

Thurs. Jan. 20-72

President Nixon's State of the Union message -
 an impressive ~~and remarkable~~ document presented today - as you know
 by now, - in ~~compelling~~ style.

At the outset, the President recalling how
 - as a freshman congressman - he witnessed his first
 State of the Union address - twenty-five years ago.
 Harry Truman calling on a Republican controlled
 Congress - "to put aside partisan considerations in the
 national interest." This - said the President - leading
 to passage of "the great foreign policy initiatives -
 which have been responsible for avoiding another World
 War; passage - he continued - "by a bi-partisan ~~majority~~
 majority of which I was proud to be a part."

In the same vein, the President then ^{calling} ~~congratulating~~
 on the present Democratic Congress - to "transcend
 partisanship". "Let us have our debates" said he -
 "let us have our differences; but let us join - in keeping

the national interest first; let us deal with urgent priorities - which should and must be the subject of bi-partisan action by this congress."

There are ~~are~~ *No less than ninety major administration proposals still pending - the President went on.*

Among them programs to improve life for the ~~ages~~ aging, to combat crime and drug abuse - to improve health care, to expand consumer protection, to improve the environment - to revitalize - rural America. They also include - said he - "basic reforms which are essential - if our structure of government is to be adequate;" reforms in welfare - labor relations - taxation - education.

As for new programs - the President urging "a new federal partnership in technological research and development." Also, a new system of school financing - to relieve the burden of soaring property

taxes. Here the President drawing his loudest
applause - when he also said: "There can be no
compromise - local school boards must have control
over local schools."

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The President concluding: "If we can succeed
in these tasks there will be credit enough for all;
not only for doing what is right - but for doing it
in the right way; by rising above partisan interests
- to serve the national interest." ⁱⁿ Which case - said
he - "in years to come, Americans will look back
and say - "this was truly a great Congress."

GENEVA

After eleven days of hard bargaining -
at last - a settlement ~~today~~ at Geneva. The ^{Arabia-}Persian
Gulf Oil States and major western oil companies -
agreeing to accept an eight and a half percent increase
in the price of crude oil. This to compensate the
producing countries for loss of revenue due to
evaluation of the dollar. According to both sides,
"a realistic settlement."

VIETNAM

In Vietnam - U S troops were placed on stand-by alert today, ^{followed by} ~~And then~~ a war exercise.

~~with~~ scores of helicopters - bearing U S troops and equipment, ^{flew} into the Central Highlands of Vietnam,

There to repel - a mock enemy attack.

The purpose of all this - not explained.

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Observers noting, however, that Saigon troops in the Central Highlands have already been placed on maximum "red" alert. adding that an ~~announced~~ enemy attack there - is now considered ~~as~~ imminent. And thus today's exercise - if not a deterrent at least a warning of prompt retaliation.

PARIS FOLLOW VIETNAM

As for peace talks in Paris - the U S
was again stressing today the prisoner of war issue. *And-*
The Communists ^{we} again calling this - a smokescreen.

Later on, a U S ~~sp~~ spokesman discussing ^{ed}
plans for an international left-wing conference on
Indo-China - scheduled for next month at Versailles.
Indicating that the U S - strongly opposes such a
meeting. Why? Because - we are told - it could
violate the neutral atmosphere guaranteed by France *e*
when it was first decided to hold peace talks there.

UMTALI

For the fifth straight day - black riding
in Rhodesia. Today's outbreak - at the city of Umtali,
on Rhodesia's eastern border, ^{where} ~~with~~ police finally open^{ed} ~~ing~~
fire - seriously wounding at least one demonstrator.

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Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith - later announcing
plans for a nationwide broadcast tomorrow. In ~~the~~ the
meantime, urging blacks and whites alike to remain
calm.

NEW YORK

At McGraw Hill and Time incorporated,
some second thoughts today, ending in a decision
to delay - at least, temporarily - the publication
of ^{their} so-called Howard Hughes "autobiography."

In a joint statement, the two firms saying
that some questions have arisen as to whether it
was really Hughes who received payment for the book.
Adding that publication will be held in abeyance
pending a full investigation.



LOS ANGELES FOLLOW NEW YORK

Meanwhile, a collection of so-called ~~the~~ Hughes
Memoirs ^{made an} ~~making its~~ appearance today in bookstores
across the nation. In this one, Hughes supposedly
discussing among other things - ways and means of
cheating death.

But a spokesman for the Hughes Tool Company
in Los Angeles call^S~~ing~~ said book, quote "the most
absurd dream to date." Adding: It belongs in a comic
book or science fiction movie - for children under
twelve."

~~If they put it there though, Warren, stacks,~~
~~who would believe it?~~

MIAMI

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From Miami, ^{comes a} ~~Florida~~ the story of an office party for city employees. As often happens at such affairs - a bit to drink and then a slip of the lip. A man later identified as Police Sergeant Marion Murrah - making a rather jesting ~~and~~ remark about his boss - the Chief of Police. Saying, quote "chief Garmire wears panty-hose." End result:

~~Says~~ Sergeant Murrah - a twenty-four year police veteran - ^{given} ~~getting~~ suspended from the force. He now claims though - it was actually his twin brother who attended the party. Maurice Murrah - a policeman once himself - confirming his brother's statement.

As of the moment - ^{its quite a} ~~a real~~ mix-up; ^{with a 24 yr.} ~~and that's the~~

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~~latest~~ ^{veteran} ~~cop from~~ Miami cop given the old leave to, Warren.

STOCKHOLM

From Stockholm ^{comes} a report ~~today~~ on the subject of marriage - Swedish style; of which, it seems ^e there is increasingly less and less. The number of marriages in Sweden totalling more than sixty thousand in Nineteen Sixty-Six; in Nineteen Seventy only forty-three thousand. And last year - according to preliminary calculations another sharp drop.

This a circumstance "unique" in modern history, says Swedish sex expert Elizabeth Wettergreen. And it comes what's more at a time of soaring abortion rates - widespread venereal disease - plus a flood of pornography. ^But the idea that the Swedes are off on a sexual binge - simply not true -- says Miss Wettergreen. Adding that young people "are just finding they do not need a marriage certificate - to have a good and enduring relationship." That - from Sweden.