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Mike Wallace

The World Series opens next Saturday in Baltimore.

Today, the remarkable Mets of New York made it three straight over Atlanta...The Orioles of Baltimore made it three straight over Minnesota's Twins. and the odds, in the Series - we are told, favor Baltimore. But the Mets have been underrated before, this season.

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MIDEAST

Israeli and Egyptian jets ~~engaged~~^{fought} in an air battle over the Suez today, with an Israeli spokesman claiming three Egyptian planes ~~were~~^{he} shot down, ~~The spokesman~~^{the} says all Israeli planes returned safely. The aerial fight~~ing~~ broke out shortly after Israeli foreign minister Abba Eban met with Pope Paul, in Vatican City, ~~the first time~~ the first time a pope has publicly received an Israeli minister since Israel became a nation in Nineteen-Forty-Eight.

In Amman, the capital of Jordan, the government says its security police have smashed a Moslem plot to overthrow King Hussein. The announcement hinted that Israeli support was given the Moslems.

PILOT

A Pentagon spokesman admitted today that the Cuban pilot who landed a Mig-17 jet in Florida Sunday, somehow ~~failed to~~ ^{it} ~~avoided~~ show up on American radar screens, until arriving at a point just off the Florida Keys. ~~In response to~~ ^{question} the spokesman also said that, because of the short time between radar contact and the actual ~~sighting~~ ^{sighting}, NO American planes were sent to intercept the Russian-made Cuban mig. A spokesman at Homestead Air Force Base where the Mig landed, put it this way - "Any plane coming in with wheels down, is allowed to land. If he comes in with landing gear up, he will be shot down." The pilot was granted political asylum in this country. Cuban officials are arranging to pick up the plane and return it to Havana.

EMPLOYMENT

The nation's unemployment figures took their biggest leap in nine years during the month just passed - September - but some government economists see this as a favorable sign - that inflation is gradually being deflated. The Labor Department says the jobless rate rose from three-~~and~~-a-half to ~~four percent~~ - which means nearly three-million Americans were out-of-work. But Federal economist Murray Weidenbaum says these figures show "we may be moving from an over-heated, over-employed condition to ~~most~~ sustainable employment levels."

JUDO

New Yorkers - always confronted (it seems) with something
new and ^{interesting} ~~controversial~~ - read a newspaper story today which
^{say} ~~says~~ that Mrs. Jacqueline ~~Onassis~~ Onassis used judo to
^{N.Y.} flip a Daily News photographer to the sidewalk. According
to the ~~New York~~ Daily News, one of its photographers received
that kind of treatment from Mrs. Onassis as she emerged from
a midtown Manhattan movie theatre - which was showing the
Swedish film, "I am Curious Yellow". The theatre doorman,
however, says the photographer merely slipped and fell as he
tried to pass in front of Mrs. Onassis.

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POPE

In a stern rebuke to his critics, Pope Paul warned today that anyone who attacks his authority, attacks ~~him~~ the Roman Catholic church itself - and therefore must answer to God. Vatican observers see this as an indication that Pope Paul will reject any challenge to his authority which may emerge from the Synod of Bishops, which opens at the Vatican - this Saturday.