

STATE

Mon, Sept. 10-72.

At the U S State Department - a landmark achievement today in the quest for world peace.

The representatives of seventy-four countries - including the U S, Russia and Britain - all signing a treaty renouncing the use of biological weapons.

An additional six countries also ratifying the treaty - in various ceremonies ^{elsewhere} around the globe.

President Nixon - who was ~~present~~ present - calling this, hopefully, a first step toward the elimination of war. And then ^{with} an apparent ~~reference~~ reference to

Vietnam, ^{1/2} The President saying: "Each nation of the world - must renounce the use of force and aggression." Adding, what's more, that "every great power should recognize - it has the responsibility not to encourage others in the use of force against their neighbors."

VIETNAM

Today, On direct orders from the President there was a massive retaliatory bombing raid ~~today~~ in Vietnam.

Big U S B-52s hitting deeper into the Communist

North than ever before; blasting enemy targets on

the outskirts of Vinh - North Vietnam's second

largest port. Also, blasting enemy targets - around

the city of An Loc in the South; ^{Meanwhile} on the ground -

perhaps the start of a turn-around. At any rate,

South Vietnamese troops ^{today were} turning back ~~today~~ an

enemy attack near Dong Ha. South Vietnam's

General Lam later claiming the Communist threat

in the North has now been ended. "We have stopped

their ~~invasion~~ invasion - said he. Adding flatly:

"They are defeated."

PENTAGON FOLLOW VIETNAM

~~Here at home -~~ At the Pentagon ~~it~~ ^{is} stressed ~~today~~ that U S withdrawal of ~~the~~ ground troops will continue. Defense Secretary ~~Melvin~~ Laird ^{did add that} ~~added however~~ the U S plans to send in more air and naval power. "These augmented forces will be available to General Abrams - later this week" - Said he; - "they are additional needed insurance - showing the determination of the U S against massive enemy violations."

~~So~~, Laird further saying: "We have been patient - and we have been restrained; but our restraint and our ~~patience~~ patience have been answered by ~~provocation~~ provocation, by propaganda, and by this invasion." ~~And he concluded, in effect - never more.~~

VISIT

~~The White House again - an announcement~~
~~today spelling out the schedule for~~ ^{TT} President Nixon's
~~upcoming~~ visit to Canada. ^{will} ~~It~~ including a number
of ceremonial events - plus two days of talks with
Canada's Prime Minister Trudeau; ending Saturday ^{with}
~~the~~ signing of the first U S and Canadian -
~~the~~ Great Lakes clean-up agreement. Said agreement -
the culmination of nearly seven years of negotiations.

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SOUTHERN IRAN

The death toll in that earthquake in southern Iran now set at anywhere from two thousand to four thousand - maybe more. An estimated twenty to thirty villages in Iran's Fars Province - all but leveled. The scene of devastation - according to an eye witness - like the end of the world on judgment day."

Meanwhile, the Shah of Iran ^{was heading} ~~mounting~~
^{a major} ~~massive~~ relief effort; ~~By~~ placing in charge - his brother, Prince Mahmoud Reza. ~~It might be added~~
^{as you know is on the great} ~~that Iran is certainly no stronger to~~ ^{strip} earthquakes
^{than runs across Asia. Only} ~~A similar disaster occurring just~~ four years
^{- Mehed - a quake} ago, in Northern Iran, ~~that one~~ ^{claimed} more than
twenty thousand lives.

ROSARIO

The commander of Argentina's second army corps - cut down by machine gun bullets today. General Juan Carlos Sanchez - the victim of a terrorist ambush in the city of Rosario.

Elsewhere in Argentina - police finally tracked down today the kidnappers of Fiat Executive Obserdan Sallustro. This -in a suburb of Buenos Aires. Police rushing the kidnapper's hide-out only to find that Sallustro had just been shot, killed. Worst yet - the executioners, getting away.

MADRID

By order of Generalissimo Franco - a new law today in Spain; classifying auto repair shops by means of star ratings similar to those of hotels and restaurants. One star - for pretty good; two stars - ~~not~~ better; three stars - the best. The new law also sets fixed prices - for virtually every type of repair shop; in addition, setting heavy fines - for any deviation.

This - we are told - an attempt to prevent price gouging; ~~while~~ ^{and} - at the same time - "improving safety." ~~And so it goes in every Spanish town, where stars are peek-a-booming down - it was on a night like this.~~

CHARLOTTESVILLE

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From the University of Virginia HOspital
where L B J is recuperating from that heart attack -
another favorable report today. Doctors saying the
former President - spent a "comfortable" night;
adding that he - "continues to improve." ~~Another~~
~~way of saying "so far so good"~~

CAPE KENNEDY

*At Cape Kennedy - the count-down begins;
with the U S Apollo Sixteen - heading for blast
off come Sunday. Astronauts Young, Duke and
Mattingly - hoping to achieve still another manned
landing on the lunar surface. This one - a visit
to the unexplored highlands of the Moon.*

BROOKLYN

In the New York Theater District - the ~~biggest~~ hit of the year is the film called - The Godfather, all about the so-called "cosanostra."

~~xxx~~ Across the river - in Brooklyn - another episode today in the real thing; a typical gangland funeral - for slain mobster Joey Gallo. This following by just a few hours - the murder of still another gang figure - the fifth in less than two weeks.

A "high police source" ~~go~~ quoted as saying:
XF "If this isn't gang war I don't know what it is."

ANCHORAGE

*Anchorage, Alaska - an attempt to even
the odds a bit. Alaska's Fish and Game board now
banning^S~~ing~~ the hunting of polar bears from airplanes.
Chairman Oscar Syson saying: "The public is sick
and tired of aerial hunting of polar bears - ~~and~~ and
it's time to put a stop to it." Syson adding that
this applies to both sub-sistence and sports ~~no~~ hunting -
no exceptions.*

HAMBURG

Here's one - a stamp auction at Hamburg, West Germany; with the piece de resistance - a rare "blue mauritus" stamp. Higher and higher - the bidding goes; ~~when~~ suddenly a grey haired gentleman raises one hand - while fumbling in his coat pocket with the other. Just a moment, please. he cries; "I have to check my change - once again." And then - a final flurry of bidding. the winner - you guessed it - that same grey haired gentleman. Taking ~~possession~~ possession of ~~that~~ the coveted "blue mauritus" with a top ~~bid~~ bid of seventy-eight thousand - two hundred bucks. ~~And I can't~~ ⁱⁿ wondering ^{about} that "change" he ^{mentioned} ~~was talking~~ ~~about~~ ^{Warren} could ~~have~~ that have been his car fare home?"

WASHINGTON

At the urging of President Nixon - another attempt to settle the baseball strike. Player and management representatives - meeting for two hours today in Washington. Director J. Curtis Counts of the Federal ~~Mediation~~ Mediation Service - attempting to help things along.

~~However~~ Counts later reporting - no progress. For the moment, ^{alas, no home runs,} ~~at least another~~

"~~some odd~~ ~~egg~~" ~~Rep~~-a-l-u-t-m.