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TRAVIS-CLARK

Another twenty returning POW's - are scheduled to arrived shortly at Travis Air Force Base in California. After speeded-up processing - they will then be flown to military hospitals across the country; there to complete their long-awaited reunions - with wives and children, mother and fathers, and other loved ones.

An additional forty returnees - are also being processed even now back at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines. And soon they, too, will be boarding "Freedom Flights" - heading back to the States. All this - way ahead of schedule." A Clark spokesman saying: "The rapid pace was made possible, in large measure - by the returnees themselves; by their generally excellent physical condition - and high state of morale."

The returning men are newly-outfitted, for the most part - with mod clothes, watches, cameras and so on.

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*Appropos of the day, many also bearing Valentine gifts - for those they left behind. Lieutenant Commander David Rollins of San Diego - perhaps explaining best the prevailing mood. "I have five years of Christmases, birthdays, and Valentine's Days - to catch up on" - said he.*

## CROSS LAKE-SAN DIEGO

*For those two men who returned last night - the process of catching up has already begun.*

*Major Glendon Perkins flying today to Cross Lake, Minnesota - there to visit his ailing mother. The Major taking along his wife, Kay - with whom he was tearfully, joyfully reunited on arrival earlier at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama.*

*Meanwhile, Navy Commander Brian Woods of San Diego - becoming the first of the returnees to be reunited with his entire family. The latter watching in wonder as he consumed for breakfast today - six eggs, eight pieces of bacon, eight sausages and eight pieces of toast. Doctors describing his condition - as "running on sheer euphoria."*

WASHINGTON-HANOI

*From Washington - and Hanoi - a joint communique; spelling out today the results of four days of talks - between Henry Kissinger and North Vietnamese officials. The two sides agreeing to form a joint commission - to supervise the rebuilding of North Vietnam; also, agreeing to "continue to have periodic exchanges of views - in order to ensure that the cease-fire agreement and its protocols are scrupulously implemented."*

*More than that - the joint communique disclosing a new-found cordiality. The U.S. and North Vietnam both pledging to "strive for a new relationship - based on respect for each other's independence and sovereignty, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality, and mutual benefit." The communique adding that "normalization of relations between the U.S. and North Vietnam - "will help to insure a stable peace in Vietnam - and contribute to the cause of peace in Indochina and Southeast Asia."*



## VATICAN

*At the Vatican in Rome - Pope Paul met today with Hanoi's Xuan Thuy; officially, at least - the first time the Pontiff has ever met with a North Vietnamese official. The two men - conferring about forty-five minutes.*

*As a result, the Pope arrived somewhat late - for his weekly general audience. He was in an ebullient mood though - announcing himself that he had just met with "a singular visitor, the representative of North Vietnam. He also said that Xuan Thuy had offered assurances - "that his people and his government truly desire peace." The Pope adding: "Thanks be to God."*

*Turning to the domestic front - a radio address from the White House. President Nixon discussing today - the nation's environment and natural resources.*

*"Now, in Nineteen-Seveny-Three" - said he - "I can report that America is well on the way - to winning the war against environmental degradation." "Day by day" - he continued - "our air is getting cleaner; month by month - our water pollution problems are also being conquered - our noise and pesticide problems are yielding to new initiatives - our parklands and protected wilderness areas are increasing."*

*The President adding: "Now is the time to reject the doomsday mentality - which says we are destined to pollute ourselves out of existence; now is the time to roll up our sleeves - and get on with the job." Toward that end, he pledged to resubmit to Congress - nineteen bills that were somehow stalled last year; bills that are badly needed - said he - to complete our "unfinished environmental*

business."

*Reverse side - the President taking note of current fuel shortages. "We must face up to a stark fact" - said he - "we are now consuming more energy than we produce in America." The President saying he, therefore, intends to send to Congress - "a new and far more comprehensive energy message." In the meantime, suspending import ~~quot~~<sup>s</sup> on home heating oil - east of the Rockies.*

*The President concluding: "America is a beautiful country. By our commitment to conservation, restoration and renewal - let us resolve to make America even more beautiful for the generations to come."*

## WALL STREET

*After a brief time-out to regroup - money markets around the world were reopened today. The new devalued U.S. dollar - showing unexpected strength. Actually gaining a percentage point or two - in trading in West Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands.*

*For many though - the jitters still continue. On the London exchange, for example, the price of gold - hitting a record Seventy-Two Dollars and Thirty Cents; a one-day increase - of nearly twelve per cent. While here at home - on the New York stock market - the Dow-Jones industrials plunging nearly seventeen points.*



Dr. Walter Herrman of the University of Washington - one of those who pioneered in the use of "ovulation inducers" or so-called fertility drugs. The doctor is having some second thoughts <sup>speech</sup> - as witness a speech before a meeting of California obstetricians and gynecologists.

Dr. Herrmann observing that some women are infertile - because of psychological conflicts. In the past - he continued - such a woman could go to her doctor - find out there was nothing he could do for her - and then "go home knowing that she had done her best."

With the advent of fertility drugs - that's all changed - said Dr. Herrman. Adding that he fears children are now being born - to women who subconsciously do not want children and, indeed, should not have any.

Dr. Herrman stating, in short: "We have the ability to do it - now we're asking whether we should do it."

## HOBART

*For Comedian Jerry Lewis - as well as a young Australian golf fan - a harrowing experience today. It happened on the fifth hole of a pro-am tournament - preceding the start of the Tasmanian Open at Hobart, Australia.*

*Comedian Lewis hooking his second shot - into a crowd of youngsters standing about a hundred yards down the ~~tee~~ fairway. The ball hitting Michael Morgan, age eleven - just above the left eye. Jerry Lewis racing to the scene - by which time the boy was bleeding profusely; also, crying over and over - "I'm blind, I'm blind, I can't see."*

*Needless to say - an immediate end to the golf match. The story does have a happy ending though. Doctors later saying the boy suffered a bad cut - but nothing more. He'll be good as new in a few days - which is probably more than you can say for Jerry Lewis.*

*In the State Legislature at Topeka, Kansas - a hearing on the merits of that still-pending equal rights rights amendment; bringing out Bible scholars - both pro and con.*

*Representative John Bower - reading from the Apostle Paul's letter to the Galatians. Paul saying: "There is neither Jew nor Greek - neither slave nor free - neither male or female - for you are all one in Christ Jesus."*

*Next - Representative Josephine Younkin, who said: "If you look in the Book Genesis - it says that God make woman in the image he wanted, not in the image of man;" which means - she went on - that "women should not be expected to be equal to men - in many ways."*

*It remained, however, for still another woman - to make perhaps the most telling point. Mrs. Grace Maderos saying: "The amendment is a slur on every wife and mother." Adding: "I've been lowered to equality - and I resent it."*



P O W'S

*Now let's get a late report on those returning  
prisoners of war:*