The President also announced today - still another Cabinet holdover. Rogers C. B. Morton - to continue on as Secretary of the Interior. A spokesman saying: "The President feels that he" - Morton - "has provided strong leadership - and will continue to do so in the second term."*

## CINCINNATI

*The installation of air bags as auto safety devices - originally scheduled to become mandatory as of Nineteen-Seventy-Five. As of today though - an indefinite delay; with a Federal Appeals Court at Cincinnati - ordering further tests.*

*Judge John Peck stressing, however - that the ultimate goal remains the same. "The idea" - said he - "is to assure that when the car stops dead - the passengers don't."*

## CAPITOL HILL

On Capitol Hill - another session of the Senate Hunger Committee; hearing today from Dr. George Briggs - a Professor of Nutrition at the University of California; who said that the eating habits of Americans, rich and poor - are simply "terrible."

Dr. Briggs <sup>added</sup> ~~saying~~ that this leads to "undernourished mothers and sickly infants, - physically and mentally inferior children, - absenteeism in the working force - great loss of life from cardiovascular disease and hypertension;" also, "dental decay - alcoholism - and diseases of diabetes, obesity and digestive disturbance." All of which cost the nation - about Thirty Billion a year - said he; including "nearly one-third - of our total annual health bill."

Dr. Briggs coming to the inescapable conclusion - as he put it - that the U.S. is "a nation of nutritional illiterates."

## **DRUGS FOLLOW CAPITOL HILL**

*At the same time, a second Senate panel was probing today - the value of home health remedies.*

*Lead-off witness: Dr. Richard Hornick of the University of Maryland School of Medicine - who questioned the use of special medications for treating the common cold. "We have found" - said he - that where a cold is concerned "aspirin alone is a very excellent drug;" and the sooner - the better.*

*Next - Dr. Sol Katz of Georgetown University. When asked what he himself would recommend in treating a cold - saying: "Hot chicken soup is very good." You see - mother really knew best.*

## **SUPREME COURT**

*From the U.S. Supreme Court - an order today overturning a previous California ruling. The High Court holding that live and filmed sex shows - may be legally banned from places where liquor is sold by the drink.*

*Justice Rehnquist - who wrote the majority opinion - recognizing "the Constitutional protection of freedom of expression;" but he also cited the "broad sweep" of the Twenty-First Amendment - which repealed Prohibition. This - said he - "conferring something more than the normal state authority - over public health, welfare and morals."*



## CAPE KENNEDY

At Cape Kennedy - a last-minute <sup>assessment</sup> ~~review~~ today;  
with the space center high command - reviewing all aspects  
of tomorrow night's scheduled Apollo-Seventeen moon-launch.  
Mission Director Chester Lee later saying that "everything  
indicates - we are in a go position."

Meanwhile, the men of Apollo-Seventeen - getting  
in a few hours of flying time in jet trainers; the better to  
head off - possible space sickness. Back on the ground,  
they also practiced a number of procedures - designed to  
cope with possible space emergencies. Right now though  
- it couldn't look better.

## HAGERTY

*The other day TV executive James Hagerty - a former aide to the late President Eisenhower; put forward a number of proposals for streamlining our Presidential elections - which all agree do need streamlining.*

*Jim Hagerty urged a realistic curb - on campaign spending; along with shorter campaigns - using mainly the mass media instead of old-style barnstorming tours. Jim also calls for an end - to the plethora of public opinion polls. "While polls may not affect votes on election day" - says ex-White House Secretary Hagerty - "polls obviously do influence contributions, the morale of candidates and their supporters - and, in all probability, the general tone of each campaign."*

*The latest Gallup Poll actually is said to show that seven out of ten Americans more or less agree. The Gallup people further asserting that "basic in the thinking of many American - is the belief that every person should have an equal chance to run for office; and that money - should not be a controlling factor."*

NEW YORK

*Here in New York - a four-day dental meeting;  
featuring the presentation of a number of papers - filled  
with all sorts of interesting tidbits. For example, Dr. Roy  
Langer of Florida reporting that the average person  
swallows - about two thousand times a day. Which may be  
true, Bill - but <sup>do you</sup> I find ~~that~~ <sup>it</sup> a bit hard to swallow?*

## **POSTAL**

*From the U.S. Postal Service comes a warning today: It's later than you think. The Postal Service going on to say - if your Christmas packages are not mailed by Sunday, they may not arrive in time for the big day. Adding that cards, too, should be in the mail - before the end of next week.*

*In short, mail early - avoid the rush.*