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From President Nixon - a call today for a lowering of the voting age to eighteen; - in Federal elections, at least. The President's position presented by Deputy Attorney General Richard Kleindienst - in testimony before a Senate Judiciary subcommittee. Kleindienst asserting that America's ten million young people - aged eighteen to twenty-one - are "better equipped" than ever before - to assume "the responsibilities and privileges of citizenship." And this might also serve - said he - to "eliminate a sense of frustration - a feeling of non-involvement - that quite possibly has contributed to the irresponsible behavior of some young Americans."

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Kleindienst also cited the experience of four states - Georgia, Kentucky, Hawaii and Alaska - which have already lowered their voting ages. Observing that "none of these states - has any regrets about its policy;" nor have any advocated a return to the old standard - said he.

UNITED NATIONS

At the United Nations - U Thant today held his first press conference of Nineteen-Seventy. Chief topic - the Middle East. The U.N. Secretary General asserting that "only some very strong measures - can avert a new catastrophe" there.

U Thant then went on to say - that he himself would not take the initiative in heading off this threatened "catastrophe." He said he would leave it instead to the Big Four powers - or ^{else} ~~the~~ the full fifteen-member Security Council - to decide ^{if anything} ~~what~~ ^{should be done.}

MIDDLE EAST

~~Meanwhile~~, Israeli warplanes today were attacking Egyptian targets - less than twenty miles from Cairo. This the first deep penetration raid into Egypt - since Israeli planes accidentally killed seventy civilians last week.

Another storm of controversy - was also said to be brewing in Jordan. Arab sources reporting that four members of King Hussein's Cabinet - are planning to resign or may already have done so. This - we are told - in protest against the government's handling of last week's guerilla crisis.

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VIETNAM

~~On the other side of the globe~~ - In Vietnam - a series of scattered ground clashes. According to field reports - U.S. forces killing at least eighty Viet Cong; South Vietnamese units - adding another forty-six.

At the same time - a report today that nominally neutral Cambodia - may be turning somewhat less ~~less~~ than neutral. Allied sources disclosing that Cambodia has just deployed a regiment of anti-aircraft gunners - in an area bordering South Vietnam, not far from Saigon. This in the same general location - where U.S. planes have been attacking enemy artillery positions in recent days.

MOSCOW

Moscow - the Kremlin today accused Red China - of stockpiling food, fuel and raw materials; of further using "slanders about the Soviet threat" - in an effort to build public support for this hoarding campaign. The Kremlin asserting that Peking talks about "preparations for war" - when, in fact, it is really trying to hold together a "strife-torn society that is falling apart." So says Moscow.

HONG KONG FOLLOW MOSCOW

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Reverse side - a report today from Hong Kong; to the effect that the U.S. will soon offer Red China - shipments of wheat and possibly other food grains. This - we are told - when U.S. and Chinese diplomats meet again this Friday in Warsaw. Said offer supposedly falling under America's "food for peace" program - in which case it would also mean easy payment terms. Fancy that.

ROME

The Vatican versus the Communists. Story - from Rome; where a Communist leader today attacked the Vatican - for voicing its open opposition to Italy's pending divorce bill. Umberto Terracini calling the Vatican action -

interference
"an inadmissible ~~interference~~ in Italian affairs on the part of a foreign state." More to the point, it was ^{also} charged that the Vatican was thus attempting to sabotage - the attempted formation of a new center-left coalition government.

GENEVA

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Geneva again - the start of another round of
disarmament talks. First up - the U.S.; calling for a
new international treaty - banning the production,
possession and use of all biological weapons. Whereupon
Russia promptly put forward - a counter-proposal of its
own, ~~calling~~ for a blanket prohibition - against chemical
as well as biological weapons. Asserting that the two
types of weapons - cannot be separated. And so - another
Major ~~new~~ debate in the making.

50 1/2 First Lady Pat Nixon will embark soon - on a cross-country college tour. Announcement today - from the White House. The President's wife planning stops at Michigan State University - the University of Kentucky - the College of the Ozarks - and also the University of Colorado.

This an attempt to underscore Mrs. Nixon's deep interest - in promoting student volunteer projects; such as tutoring children in ghetto areas - and other community help activities.

WARSAW

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From Warsaw, Poland - a story today telling of a local outrage. The Polish press - up in arms over a series of attacks by restaurant employees on restaurant customers. Seven, in all - over the past few weeks. Indeed one writer suggesting that Polish waiters so inclined - could perhaps better take out their aggressions by becoming boxers.

Oddly enough - all this coming to a head with the conviction of a Polish cook, ~~and fellow~~ charged with biting an irate diner - which earned him eighteen months in jail.

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Warren, ^{you} would ^{hardly} ~~you~~ call that "biting the hand ~~that~~
feeds you"! - ~~or vice versa?~~

HOLLYWOOD

This next - a report of political sentiment in
"Grassroots" America; emanating from Hollywood ~~of all~~
~~places~~; courtesy of ^{my friend} Comedian Pat Puttram - ~~who ranks as~~
one of the nation's most sought-after after-dinner speakers.

~~For example~~, Pat reports that three months ago -
Spiro Agnew jokes were great. "But now" - says he - "If
a comedian tells an unflattering joke about the Vice
President - he is greeted either with silence or ~~else~~
heckling from the audience."

~~What about~~ Ronald Reagan jokes? They're still "good
for a laugh" - ~~we are told~~ ^{he says} - "mainly because ^{Reagan} ~~he~~ can take
it and laugh at himself."

As for hippie jokes - ~~says ebullent~~ ^{says ebullent} ~~something else again~~ - says
Pat: ~~And he adds~~. After a hippie joke - "people don't
laugh - they applaud!" .

CHICAGO

In the trial of the "Chicago Seven" - another long wait today; as the jury continued its deliberations - for a ~~long~~^{four} straight day.

ENDING NUMBER ONE

Now - a verdict at last. The "Chicago Seven" - found guilty as charged. Putting the caper on a four-and-a-half-month trial - one of the most tumultuous in American history.

ENDING NUMBER TWO

Now - a verdict at last. The "Chicago Seven" - found not guilty. A surprise finish to that four-and-a-half-month trial - one of the most tumultuous in American history.

WILD LINE

Now - the latest.