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The American commander in Vietnam -  
 General Creighton Abrams - ~~flew~~ <sup>flew to the front today</sup> to the demilitarized  
 zone - ~~today~~ <sup>this following</sup> ~~after~~ a sudden outbreak of Communists  
 attacks <sup>that</sup> took the lives of at least forty-one Americans  
 and wounded a hundred and ~~more~~ <sup>seventy more</sup> ~~seventy~~ - all within  
 twenty-four hours. North Vietnamese regular army units  
 struck twice from the buffer zone, and farther south,  
 two <sup>also</sup> American artillery posts came under attack. In  
 Saigon, U S spokesmen say enemy units are massing  
 for what could be a new ~~offensive~~ offensive in the areas  
 northwest of Saigon and along the Laotian and Cambodian  
 borders.

NIXON

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Hereafter, calling the present poverty program "an intolerable failure" President Nixon today ~~called on~~ <sup>asked</sup> Congress to enact a federal welfare ~~in~~ system far more radical than any ever proposed by ~~an~~ a Republican administration. He also announced ~~xx~~ steps <sup>to try</sup> ~~that would~~ and take the <sup>away</sup> ~~virtually eliminate any~~ administrative role from the office of economic opportunity, <sup>leaving it</sup> ~~instead, it would~~ <sup>a sort</sup> ~~become a kind~~ of social sciences laboratory for the development of new programs in the war on poverty - programs <sup>then to</sup> ~~which would~~ be turned over to other agencies for execution. <sup>R Pres.</sup> Nixon asked Congress for an additional four billion dollars to ~~fix~~ finance what he calls his "work fare" program; This amount <sup>to</sup> ~~would~~ be in addition to the current five billion ~~dollars~~ allotted to the federal welfare system. In the President's words, the heart of the new system would be - "a basic income for those American families who cannot care for themselves <sup>wherever</sup> ~~in whichever state~~

they live." He recommends that all employable persons who accept federal welfare payments be required to register for work, or job training - and to <sup>take on</sup> ~~accept~~ jobs if suitable ones are available.

## TAXES

Now that the House has ~~had~~ passed an extensive income tax reform law, the administration hopes to achieve new reforms <sup>to</sup> ~~make~~ it much easier to file <sup>how</sup> returns. Treasury officials, Secretary David Kennedy among them, want still another tax measure - one that would cut through red tape and simplify the entire tax paying procedure. One way, favored by some, would be to eliminate almost all deductions and exemptions, then sharply reduce the income tax rates.

## WEAPONS

*For the first time the Senate-Congress has approved a measure, placing major restrictions on the deployment of deadly gas and germ warfare weapons. The bill -- which would control the testing, storage and transportation of such weapons - passed the Senate by a vote of ninety-one to nothing. Defense Secretary Melvin Laird has approved the measure, virtually guaranteeing its passage by the house.*

## FRANC

Devaluation of the Franc became effective

today and, in Paris, tourists were delighted with the

lower prices. Thousands of shoppers <sup>were out</sup> ~~crowded the Paris~~  
~~Bourse to make~~ <sup>making</sup> purchases with the cheaper currency.

Most financial centers, including Wall Street, were taken

by surprise last Friday when France announced the

<sup>de</sup>valuation of the franc by ~~twenty~~ twelve and a half

percent. ~~Although trading on the New York exchange~~

~~was light, showing only a mild reaction.~~

AIR LINE

Beginning October first, United Airlines

will fly non-stop passenger service between Kennedy

~~La~~ <sup>(in New York)</sup> Airport <sup>making it</sup> and Honolulu, the nation's longest  
domestic air route <sup>non-stop for</sup> ~~to cover~~ some five thousand miles.

The new non-stop route was recently approved by the

C A B.

## AUTO

A famous movie stunt man - twenty-eight year old Jean Tomitch, was killed at LeHavre, France today, trying to set a new record for the distance an automobile can fly through the air. As thousands of spectators watched Tomitch drove his car along a ramp which extended out to the river Seine, then he hit the take off at sixty miles an hour. The car leaped forty-five feet into the air before splashing into the ~~water~~ water about ninety feet away. Instead of settling into the river the auto overturned in the strong current, trapping Tomitch for more than a hour. When rescue workers finally reached him, he was dead. His oxygen supply carried in a small bottle, had run out.



CHANNEL

Ever since <sup>the</sup> French <sup>pioneer</sup> airman Louis Bleriot

first flew the English Channel back in Nineteen Oh Nine  
that twenty two mile ~~body~~ body of water has remained  
~~an~~ challenge - not so much to airplanes as to  
swimmers. Early today, a fourteen year old Chicago  
lad, Jon Erickson, became the youngest boy ever to swim  
the Channel, completing the course in eleven hours and  
twenty three minutes. John is the son of Ted Erickson  
who holds the record for the fastest swim from England  
to France and back - thirty hours and three minutes.

In mid town New York today, ~~the~~ pedestrians were asked to answer questionnaires and blow into rubber bags. It wasn't a publicity stunt, nor a promotion of any kind. It was "operation life and breath" sponsored by the city's department of air resources, to find out just how much carbon monoxide - that invisible, odorless, poisonous gas - New York's pedestrians are taking into their lungs.

How Warren - ~~if you haven't~~  
~~too much~~ ~~of this N.Y. Air!~~

I'm sure you are still full of  
life & breath!

LEOPARD

of the  
Kwai  
penalty

Professional hunters, on the River Kwai  
in Botswana, Africa, - Not the River Kwai at the top  
~~in Africa~~ ~~also~~ elsewhere on that vast continent, want to

~~extinction~~ because of  
save the Leopard from extinction by fashion-minded

women. These hunters, led by Jack Block, director  
of an African safari ~~expedition~~ <sup>outfit</sup> want to shame women

out of their desire to wear leopard skins, ~~thus preventing~~ <sup>and stop</sup>

<sup>annual</sup> the slaughter of thousands of leopards ~~annually~~, many

~~it is believed~~ <sup>shot</sup> by poachers. Said Jack Block -- "a big

leopard skin fetches anything between two hundred and  
forty and six hundred dollars." <sup>TP</sup> Most hunters now adays

are Americans, but more and more Englishmen are

coming to Africa to hunt, ~~instead of having holidays on~~

~~the European continent~~ <sup>Says this safari leader</sup> Says Block "rich Englishmen

are having so much money taken away from them by the

government that they're coming to Africa now for ~~xxx~~ the

first time to hunt - saying -- let's spend it ~~now~~ <sup>for Peter's sake</sup>

~~God's sake~~, while we've got it!