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HINDUSTAN

The focus of world attention ^{remains the} ~~that~~ storm over Hindustan, ^{with} ~~where~~ New Delhi ~~was~~ claiming tonight that Indian troops are now advancing into East Pakistan on all fronts. Adding that the Administration of ~~the~~ occupied land -- is being turned over immediately to the Bangladesh Independence movement.

This following an announcement by Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in the Indian Parliament; an announcement extending formal recognition - to the Bangladeh ^s rebels. Whereupon the members of Parliament bang ~~ed~~ their desks and shout ~~ed~~ over and over: ~~was~~ "Jai Bangladesh" -- long live Bangladesh.

~~Reverse side~~ → Pakistan ^{today broke} ~~finally breaking~~ diplomatic relations with India, ^{and} ~~is~~ still insisting - its troops are holding firm.

WHITE HOUSE

~~While here at home~~ - President Nixon ^{today met} ~~was~~

~~meeting~~ with Congressional leaders of both parties,

stressing that the U S must maintain "absolute

neutrality" -- and not ~~can~~ become "physically involved," as

^{he put it,} "in the Indo Pakistani war." ^{Also} ~~And then~~ Secretary of

State ~~William~~ Rogers announcing ^{ed} ~~the~~ suspension

of nearly ninety million ^{dollars} in U S general economic aid

to India. Contending that it might help New Delhi -

in its current fighting with Pakistan.

JUSTICES

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The first of President Nixon's two new appointees to the Supreme Court - easily confirmed today. Richmond Attorney Lewis Powell Jr. -- clearing the full Senate by a vote of eighty-nine to one; ~~with~~ The lone dissent -- ~~coming from~~ Oklahoma's Senator Harris.

As for the President's second nominee -- William Rehnquist -- his turn will ~~not~~ ~~come~~ ~~until~~ later in the week. ~~But~~ Observers now predicting -- that he - ~~is~~ too, will win confirmation "by a comfortable margin."

SENATE

The Senate again - Mrs. Romana Acosta Banuelos was approved today as the new U S Treasurer. This by voice vote - without debate.; and the fact that illegal Mexican aliens have been found to be working in her southern California food factory - ~~she~~^{this} was just ignored. Romana Acosta Banuelos the ~~new~~ name ~~you~~ you'll be seeing henceforth on all U S currency.

F D A

From the U S ~~As~~ Food and Drug ~~and~~ administration

comes

^ a warning ~~to~~ against products containing three percent or more of hexachlorophene; on the grounds that steady useage - may result in brain damage. But observers quick to note - there are relatively few such products presently on the market. And a spokesman for Winthrop Laboratories, a ~~leading~~ leading maker of hexachlorophene products - *says that* ~~further stating~~ "In more than twenty years of use and tens of millions of cases - there has never been a single report of harm when used as directed."

INDO CHINA

In the fighting in Indo China - the main ground action was again centered today in Cambodia; with enemy forces capturing the key railroad town of Badeng north of Phnom Penh - after two days of intensive mortar bombardment.

~~Back~~ *In Saigon the U S command reporting the withdrawal of an additional forty-one hundred men last week; thereby cutting total U S troop strength to the lowest figure since November of Nineteen Sixty-Five.*

MITCHELL

Williamsburg, Virginia -- a meeting of U S
Corrections officials. Main speaker - ~~no~~ Attorney General
John Mitchell, ~~who~~ called U S prisons ^{as} "the most
neglected aspect of our society;" ~~but added that~~ ^{He says}
America now has the best opportunity in this century -
to reform its prison system.

Mitchell explaining that recent prison revolts
~~-- have focused "public attention on the subject matter~~
^{have "} ~~and~~ made the public more aware; and this" ~~with~~
said he - "will help speed the process of reform."

Mitchell also announced Administration plans
~~-- to establish a new national corrections academy~~
for penal officials; ~~patterned~~ patterned after the present
F B I academy - for police officials. An attempt -
said he - to overcome deficiencies - that have turned
our prisons into "colleges for crime."

LAURENTIANS

Up in Canada - in the rugged Laurentian mountain country - another of those "wilderness survival expeditions," ~~gone haywire.~~ ^Q The group ^{of} eleven ~~members getting~~ snowed-in this past weekend - in dense bushland about seventy-five miles northeast of Montreal missing for two days -- till a pair of the hikers, ^{today} managed to ~~reach~~ reach ~~today~~ a girl's school at Nearby St. Sophie. The rest - later recovered by police and volunteers using snowmobiles. The rescuers saying all eleven managed to survive, ~~all right~~ but ~~some~~ just barely. ^N

GM

*The new chairman and Chief Executive officer
of General Motors -- as of January One: Richard
C. Gerstenberg -- a one-time time-keeper in G M's
Frigidaire Division; more recently, G M's Vice President
and ~~the~~ head of ^{the} ~~the~~ finance committee. Richard C.
Gerstenberg now to succeed the retiring James Roche.*

NEW YORK

From a New York husband and wife team who design and manufacture greeting cards - something of a preview today as to what ~~you~~^{we} can expect in the mail for the next few weeks. David and Margery Forer listing as the three main themes in this year's Christmas cards: One -- peace. Two - religion. Three - love.

~~By the way,~~ ^{say they are} The Forers also turning out a successful line of rather off-beat cards. One of their best sellers in recent years -- a card that said: "We regret to inform you - there is no Santa Claus." ^{Says} ~~But~~ Forer, ^{saying} ~~"We learned that~~ ["] When a major magazine folded - one of those cards was posted on the bulletin board," And he added: "We took that card out of the line -- once and for all."

MARTINIQUE

Last week - you may recall - a sudden outburst of volcanic activity -at Mt. Soufriere on the island of St. Vincent in the Caribbean. Now we hear of the reawakening of a sister volcano, Mt. Pelee, which began steaming today - on the nearby island of Martinique. This means that after seventy years of slumber - the twin volcanoes are threatening another twin disaster.

The last time they erupted together - back in Nineteen-oh-Two; Mt. Soufriere wiped out some two thousand people, and Mt. Pelee thirty thousand. Except for a Seventeenth Century eruption at Mt. Etna in Sicily - the worst volcano death toll in all history.

LIMA

At Lima, Peru, Senora Sarah Patricia Ramos
celebrated today - her one hundred and third birthday -
the picture of perfect health. Helping her celebrate were
seven children, forty-three grand children and one-hundred-
and-one-great-grand children, Warren.

SAN FRANCISCO

At San Francisco - a weekend board meeting of one of America's best known conservation groups. The Sierra Club ~~is~~ voting to sponsor a new program - calling for "extensive ecological planning," in the construction of housing developments and recreational facilities. At the same time, cutting back a three year old campus liaison program - also, a book program - in order to save money.

Executive director Michael McCloskey explaining ⁱⁿ that the club's membership has doubled in the past six years. "Public support seemed boundless" - he went on; "many thought we were invincible - a little effort yielded big results." ~~Now~~ Now -- he said "it no longer does;" and the ~~same~~ time has come to regroup -- "to mass our forces again."

McCloskey adding: "The world needs to be saved,"
but ^{he says the} ~~the~~ ^{Sierra} Sierra Club should not ^{get the idea} ~~be gripped by the~~
~~illusion~~ - that it can do it alone."