On the peace front at Paris - enter"the

French Connection." Henry Kissinger interrupting his

talks with North Vietnamese diplomats in order to confer

briefly today with French Foreign Minister Maurice

Schumann. Purpose - not disclosed. A French

government spokesman saying only that France - "is

not mediating in any way." Nevertheless - a flurry

of additional peace rumors - so-called informed sources

reporting that negotiations are now proceeding - "at

an unprecedented fast pace."

And now this: The White House announcing tonight plans for an unprecedented fourth straight day of secret peace talks in Paris.

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SAIGON TO LLOW PARIS

Meanwhile, in Saigon, US Ambassador

Elsworth Bunker was conferring at length today - with

South Vietnam's President Thieu; presumably briefing Thieu - on the latest developments at Paris.

This following a report from South Vietnamese Foreign

Minister Tran Van Lam - that talks have now reached

an'extremely delicate stage."

FIGHTING FOLLOW SAIGON

Less than twenty miles away - government troops
were re-taking today - another of those hamlets over-run
last week by the North Vietnamese. At last report the
Communists were still holding thirteen other towns - none
more than a day's march from the capital.

Here are home - the Supreme Court today held its first business session of the new term; listing a number of cases that it plans to hear - as well as a number of cases that it plans not to hear.

In effect, the court thereby ruling unconstitutional - Ho Ohio's plan for artism direct subsidies to the parents of non-public school children.

Also, upholding its previous ban on the death penalty in certain cases. Further ruling that Angela David Davis could not be fired by the University of California simply for being a Communist.

On the campaign trail - with George

Mc Govern - an attempt to collar the blue collar vote

in Michigan; including pitches today - in Detroit,

Battle Creek and Kalamazoo.

McGovern charging time and again that the nation is not in the midst of a "health crisis."

Pledging, if elected - to install a new cradle-to-thegrave government health insurance plan; where the

"Nixon-cure" - said he - was "bike treating a cut on the forehead with a tourniquet around the neck."

Tonight's schedule - including a fund-raising dinner in Chicago while via TV - the Democratic nominee presenting his plan for ending the Vietnam war.

Back in Washington - four key Republicans were "invited" - today to testify before the House banking committee. Subject - the watergate bugging affair. Committee chairman Wright Patman - a Democrat, claiming to have uncovered new evidence about a plot aimed at "destroying" the Democratic Party. It was expected, however, that none of the four - would appear. Patman's committee - having earlier refused to grant him subpoena powers. Member Committee, Ben Blackburn of Course Georgia - a Republican - also saying it was clear that Patman had no new evidence. Adding: "It would be absolutely crazy - for any of these witnesses to appear."

At Amman in Jordan - the first meeting of Jordan's national Arab union - a group made up of newly elected representatives -- from both banks chilly historic River.

of the Jordan River. Keynote speaker: "Jordan's tough young King Hussein - at laying it right on the line. At a time said he- when -"the Arab 'world should be reviewing its position, unifying its ranks and consolidating its strength" - it has entered "instead a vicious cycle of accuations." *Hamoulin Hussein adding that Arab leaders - are thus Manua "running away from reality." "They are too concerned with and added: slogans and dreams" - he continued; "They are deceiving our people and keeping them in an empty circle the circle of the defeat."

When it was first completed years ago - New York's Waldorf Astoria was the tallest hotel in the world - six hundred-and-twenty-five feet. Then came the Ukraine Hotel in Moscow - six hundred and fifty feet - thirty feet higher. Now the start of a new Atlanta Hotel, expected to hit seven hundred feet - the brainchild of architect developer John Portman in cooperation with Western International Hotels. Another high spot for the city's new Peach Tree Center. That's the latest from Atlanta, Bill where the hotel industry is rising to new heights.

Here's one from a little magazine called Quote:

A minister had performed so many shot gun weddings, Bill,

he renamed his church Winchester Cathedral!

From the Alaska department of Economic development comes a warning that phoney construction jobs are now being offered in many parts of the country; when, in truth - we are told - there will be no construction on the pipiline this year.

Juneau adding once more, alas, that the job market in Alaska - is "very limited at present." Which means if you must go to Alaska - take money.