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**EARTH**

*A final note from space: As you may have seen on TV - the Astronauts earlier focused a camera on the planet earth; half of which - was clearly visible; a shimmering blue and white - hanging as if suspended in the black void of space.*

*Gene Cernan pausing a moment in his work - and then saying: "Sometimes I look out there - and I'm not sure I really believe it all."*

ORLY

After ten days of peace talks in Paris - Henry Kissinger was flying back to Washington tonight. Purpose - not disclosed.

Before he left though - Dr. Kissinger issued a brief statement at Orly Airport. <sup>He said:-</sup> "Le Duc Tho of Hanoi and I will remain in contact through messages," ~~said he~~ "and we will then decide whether or not a meeting is necessary." "In the meantime" - he continued - a panel of U.S. experts will remain - "and they will be meeting experts of the other side."

What does it all mean? Hard to say - except that an <sup>important Paris</sup> ~~French~~ newspaper is claiming to have an inside track. Le Figaro reporting that the draft of a Vietnam cease-fire agreement - has now been completed. Adding that Dr. Kissinger will consult briefly with President Nixon - and then present the new draft to South Vietnam's President Thieu. All of which <sup>may be</sup> ~~could be~~ true; ~~but, well - we'll just have to~~ ~~wait and see.~~

## GAZA STRIP

In the occupied Gaza Strip - another milestone in Arab and Israeli relations; with the announcement today that thirty-six thousand Palestinians - will soon be leaving their refugees camps to join the local population.

This - according to Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan; <sup>This is</sup> clearly <sup>an</sup> Israeli attempt <sup>to</sup> negate the so-called "Palestinian question." Dayan stressed, however, that the move has been made possible - by a rapid increase in the standard of living in the occupied territory; adding that said move will have "a positive influence on all refugees - because it is <sup>in</sup> this way that they can <sup>end their</sup> ~~stop~~ being refugees."

Best of all - said Dayan - "<sup>the</sup> ~~refugees~~ <sup>Palestinians</sup> are finally showing a willingness to <sup>make some</sup> change <sup>in</sup> their way of life; <sup>ie</sup> ~~to~~ work <sup>and</sup> live better."

**WHITE HOUSE**

*On the domestic front - President Nixon continues to round out his second-term Administration; naming today - a new second-in-command at the Justice Department; namely, Joseph Sneed - up to now, the Dean of the Law School at Duke University.*

*The President also selected a former member of his speech writing team - as ~~the~~ new head of the U.S. Information Agency. James Keogh, who was once an executive at Time, Inc. <sup>He is to</sup> ~~succeeding the retiring~~ Frank Shakespeare.*

KANSAS CITY

At Kansas City - Harry Truman battles on. Doctors  
reporting earlier today - his heart was once again  
"fairly strong." Adding that he ~~is~~<sup>is</sup> more or less -  
"holding his own."

However, a later medical bulletin - say<sup>s</sup> he has  
since grown "weaker" and less alert. And his daughter,  
Mrs. Margaret Truman Daniel, add<sup>s</sup> that recovery now -  
is just "a question of strength."

## VATICAN

*At the Vatican in Rome - Pope Paul was attempting to put the Christ back in Christmas. At his general weekly audience - noting that modern religion is beset by "indifference, doubt, refusal and hostility;" but adding that Christmas time should call for a rededication - to "the eternal question - the search for God."*

*If people would only "lift their heads for an instant and look around" - the Pope went on - they would see that the Messianic message still holds true. And that - said he*  
*is*  
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*- a message of "unity and universality - peace and brotherhood - the nobility and salvation of man - and love and liberation for every unhappy person."*

## **FRENCH ALPS**

*In the French Alps north of Jausiers - not far from the Swiss border - a sudden devastating avalanche today - the first of the season; crashing down on a column of French soldiers - out on a training mission. The casualty count, at last report, ~~showing~~ four dead - six injured - and five others still missing.*

## BOMBAY

*From Bombay - the story of an East German  
airliner; coming in for a landing - setting down perfectly;  
when suddenly - a big Japanese jet looming up at the end  
of the runway. The German pilot - swerving quickly;  
throwing his plane into a skid - and luckily stopping just  
in time. Only then did he learn - that he had landed at  
the wrong field.*

*Instead of Bombay's Santa Cruz International Airport  
- it was really a small flying club airfield six miles away.  
And that Japanese airliner at the end of the runway, <sup>It was there also</sup> <sub>^</sub> as the  
result of a similar case of mistaken identity just a couple  
of months ago and still unable to get away from  
the small plane Bombay field.*



LOS ANGELES

A new development in the search for an all-purpose contraceptive ~~is~~ is reported today from Los Angeles.

Doctors at Jefferson Medical College discovering that human reproduction - is controlled by a part of the brain called the hypothalamus. This said to serve as a sort of computer - in controlling the body's hormone system.

They've also found now that the hypothalamus - can be "short-circuited", so to speak. How? By the introduction of, quote, "antagonists" - capable of producing temporary sterility. And these "antagonists" - said to work equally well on men and women.

Mean ~~you see~~, Bill <sup>that</sup> it's all in the brain. <sup>Does this</sup> <sup>?!</sup>

## CHICAGO

*Chicago - a round-robin chess tournament; with three Russian grandmasters - meeting and beating two hundred local chess buffs. The Russians including former world champ Tigran Petrosian - veteran expert Paul Keres - and twenty-one-year-old Antoly Karpov.*

*The first two - playing with lightning speed. But young Karpov - spending a few seconds at each board.*

*Explaining to reporters - that he takes the game*

*"seriously." Adding: "I think I can beat even Mr. Fischer."*

*Whereupon Comrade Petrosian cracked a smile and observed:*

*"For every fruit - there is a time."*

**WILD LINES ( TO BE TAPED FOR LATER USE)**

**And now for the latest on ~~that~~<sup>it</sup> - my CBS colleague,**

**Reid Collins.**

**And now for the latest on ~~that~~<sup>it</sup> - my CBS colleague,**

**Steve Young.**