

GULF OF ALASKA

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Up North - in the Gulf of Alaska and the surrounding mountain wilderness - the Saint Elias Range, The Fairweather Range, the search goes on. At least forty planes and hundreds of fishing boats braving gale winds and fog and rain in an attempt to find the missing plane - carrying House Democratic leader Hale Boggs, Alaska's Congressman Nick Begich and two others. As for results - at last report "no sign." Air Force Colonel Earl Ray adding: "It's not a good day for searching but we've got a lot of people out." This is a wild region of glaciers and ice-capped mountains where quite a few planes have crashed.

PARIS

Less than a week ~~after~~ after an
unprecedented four days of secret peace talks -
Henry Kissinger ^{once again} was back in Paris today. The
President's chief foreign policy advisor -- meeting
briefly with North Vietnamese diplomats; then
flying on to Saigon - to confer with South Vietnam's
president Thieu.

The purpose of all this - not disclosed.
Observers noting, however, that General Abrams
the new U S Army chief of staff - is also bound
for Saigon. And they add that General ~~Abrams~~ Abrams
after his ~~long~~ long tour as U S commander in
Vietnam is probably closer to Thieu than any other
American. All of which could mean - that something
big is in the ^{offing;} ~~works~~; but what? - ^{The world wonders,} ~~well, we'll just~~
~~have to wait and see.~~

VIETNAM

Meanwhile, the fighting continues.

With heavy enemy pressure today forcing the evacuation of five hamlets and an artillery base in the central highlands. These - of little strategic value. But Communist forces ^{are} said to be working under a "plant the flag" directive; trying to take and hold as much ground as they can - lest they be caught short by an "in-place" cease fire.

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - President Nixon

takes a philosophical look at American politics.

This in a meeting with labor leaders - from twenty

four different countries. The President observing

that U S election campaigns - are far too long.

Adding, however, that his visitors had arrived at

an opportune time - for the present campaign is

now entering its crucial stage. The final three

weeks - clearly the most important - said the

President. Adding: "That's when the people are

listening -- and that's when the people make up

their minds."

SAN ANTONIO

For ~~George~~^{for} McGovern - the final day of
a two day campaign swing through Texas. The
Democratic ~~is~~ nominee stopping at San Antonio's
Kelly Air Force Base - where he trained as a
bomber pilot during World War Two. There branding
as nonsense the charge that his proposed defense
spending cuts - would mean the closing of Kelly
field.

McGovern insisting he would only close
down U S bases in Europe and Southeast Asia;
thereby bringing U S personnel as he put it -
"back home" where they belong.

SALT LAKE CITY

Today at Salt Lake City - a meeting of the international association of chiefs of police. Chief speaker - attorney general Richard Kleindienst spelling out the terms of a tough new narcotics bill that the Nixon administration plans to introduce into congress next year; said bill - making mere possession of ~~the~~ heroin or cocaine a felony, also, setting ~~on~~ strict mandatory sentences for ~~the~~ first time traffickers in heroin and cocaine; further, prohibiting either bail or probation -- for convicted narcotics peddlars. This - said Kleindienst an attempt to use the justice process to curb the narcotics menace; to curb it "rather than ~~encourage~~ encourage ~~and~~ it through misplaced sympathy that cares more for the trafficker than for the public."

SEOUL

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Martial law in South Korea. So ordered today - by South Korean President Park Chung Hee; in order to clear the way - said he - for major political reforms; reforms which ~~are~~ then can lead - to peaceful reunification with North Korea.

Park adding: "We can hardly find any other political system - better than a free Democratic institution." But he continued: "However superb the Democratic system may be - it will be more vulnerable than other political systems unless it is armed with power to uphold itself."

BELFAST

In Northern Ireland - four more dead.

Two of them rioting protestants who were run down by British Army vehicles. Whereupon the Ulster Defense Association - a militant protestant group - declaring a virtual state of war.

"Tonight" - said the U D A -- "the British army faced the Tartan gangs; by the weekend -- they will face the loyalist people of Ulster". The U D A: adding: "The British army and the British government are now our enemies."

MOSCOW

Coming up December Thirtieth the
fiftieth anniversary of the founding of The union
of Soviet Socialist Republics; in honor of which
- the Kremlin is planning to declare a general
amnesty. This - according to a report today from
Moscow. But the new Russian amnesty like all
previous ~~amnesties~~ ^{is} amnesties ^{is} expected to apply only
to misdemeanors and ordinary felonies. It will
not affect - we are told - ~~the~~ "especially dangerous
crimes against the state" - nor so-called -- "political
prisoners."

SMITHSONIAN

5/12
Washington again - the western regional
meeting of the American Chemical Society and the
society for applied spectroscopy; hearing from
Doctor David Challinor - of the Smithsonian
Institution; who said that air pollution -- tends
to filter out the sun's ultra-violet rays; thereby
reducing the chances that a person might get
sunburns or skin cancer.

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Doctor Challinor claiming in short; that
every cloud, even one of smoke and soot has^s
a silver lining.

MADRID

In Madrid the future King of Spain wore cowboy boots. Also, a ten-gallon hat. Prince Juan Carlos receiving the western gear - from a visiting group of Texas Baptists; who then proclaimed him -- an honorary citizen of Texas. One of the Texans later reporting: "The prince ~~thanked~~ thanked us for the gifts - and said he already has a ~~to~~ Texas saddle; so we said the next time -- we'd bring him a horse."