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AFFILIATE

First, a salute to our new colleagues at station WRNG in Atlanta, Georgia -- joining the CBS radio network today.

POWER

A Washington economist - Stanley Ruttenberg - says that by Nineteen Eighty ^{we'll} the nation will need twice as much electric power as ^{we have} it ~~has~~ now, - ^{He} ~~and~~ calls ~~on~~ on the Federal government to meet the problem with a crash program - like the one that placed Americans on the Moon. Ruttenberg says a nationwide power grid should be developed - providing power at reasonable prices - and without damage to the environment.

In Miami, the Federal government won its first test case against thermal pollution from power plants - the Florida Power and Light Company agreeing to build a big cooling system to prevent the discharge of hot water - thereby helping ~~to~~ preserve marine life in Biscayne Bay. Power officials say the project will cost the company thirty million dollars.

ARABS

An estimated ten million persons in three Arab nations are going to the polls today - voting for, or against, a ~~huge~~ federation that would include Egypt - Syria - and Libya. Together, these three countries have a population of forty-two million - nearly half the ^{socalled} Arab world's total of one hundred million. If the federation is formed, it would ^{unite} ~~unite~~ in common cause one billion dollars in annual oil revenues from Libya, - Egypt's political and technical expertise, - and Syria's agriculture and growing oil industry. Results of the referendum are expected tomorrow.

QATAR

The Persian Gulf sheikhdom of Qatar tonight declared that henceforth it is free and independent of Britain. A peninsula about one hundred miles long, with a population of one hundred thousand, Qatar is the second sheikhdom in this oil rich area to declare its independence. Bahrein did so last month. Qatar is an arid, stony wilderness once famous for its pirate coast and its pearl industry; now for its oil.

PLANES

Defense Secretary Laird - today ^{on the occasion of} ~~observing~~ his
forty-ninth birthday - told a news conference that
we are selling West Germany one-hundred ^{and} seventy-
five phantom jet fighters. ^{He said} ~~adding that~~ this should
~~quite~~ significantly increase the Bonn government's
ability to defend itself. The F-4 Phantom jet is
regarded as America's best plane for dealing with
Russian Mig fighters. ^{See} Laird, ~~however~~, turned aside
questions about Israel's request ~~for~~ to purchase ~~more~~
^{of these} ~~similar~~ planes.

ECONOMY

President Nixon today took formal action - postponing for at least six months over a billion dollars in pay raises for service men and federal employees - this a part of one phase of the new economic program he announced two weeks ago. The pay envelopes of nearly five million workers are affected by the order.

MEXICO

Mexico's president - Louis Echeverria -

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~~delivering~~ a State of the Union message to Congress
in Mexico City - warn^{ed} that Communist guerrillas
are trying to overthrow his ~~government~~ government. - But, he
promises he won't fight this with repressive measures.

^{Pres.}
Echeverria cites as evidence - a series of terrorist
bank robbers in Mexico City and elsewhere - and the
case of nineteen Mexicans who admitted receiving
guerrilla training in Communist North Korea. He also
said Mexico must try to be less dependent on the
United States economically - but should continue its
"most cordial relations" with its big northern
neighbor.

FLYING

A seventy four year old widow who flew across the Atlantic on airliners between New York and Amsterdam - flew the Atlantic at least one hundred sixty times with her fourteen year old grandson - for her companion - during the past four months - died today in an Amsterdam hotel - taking with her the mystery of why.

Officials of the Dutch K L M airline say Mrs. Sarah Krasnoff of Cleveland, and her grandson, made crossings that cost one hundred sixty thousand dollars - always travelling first class. Sometimes not even leaving the lounge at the airport before flying back.

She was reported to have died suffering from complete exhaustion. Airline officials say Mrs. Krasnoff and her grandson always politely brushed off inquiries about their travels - merely saying "oh the boy is mad about flying," -- Mrs. Krasnoff

also was quoted as saying - and the boy also;

"oh we forgot to turn off the water tap back home

and must hurry back." But the real reason for their

travels remains a mystery.

COW

The great Chicago fire of Eighteen Seventy-One started when Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a kerosene lantern - or was that a bum steer? Maybe it was. A new account of that ^{the great Chicago} ~~disastrous~~ fire - published by the Chicago-Commerce Industry Association - says it wasn't the cow's fault at all. The culprit - ^{Warren -} we now learn - was a man named Dennis "Pegleg" Sullivan who - while lighting his pipe - ^{set fire to} ~~ignited~~ the hay in Mrs. O'Leary's barn.

DOGS

Reykjavik - capital of Iceland - turned dogs out into the cold today - barring all dogs from the city as a public health risk. The city council turning its back on an international protest from dog lovers -- with Icelandic dog owners fleeing outside the city limits - or hiding their pets in their homes. Reykjavik has a population of eighty-thousand people. Their dog population reported as anywhere from five hundred to two thousand.