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From Washington...

From New Delhi....

From Detroit.... comes today's news. Good evening.

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President Ford today asked Congress for changes in the Federal Highway Program - changes that would direct Federal efforts towards completion of the major interstate highways between cities - while the states and localities assume responsibility for completing the links through towns and cities. This would give the states more power to make their own local transportation decisions. Heretofore, construction of interstate highway links through towns and cities has stirred considerable local opposition. The President also asked Congress to give the state governments twenty-five percent of all Federal gasoline tax revenues while putting fifty per cent into the General Federal

Treasury. The remaining twenty-five per cent would go into the highway trust fund which finances the Interstate System.

INDIA

Police in New Delhi say they have seized a large quantity of firearms, American-made ammunition and military-type uniforms in the headquarters of a militant right-wing organization. Authorities claim the group was planning large-scale subversion of Prime Minister Indira Chandi's government which is currently cracking down on extremist parties of both left and right.

VIETNAM

The North Vietnam News Agency reports tonight, the Hanoi government has agreed to search for Americans missing in action in Vietnam - but there's a condition attached. In return, the U.S. must aid in the reconstruction of both the war-torn North and South. The North Vietnamese statement calls this an "obligation under the Nineteen-Seveny-Three Paris Peace Accords."

PORTUGAL

MANILA

Philippine President Fernando Marcos says his country wants to assume control of all U.S. military and naval bases in the Philippines - while allowing their continued use by the United States under negotiated arrangements. Speaking before an economic conference in Manila, Marcos said he wants to put an end to the practice of extra-territoriality in his country.

PORTUGAL

In Portugal tonight reports of new labor unrest against the country's left-wing military leaders. And the Portuguese Socialists warn - their supporters may stage paralyzing demonstrations if the Communist Party continues to "manipulate" the news. Portugal apparently faces a continuing threat of crippling strikes, despite pleas by President Da Costa for "public calm, less talk, and harder work."

ARGENTINA

The Argentinian cabinet met in emergency session today as a nation-wide general strike by workers brought the country to a virtual standstill. There is no transportation service of any kind - and stores, schools, offices, restaurants, theatres - are all closed down. The workers are protesting cutbacks in their pay.

MIDEAST

More than a dozen persons are reported killed - nearly forty wounded - in the latest Israeli military strikes against suspected Palestinian guerrilla strongholds along the Lebanese border - the biggest such operations in more than two years. Lebanese authorities issued casualty figures for the attacks which apparently came in retaliation for last Friday's terrorist bomb explosion in Jerusalem, killing fourteen and injuring scores of others. Israeli Prime Minister Rabin - speaking before the Israeli parliament - vowed to wage relentless war against the terrorists who - said he - "understand only the language of the sword."

KENNEDY

AIR TRAVEL

In Boston, Senator Edward Kennedy told the U. S.

Conference of Mayors that the Ford-Administration is

pushing defense spending ahead of domestic programs that

would provide help for the nation's hard-press wage earners.

AIR TRAVEL

The Civil Aeronautics Board now plans a "limited experiment" - allowing commercial airlines to raise or lower their own fares - and to fly or leave certain routes.

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PRICES

General Motors today confirmed reports that it may increase the prices of its Nineteen-Seventy-Six models by an average of three-hundred-dollars a car. This would set a new record for car pricing - the current prices being the highest in history.

But it'll cost less to eat candy while you're riding in those new cars. Hershey Foods says many of its chocolate candy products will have lower retail prices - effectively immediately.

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