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UNITED NATIONS

At the United Nations he sang out: "Tung Yi" - Mandarin for "yes". Red China's Chiao Kuan-Hua - also pressing the green button at the front of his desk, casting his first vote - as a delegate to the world body.

Red China joining a U N majority - of a hundred and six nations - expressing quote "grave concern" over a U S move - to resume purchases of chrome from white ruled Rhodesia. The charge being that such purchases would clearly violate U N economic sanctions voted against Rhodesia.

Only two nations voting "no!" Portugal and the Union of South Africa. As for abstentions, these included besides ourselves - Belgium, Brazil, Canada, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, France, Greece, Guatamala, Italy, Luxembourg, Mali, the Netherlands and Great Britain.

WASHINGTON

From the U S Civil Rights Commission comes an annual staff report stating how Federal enforcement of Civil Rights laws improved only from "poor to marginal" over the past year. Saying this in part is because the President allegedly failed to install a sense of urgency.

However the Commission Chairman takes a somewhat different view. The Reverend Father Theodore Hesburgh of Notre Dame University saying: "Those who keep pinning the blame entirely on the President - tend to forget the wide-discretion that federal officials have in performing their duties."

PRESIDENT FOLLOW VIET NAM

President Nixon met Republican congressional leaders to urge defeat of a House measure aimed at cutting off all funds for U S military operations in Indo-China after June One . The President's plea was quickly endorsed by House Speaker Carl Albert, also by Congressman Mahon of Texas, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. House Minority leader Gerald Ford adding that such a cut-off - would only jeopardize our efforts toward the return of American prisoners.

PARIS

In the French national assembly - a progress report today on the continued testing of France's new supersonic jet liner, the Concorde. Transport Minister Jean Chamant - saying the Concorde has now made several flights over French territory; at an altitude ~~of fifty~~ of fifty-two thousand feet - at twice the speed of sound. Adding that the plane's sonic ~~boom~~ boom has caused no damage-in spite of widespread fears that it would cause considerable harm. Chamant claiming ~~in fact~~ that so far ~~4~~ apparently no one has complained about the plane or even noticed it.

Whereupon the Assembly - quickly voting an additional hundred and fifty million in development funds; *hoping*

now ~~starting~~ for regular supersonic jet liner service in

Nineteen Seventy Three or *Early* Seventy Four.

But they say the Concorde can't possibly turn out to be a financial success.

GUILLOTINE

Paris again - the French guillotine loses another victim. ~~The~~ French President Pompidou commuted ~~today~~ the recent death sentence of a man who committed two brutal murders; again ~~was~~ carrying through on his campaign pledge that the guillotine would not be used during his term in office. This marking the fifth time that Pompidou has literally ~~saved~~ "saved the neck" of a French murderer.

LOS ANGELES

Mayor Sam Yorty of Los Angeles - the latest entry today in the Democratic Presidential sweepstakes - announcing his candidacy - at a home town press conference. The Mayor saying - he thinks he can win. "But I have no illusions" ~~he~~ he went on - "we have a very hard row ahead." The Mayor adding that he wants to give the people - a choice other than "the left wingers, as he put it, "now on the Democratic slate."

CHUQUICAMATA

Cuba's Fidel Castro - ~~arrives~~ a visitor
today at the copper mining town of Chuquicamata in
Chile; there contending that revolution is on the march
-- in all of Latin America. ^{Said} Castro ~~asserting~~: "Cuba
is free - Chile is freeing itself - others will follow -
for example, Panama. "

Castro refused, however, to classify himself
as a revolutionary - saying he is really a politician.
~~And that~~ ^{Which} ~~is~~ ^{is} said he, "one of the most difficult jobs in the
world. "

WHITE HOUSE

Romance at the White House. The Secret - finally slipping out today. White House housekeeper Shirley Bailey - and White House pastry chef Heinz Bender - disclosing they've been secretly wed for three months now. And amidst all those White House reporters - surely one of the best kept secrets in years!

MOSCOW

From the Soviet News Agency Tass comes a story today telling of a population explosion among a strange species of fish. The Russians calling it - the ~~Scaphirhynchus~~ Scaphirhynchus; a fish they describe as having the head of a snake, the body of an eel - and a tail of a lizard. They say it had been found previously in only three rivers of the world - the Mississippi here in the U.S. and the Amu Darya and the Syr Darya in Central Asia. But now - we are told - popping up in rivers and streams right across Russia.

The British Museum of Natural History - calls the Russian report, if true, indeed a rare phenomenon.

Observing, however, that the Russians' Scaphirhynchus - is perhaps better known as the "shovelnose sturgeon."

Further noting that the Scaphirhynchus - or shovel-nose sturgeon doesn't really have the head of a snake, the body of an eel or the tail of a lizard. But that Warren - "If you drink enough vodka and see one - it could look like that."

ROTTERDAM

One of the top newspapers in Holland De Telegraaf has been carrying on a heated campaign - against chemical pollution of the Rhine and Meuse rivers which run together in Holland. Now the crowning blow. In a lead article today De Telegraaf charging that Dutch river water is so polluted by chemicals - you can develop film in it. To prove the point they ran a picture with said article; a picture actually developed in water drawn from there ⁻⁻right from the Rhine in downtown Rotterdam.