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UNITED NATIONS

At the United Nations - the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius today withdrew a motion it made last night, a motion to defer the consideration of global terrorism - at least till next year. Whereupon the General Assembly's steering committee - brushing aside Arab, Chinese and African opposition; voted to place the issue of terrorism - squarely on this year's agenda.

Today's action - following an impassioned plea from U. S. Ambassador George Bush - who argued: "The proper and indeed only forum for dealing with global problems of this magnitude is the United Nations. Bush adding that failure to do so would strike at the U N's reason for being that it might "well be - a turning point in the history of the U N."

QUANG TRI

In Vietnam- government troops were striking out today - from newly recaptured Quang Tri City; in the process - driving across the nearby Thack Han River; attempting to knock out enemy gun positions - which have been shelling Quang Tri virtually non-stop for weeks. This marking the deepest that government forces have yet penetrated into occupied territory in the far north.

SAIGON FOLLOW QUANG TRI

Back in Saigon - the conviction under a tough new press law; ~~with~~ The woman managing editor of a Saigon newspaper - Madame Nguyen Thi Song - sentenced to a year in jail and fined about three thousand dollars for publishing excerpts from the so-called "Pentagon papers" also - a Cornell University study!

This - according to a Soviet Vietnamese military court - "sowing confusion and harming the national security."

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MANILA

In the Philippines - a declaration of martial law; taking effect - as of Saturday morning; Manila time. So ordered by Philippine President Marcos - following a rash of bombings and the attempted assassination of his defense Secretary. His Secretary for Foreign-Affairs in in this country - for the opening session of the U.S. - Carlos Ramulo.

DETROIT

~~On the Democratic side~~ George McGovern was campaigning today in Detroit, Rochester and Pittsburgh - ~~time and~~ again, accusing the President of playing on the bussing issue - "for cheap political purposes."

The Democratic nominee, also lashing out at Spiro Agnew - saying the Vice President had been ~~how~~ "crying" on TV about McGovern's call for an end to the killing in Vietnam. Also, noting that Agnew had wondered why McGovern did not have the same "compassion" for the South Vietnamese ruthlessly exterminated by the North Vietnamese - as he did for civilians killed in the North.

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McGovern going on to say - he will not stand for anyone questioning his patriotism. And he added: "I'm in this race because I love this country enough to call it to a higher standard."

WASHINGTON

By order of the U S food and drug
administration - a ban today on all further use of
the germ killer hexachlorophene; except - by
perscription. Also, a recall of all baby powders
and liquid ~~so~~ soaps containing said chemical.

F D A Commissioner ~~Stuart~~ Edwards in
setting forth the official reason, ^{said} ~~asserting that~~
the U S public - has been "needlessly and massively
exposed" to hexachlorophene. . Noting, too, that
lalc used in France - with too much hexachlorophene
- has already killed between thirty and forty babies.

LAREDO

For President Nixon at Laredo, Texas a great welcome today; the biggest and warmest so far in his re-election campaign; with an estimated forty thousand cheering his every move. This his first return to Laredo since he and Mrs. Nixon honeymooned there thirty-two years ago.

The President later inspecting a nearby Customs station - on the Mexican border. There challenging the action of certain judges - in freeing convicted drug offenders. Said the President: "Society should be protected from these despicable narcotics profiteers - who spread the drug plague for personal gains. And he added: "Far too many heroin victims never get a second chance at life - and we must see to it that heroin pushers do not get a second chance either. At other stops, the President chatted with high school students at Rio Grande City in the poorest county in Texas. And he dines tonight with Democrats at the home of former Treasury Secretary John Connolly at Floresville, Texas.

ROME

Rome's fabled Colosseum - as you know is one of the most enduring of man's imposing creations surviving the ravages of enemy invaders, time and the elements. It has been there over a period of nearly two thousand years. Along the way, it somehow gave birth to the local legend - that when the Colosseum falls the world will fall.

A story today from Rome tells us how "various parts" of the Colosseum are in danger of collapse. This the result of recent rains, heaviest ever recorded in Rome. The government is trying to decide whether to close off the Colosseum. A government spokesman saying: "Restoration work must start at once and it can only be a long process."

ROCKEFELLER CENTER

Here in the East - on the first full day of Fall - a beautiful, sunny day. But if Fall comes can winter be far behind? To prove it New York's Rockefeller Center announces today the selection of its annual Christmas tree; a sixty-five foot Norway spruce - currently growing in Old Bergen, New Jersey. How many shopping days left, Bill Martin? Never mind, it's never enough.

CENSUS

Here's one - a study of love and marriage; as compiled by Paul Glick of the U S Census bureau; who says divorce rates not-with-standing - marriage for many is still forever. Of couples married from Nineteen Twenty through Nineteen Twenty-Four for example - more than eighty percent keeping their vows to the point - we are told - where golden wedding anniversaries are now becoming fairly common place. As to why - hard to say. But Census expert Glick adds that family income - clearly plays an important role in marriage; that as in business it seems - nothing succeeds like success.