

**Good evening everybody! Showdown in Washington .**

**The Senate voting today on the fate of the Supersonic transport. By a count of Fifty-One to Forty-Six refusing to allocate any additional development funds. So, for our SST - barring an administration - feat of legend main - apparently that's it.**

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## WHITE HOUSE

*From The White House - another special message to Congress. President Nixon urging the establishment of a new volunteer program - called "Action". This to consist of a merger of existing programs - such as the Peace Corps, Vista, the Teacher Corps and so on; the better to tap the undeveloped potential - of Americans of all ages and social strata.*

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INDOCHINA

Except for a holding action by rear-guard Saigon

we are told the  
Marines - ~~that~~ Allied operation in Laos - finally, formally

ended today. Both sides - claiming to have inflicted heavy

casualties. Both sides - claiming clear-cut victory.

But -  
Although - as the President said the other night - it may be  
months before we know the full impact of the Laos offensive.





# LAIRD FOLLOW INDOCHINA

PARIS FOLLOW LAIRD  
Meanwhile, the post-mortems have already begun.

Defense Secretary Melvin Laird saying the Laos mission has been ended - because of "a tremendously vicious and violent reaction on the part of the North Vietnamese."

However, he says the ~~South Vietnamese troops~~ <sup>did</sup> ~~did~~ South Vietnamese troops ~~did~~

"achieved their primary objective;" that of interrupting Communist supply lines - and destroying Communist war materiel in "very substantial quantities."



**PARIS FOLLOW LAIRD**

**Another related development - at Paris. The**

**North Vietnamese today forcing cancellation - of this**

**week's scheduled Vietnam peace parley;** *this intended be*  
*thereby restating*

**- according to Hanoi - an "energetic protest" against recent**

**U.S. aerial bombardment of North Vietnam - also, *what Hanoi calls***  
*these*

**"threats of a new escalation and extension of the war."**

# JERUSALEM

**In the Middle East - Jerusalem - a first step -**

**maybe <sup>^</sup>toward breaking the present Arab-Israeli impasse.**

**Israeli government sources reporting that Prime Minister**

**Golda Meir - has finally agreed to comply with a U.S. request;**

***That is* ~~and thus~~ she will draw up a set of so-called "guiding**

**principles" - setting forth Israel's proposals for new Mideast**

**boundaries.**

# ROGERS FOLLOW JERUSALEM

And here at home - another sign of possible movement. Secretary of State ~~William~~ <sup>arranging</sup> Rogers ~~is going~~ to meet with the full Senate - in closed session - as of tomorrow afternoon. And the purpose of this rare occasion - we are told - to answer any questions ~~that~~ the Senators might have - about the Nixon Administration's Mideast policy.

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## CACHE CREEK

From Cache Creek, Alaska - a status report on the fate of the "Detroit Fifty-Niners". Remember? The group of forty or so from Detroit - who headed North to Alaska a dozen years ago - hoping to strike it rich?

~~Well,~~ It didn't quite work out the way they hoped.

Indeed, the Fifty-Niners are now mostly gone - in part, because of Alaska's harsh climate - in part, because their dreams were built on fantasy. And those few that remain - have found themselves forced to work harder - and suffer

more than they ever thought possible. *But the few who did stick it out have had their rewards. Alaska does that for the strong!*

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Marino Sik; ~~who admits that~~ he and his wife stuck to their

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**HICKEL**

*More on Alaska - from former Interior Secretary*

*Wally Hickel; who endorsed wholeheartedly today - ~~the~~<sup>e</sup>  
proposed Alaskan oil pipeline project.*

*Wally Hickel saying that "we need now, perhaps more  
than at any previous point in our history - to respect the  
environment and to realize that environmental considerations  
are needed." But we also need Alaska's North Slope oil -  
said he; and with proper government supervision - he*

*continued - "we can enjoy both the resources treasure and  
the wild grandeur of Alaska." # The former Interior  
secretary and ex-governor*

*~~Wally Hickel~~ goes on to say: "I cherish Alaska's  
beauty - I call it Alaska's 'resource of the heart and soul.'"*

*And he adds: "I would not give the pipeline project my  
support - if I were not convinced, by facts rather than  
emotion, that it can be built without ~~harm~~<sup>harming</sup> this beauty."*

ST: LOUIS

St. Louis - Spiro Agnew discusses his plans for the future - one more time. The Vice President saying he has not decided yet - whether to seek re-election. Adding that even if he does decide he'd like to run again - it would then become a decision the President would have to make.

Vice Pres,  
~~Spiro~~

Agnew explaining: "The President will want the strongest running mate he can find - based on his judgment." And if, perchance, "it's not me" - said he - "why, I'll go out and campaign for both of them."

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## WALL STREET

*From Wall Street - another remarkable chapter in the saga of Texas millionaire H. Ross Perot; who has just helped to bail out - for the second time in four months - one of the nation's largest stock brokerage firms.*

*H. Ross Perot heading a group that will put up*

*Thirty Million - in order to save financially-troubled F.I. duPont and Company. According to fiscal experts - this staving off a possible crisis of confidence in the securities industry; also, preventing a possible serious blow to the nation's economy - which is just emerging from the doldrums.*

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MOSCOW

Moscow <sup>with</sup> - the first showing of a new film called

"Liberation", ~~and~~ the rehabilitation of Josef Stalin - was

carried still another step further. The Soviet movie

presenting a semi-documentary account - of the major Russian

offensives toward the end of World War Two. Portraying the

Soviet dictator as a perceptive, knowledgeable, level-headed

chief - who was always in complete charge.

Others portrayed in the movie - including: Adolf

Hitler - who is pictured as a ranting, raving near-lunatic.

Also, Winston Churchill - in the Soviet view, a scheming,

conniving ally. Also, Franklin Delano Roosevelt - who comes

through, perhaps surprisingly, as a warm, sympathetic figure.

And now as I board a United  
plane at TFK - a-l-a-