

*The White House - President Nixon orders "further substantial cuts" - in the federal budget for ~~the~~ fiscal Nineteen Seventy One. Announcement today - from White House Press Secretary Ron Ziegler; who quoted the President as saying that additional economies must be made - as part of the fight against inflation.*

*The President's decision - said to be the result of a cabinet meeting late yesterday; a meeting called to consider a tentative budget -- which was already in balance and held forth the prospect of perhaps even a surplus. However, the President ruling this insufficient. He wants more cuts so as to eliminate the need for raising excise taxes.*

## CAPITOL HILL

Chief topic today on Capitol Hill - The Pill. This the subject of a senate sub-committee hearing - under the auspices of Senator Nelson of Wisconsin who called as his first witness Dr. Hugh Davis of John's Hopkins University. The latter asserting that nine million American women - are gulping birth control pills "like chickens eating corn"- and unaware, said he, that oral contraceptives may cause cancer, blood clots, diabetes, artery disease and so on.

End result of this - said Dr. Davis -- a ten year rise in "health hazards" to women - "on a scale previously unknown to medicine."

## LAGOS

*In the wake of Civil War in Nigeria - the job of reconstruction begins. Nigeria's General Yakubu Gowon on radio Lagos today pledging the people of Biafra - a policy of equal treatment for all; assuring rebel Ibo tribesmen that they will not be treated as "second class citizens." The war is over! We wish you all well! == said General Gowon.*

*At the same time -- in Lagos and also at the United Nations, Nigeria rejected today all offers of direct foreign aid to starving Biafrans. General Gowon asserting that Nigeria has ample relief supplies - and does not need foreign blood money, as he put it. The General adding that talk of a planned slaughter - is nothing more than "vicious and malicious propaganda". Later he did accept - an offer of Red Cross aid.*

Meanwhile, advancing Nigerian troops captured ~~today~~ a long sought jungle radio transmitter; the one that served as Radio Biafra during the last months of the war. Along the way - we are told - <sup>his people</sup> ~~the Nigerians~~ were accepting the surrender of thousands; hungry Biafran soldiers -- yielding at last to the inevitable.

## HO CHI MINH TRAIL

War news from Southeast Asia - tells of two engagements today; ~~surprisingly~~<sup>but</sup> enough neither in Vietnam.

The first = in neighboring Laos; where a flight of American planes spotted a Viet Cong convoy of < thirty five trucks > heading south on the Ho Chi Minh Trail. The U S ~~guns and ships~~<sup>planes</sup> quickly destroying twenty-one of the trucks - damaging at least four more.

Second clash -- in neighboring Thailand to the East; where a Communist force attempted to invade - America's Ubon Air Base. No luck though. After a fifteen minute battle -- the enemy breaking off; fleeing ~~back~~ into the jungle leaving behind six dead.

JERUSALEM

<sup>there is</sup>  
In the Middle East  $\gamma$  a comparative lull

~~with~~ Both sides reporting  $\leftarrow$  no major fighting.

~~A welcome change.~~

By the way, the deputy leader of Britain's ruling labor party - George Brown <sup>was</sup>  $\gamma$  a guest today in Jerusalem. Conferring with Israeli Premier <sup>Golda</sup> ~~Madame~~  $\gamma$  Meir -- on matters that he called "strictly confidential" ~~and private~~. In any event, when the parley was ended Brown telling ~~Her~~ Madame Meir: "See you later Lovey." This in addressing the woman whom Ben Gurion once called - "the strongest man" in his cabinet. <sup>Then they</sup> ~~if the lady~~ ~~minded though it was hard to tell~~ And, indeed, they ~~did~~ <sup>eat</sup> ~~meat~~ later - for dinner.

## **CANBERRA**

*Vice President Spiro Agnew - still in Canberra, where his presence sparked a brief but violent anti-American demonstration -- outside Australia's parliament house. A mob of about three hundred protestors battling Australian police and U S security men - while the Vice President was lunching with Australian Prime Minister John Gorton.*

*Later on - Agnew brushed aside the protest. Telling newsmen: "I'm rather used to demonstrations." And with that he was off for a quick game of tennis - on the grass court at the U S Embassy.*

## ELDORET

*The worst single accident in the history of the U S Peace Corps - reported today from Eldoret, Kenya. Three young school teachers - taking a brief vacation from their assignments in Liberia - travelling through Kenya by car -- when the vehicle was struck by a ~~car~~ train. All three killed instantly. The victims listed as Marilyn Anne McKay of Forest Hills, New York, Susan Davey of Chicago - and Martha Merrill of Tucson Arizona. In Washington - the peace corps issued a statement saying: "We mourn their tragic deaths - in the cause of peace." The statement then went on to say: "The knowledge that these volunteers gave to their students in Liberia -- and the hopes they kindled in young minds - will stand as their most fitting memorial."*



## ANCHORAGE TOKYO

From Anchorage by way of Tokyo - the story today of a strange or at least, little known alliance. That of Alaska and Japan -- working together to fulfill the promise of America's fiftieth state. The Japanese pouring in <sup>scores of</sup> millions of dollars - getting in return vast quantities of ores, timber, petroleum, the raw materials of Japan's economic resurgence; to the point where ninety percent of Alaska's total exports now end up in the land of the Rising Sun.

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Because of this -- the State of Alaska recently ~~opened~~ opened a development office with a full time staff in the heart of Tokyo. Japan, in turn, will soon open a consulate -- in ~~the heart of~~ Anchorage. And even as thousands of Alaskans make plans to visit Expo <sup>-70</sup> ~~Seventy~~ in Japan next summer - thousands of Japanese tourists are likewise planning to visit Alaska. One of the "must" stops by Japanese visitors -- we hear

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today - MT. Edgecombe near Sitka. So much like

Mt. Fuji in Japan - that the Japanese who have

settled nearby now call it - Sitka Fuji; ~~in effect~~

1/4 ~~Fuji was~~ And now Fuji to you, Warren!

WENO NAH

Latest innovation in the long haul trucking business -- women truck drivers. This according to Harry Dickerson of Educor Incorporated -- Wenonah, New Jersey, which specializes in training over-the-road-truckers. The ladies coughing up a thousand bucks or more for the training they need to handle ~~heavy~~ diesel ~~tractors~~ tractors with twelve speed ~~transmissions~~ transmissions. Learning to ~~do~~ haul forty foot trailers -- <sup>right</sup> ~~clear~~ across the continent. <sup>\*</sup> Why should a woman want to become a long haul trucker? First - because it pays well - an average of about twelve thousand a year. Second - because her hubby is often a trucker himself - and some companies actually prefer husband and wife driving teams. It's safer - they say. It also ends occupational separation - often lasting a week or more. And so the collapse of another ~~the~~ bastion -- of male supremacy.

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