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PARIS

On the peace front - Henry Kissinger returns to Paris; there to meet with Hanoi's Le Duc Tho - who was already on hand along with high officials of both South Vietnam and the Viet Cong.

Doctor Kissinger's departure - followed an hour long conference with President Nixon. His assignment - still officially that of completing the text of "an agreement" on Vietnam. Unofficially, though comes a report that a cease fire could be initialed - perhaps as early as Wednesday with the formal signing - we are told - just "a few days later."

VIETNAM FOLLOW PARIS

there was
Meanwhile, a sudden ~~outbreak~~ outbreak of
fighting - about forty miles north of Saigon; with
government ~~also~~ troops catching a Communist force -
apparently trying to sneak into the capital area.
This perhaps an attempt at a last minute land grab -
in anticipation of an in-place cease-fire.

Whatever the case - it didn't work. South
Vietnamese infantry^{men} and armored units - putting
the enemy quickly to flight; with U S B-52s adding
to the pounding -- as the Communists ~~did~~ fled back
into the jungle.

After peace - what next? Will the end ~~for~~
of the war in Vietnam - mean the freeing of additional
funds for spending at home? That question was ~~raised~~
raised today - during a TV appearance by the President's
top domestic advisor John Ehrlichman who promptly
replied that ^{this actually} ~~said process~~ has now been going on for
four years. When the President first took office -
said Ehrlichman - Defense spending accounted for
roughly forty-five percent of the whole federal budget;
where today - said he - the figure is roughly ~~the~~ thirty-
five percent which means, in short - he continued
"we are already spending the peace ~~on~~ dividend."

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Next question: ~~Is~~ Is the President really
as isolated from adverse comment - as we've been
hearing of late." To which Ehrlichman replied - in
effect, nonsense! Further observing that the President,
actually "invites disagreement," At staff meetings.
~~He~~ He asks one and all - we are told - "do you

disagree?" And then if the answer is yes - said

Ehrlichman - he'll draw you out."

WHITE HOUSE

A postscript on President Nixon's inaugural address comes today from his daughter, Julie Nixon Eisenhower; who said that the President added to his speech - some thoughts that "came to him" just the night before; the part - where he said:

"As I stand in this place, so hallowed by history - I think of others who have stood here before me; I think of the dreams, they had for America; and I think of how each recognized that he needed help far beyond himself - in order to make those dreams come true."

"Today," the President continued - "I ~~ask~~ ask your prayers that ~~in~~ in the years ahead - I may have God's help in making decisions that are right for America. And I pray for your help - he concluded - "so that ~~we~~ together we may be worthy of ~~our~~ our challenge."

SUPREME COURT

From the U S Supreme Court - a land-mark decision today in a highly controversial matter. The High Court ruling, seventy^{to}~~to~~-two - that existing abortion laws in Texas and Georgia are unconstitutional; but more than that, setting up a three stage guideline - for regulating future abortions throughout the country.

In the first three months of pregnancy - said the ~~court~~ Court - a woman's doctor shall be the sole judge of whether to perform an abortion; in the next three months - the state may establish procedures that are , "reasonably related to maternal health" but after that - an unborn child shall have reached a state of viability" - said the Court; which means that then and only then can a state prohibit abortions except where the mother's life is in danger.

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KANO

The worst single plane ~~air~~ crash in all history occurred today at Kano in Nigeria; that of a Jordanian airliner - returning a plane load of ~~Muslims~~ Moslems from a pilgrimage to Mecca ~~in~~ attempting to land in dense fog when the pilot just missed the ~~edge~~ edge of the runway; the plane then skidding into a ditch - scattering passengers in every direction; finally - bursting into flame;

The ~~fatal~~ death toll at last report - coming to one hundred and eighty; as compared with a previous high of one-seventy-six; in the crash of a Japanese airliner last October at Moscow. In this one though, oddly enough - twenty-two persons, including the pilot and five crew members managing to survive the disaster, ~~fleeing~~ ^{getting} to safety - by means of emergency escape hatches.

PENTAGON

At the Pentagon, Air Force Brigadier General Jeanne Holm - was recommended today for promotion to Major General the first woman ever to attain such rank.

General Holm - the director of women in the Air Force since Nineteen Sixty-Five. According to Defense Secretary Melvin Laird eminently qualified for two ~~genera~~ star rank. Laird adding that the Air Force - is thus way out ahead of all the other services.

HELSINKI

In talks at Helsinki aimed at clearing the way for an all-European security conference - the Nato allies last week suggested a tentative agenda among other things, calling for a "freer flow of ideas and information" - between East and West. Now comes - the official Soviet response.

Russia's Viktor Maltsev - agreeing for the first time on the need for so-called "confidence building measures." Adding, however, "the agenda should not be stuffed with too many details. " Therefore urging efforts - aimed at achieving four main goals : Number one -- a guarantee of European security; two - an expansion of East-West trade; three - an expansion of cultural relations; and four - the establishment of a "consultative committee" - to deal with any future problems that might arise.

CAPITOL HILL

For the men of Apollo Seventeen - the last of America's Moon men a visit today to Capitol Hill; where they received a traditional salute from Congress including standing ovations when they ~~were~~ arrived, when they left, and before and after each of them spoke.

The landing of a man on the Moon - said Mission Commander Gene Cernan - "probably gained America more pride and more respect throughout the world - than ~~any~~ anything that happened throughout the two hundred year history of the nation."

~~Said Ron Evans: "If our experience contributes to the eventually that we can conserve our ~~no danger~~ own Earth - it dwarfs the science and technology of the Apollo Program"~~

Said Jack Schmitt: "A thousand years from now - the first Moon explorations will probably loom "more important than the discovery of atomic energy."

In a lighter vein Cernan also disclosed that he and Schmitt had found it almost impossible to wake up Ron Evans each morning. They finally asked his wife, Jan, how she did it - and she replied: With a kiss. ^{Bill Martin} Cernan adding: "After the seventh or eighth day - Jack and I seriously considered it."

WOODWQRD

From Oklahoma to the northern plains and eastward to Minnesota - it snowed today and then ~~it~~ snowed some more; at Woodward, Oklahoma -- about fifteen inches of ^{it} ~~the~~ ~~with~~ white stuff. Forcing ~~an~~ ~~several~~ ~~estimated two~~ hundred motorists - to seek emergency shelter; ~~similarly~~ ^{also} ~~forcing~~ the closing of rural schools - in ~~Oklahoma~~ Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa.

In addition heavy snow warnings are posted tonight in southern Minnesota, northern Wisconsin and upper Michigan. Travellers ^{warnings} ~~advisories~~ are also in effect - throughout the mid-east mainly because of snow; and in Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts and Vermont - because of a ~~same~~ combination of snow, sleet and freezing rain.