

January 22, 1970  
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At the top of the news tonight - President Nixon's first State of the Union message - as you no doubt know by now. A wide-ranging speech to a joint session of Congress - already winning the plaudits of many.

To begin with - the President setting as our first priority - peace for ~~America~~<sup>9</sup> and the world. The task - said he - of bringing "an end to the war in Vietnam" with a "just peace;" one that "the next generation" - will be "able to keep." And he added: "The prospects for peace are far greater today - than they were a year ago."

However, the President addressed the remainder of his speech - mainly to domestic issues. Urging Congress to put politics aside - to help end inflation, to combat crime, to "make our peace with nature." These goals that "are all within our reach" - said he - if we can only work together in a "new quest" for greatness.

But "above all" - said the President - "let us recognize a fundamental truth;" that "we can be the best

clothed, best fed, best housed people in the world - but still the unhappiest people in the world - without the lift of a driving dream." And that dream - said he - "that America can fulfill its destiny of being the best hope - for liberty, for opportunity, for progress and peace for all peoples."

~~In the end, even the Democrats admitting it was quite~~

~~speech~~ <sup>DEMOCRATIC</sup> Senator Jackson of Washington <sup>SAID</sup> ~~saying~~ he "didn't see how ~~anyone~~ anyone could find fault" - with the President's list of "goals and objectives." The only question - said he: "How do we implement it?" The answer to which - President Nixon has pledged to spell out shortly.

COMMERCE FOLLOW CAPITOL HILL

Even so - a footnote to this State of the Union message -  
that cannot be ignored. While the President was polishing <sup>up</sup>  
the final draft of his speech - a holdup today ~~last~~ <sup>barely a</sup>  
block from the White House grounds. With a trio of bandits -  
one armed with a shotgun / invading a credit union office  
at the headquarters of the Commerce Department. The three  
men escaping - with an estimated One Hundred Thousand in cold  
cash.

LAGOS-LONDON

The government of Nigeria and the government of Britain both reacted strongly today - to press reports of deplorable conditions in former Biafran territory. At Lagos - an angry official saying the situation was grossly exaggerated. Further telling newsmen: "We are doing all that we can - but you people will never think we are doing enough." While at London - more of the same. Prime Minister Harold Wilson - hearing a report from Lord Hunt, just returned from Biafra; later telling Parliament - "that newspaper accounts and photographs inevitably tend to be episodic." "It is right that these things should be reported" - said he - "but they are not going on on a <sup>total</sup> scale."

Be that as it may- Nigeria did ask for U.S. aid today in meeting the relief problem. President Nixon promptly ordering the delivery of high protein foods - at the rate of forty thousand tons . month. First shipment - set for tomorrow.

PARIS

On the peace front - Paris - there was <sup>little</sup> ~~some~~ talk of peace today. Instead, the Communist side taking advantage of today's session - to accuse Allied troops of committing another massacre in Vietnam.

This - said to have occurred during Operation Sea Tiger last November. Madame Binh of the Viet Cong blaming the alleged crime on South Vietnamese and South Korean troops - operating "under the direct command and support of U.S. forces." Saying they killed - without provocation - "more than seven hundred civilians - mostly old people, women and children."

## VIETNAM FOLLOW PARIS

*from the folder in Paris*

Half-a-world away - Viet Cong guerillas today shelled a South Vietnamese Marine headquarters in the Mekong Delta. Later attacking the base - only to be thrown back with heavy losses.

To the North / Allied commanders ordered a full alert today in the city of Da Nang. Acting on the basis of intelligence reports - warning of a possible pre-Tet attack.

*But*  
Nevertheless, the weekly casualty report today from Saigon - reflected again the comparative fighting lull of late. The number of American combat deaths - dropping to eighty-four. South Vietnamese and North Vietnamese losses - were also down sharply.

## SHADWAN

In the Middle East - an Israeli "blitz" today in the Red Sea. With a force of Israeli paratroopers / invading the island fortress of Shadwan, which stands guard at the southern entrance to the Gulf of Suez. The Israelis quickly routing a small band of Egyptian defenders - / seizing the island's radar station; in the process -also sinking a couple of Egyptian torpedo boats.

Meanwhile, at Baghdad - the government of Iraq today executed fourteen more - / accused of taking part in that abortive coup. At the same time - Iraq and Iran were breaking off diplomatic relations. The former charging that Iranian officials - were deeply involved in the attempted overthrow.

CLEVELAND

At Cleveland - three Ohio men were officially charged with murder today - in the slaying of mine union official Joseph Yablonski - also, his wife and daughter. A federal judge promptly setting total bond at Seven Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand Dollars - pending extradition to Pennsylvania.

It was also disclosed today that Yablonski himself - may have provided the information that led to the three arrests. ~~██████~~ Before his death, the union leader reportedly <sup>ed</sup> jotting down the license numbers of "suspicious" cars - that he had seen near his isolated home. One of these - traced to Cleveland.



CAMDEN

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(45) From Rutgers University - comes news today of a novel study. Sociologist John Becker - with the help of a handwriting expert and a psychologist - checking out some four hundred young coeds. Attempting to correlate their handwriting - with the length of their skirts. Coming to the conclusion that girls who wear mini-skirts / are more "extroverted and out-going" than their longer-skirted sisters. But they also tend to have - a "negative self-image" - we are told; / and thus attempt to emphasize their womanhood - through the wearing of daring clothes.

As for girls who wear culottes / they're out-and-out "imposters" - says sociologist Becker. And he explains: "They want people to think they are confident, enticing and aggressive" - when, in fact, they're just the opposite.

Does that jibe with your observations - Warren

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(D) In view of all the news during the past twenty-four hours - here's one you may have missed. Spiro Agnew filling in for President Nixon - at a Washington ball celebrating the first anniversary of the President's inauguration. For the Vice President - a real "ball."

As he entered the premises - a number of celebrants shouting: "Spiro is our hero." When the Vice President was later introduced officially - the master of ceremonies observing: "Nobody likes Spiro but the people." Spiro Agnew himself telling the crowd: "President Nixon has given you - something to be more enthusiastic about this past year. But for <sup>my</sup> ~~my~~ part" - said he - "I try to be noncontroversial."

Now for Lowell - so long until then