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**MID EAST**

*Government controlled newspapers in Egypt leveled some strong criticism at Washington today - charging the United States with slowly pushing the mid-east toward another crisis. One paper - Al Ahram - claiming this trend is reflected in statements by both President Nixon and presidential candidate McGovern. And it's unprecedented says another paper, "for a state so small as Israel to boss around a country as big as the United States." It was announced also that Egypt's deputy premier Mohammed Marzaban will visit Washington next month - the highest ranking Egyptian to do so in quite some time.*

## VIETNAM

President Nixon announced today that he will not seek an extension of the current military draft law when it expired next June. Instead he adds, the nations armed forces will consist entirely of volunteers. The President issued his draft statement after meeting with Defense Secretary Laird at the western White House and viewing a Pentagon study which says an all-volunteer force of more than two million men and a million reservists could be achieved.

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The Pentagon says that for the first time a Chinese mine-sweeper has sailed into Haiphong harbor the North Vietnamese seaport mined by U S naval craft ~~was~~ four months ago. There's no word as to the actual mission of the Communist craft - but the Pentagon spokesman says the U S will do whatever necessary to maintain the mine fields as long as the enemy offensive continues.

In Da Nang, South Vietnam's second largest city, some five hundred thousand gallons of gasoline were set ablaze. ~~from unknown causes sending flames seventy feet into the air.~~ And farther north, tropical storm Cora is bearing down on the Red River Delta - creating a flood threat to those North Vietnamese dikes which the Communists say American planes <sup>have been</sup> ~~are~~ bombing ~~with deliberation~~ - a claim denied by the United States.

# CAPITOL

The Justice Department says serious crimes committed in the United States increased <sup>(about)</sup> by seven percent during Nineteen Seventy One, which means that about three out of every one hundred citizens ~~were~~ were victims. Even so, Attorney General Richard Kleindienst notes that it was the smallest rise in six years - and the third straight year in which the rate ~~hadn't~~ has slowed down. A trend which he calls ~~himself~~ "encouraging."

~~And~~ Post Master General ~~E. F.~~ Klassen says his department ~~is~~ may not have to ask for that four hundred fifty ~~ml~~ million dollar postal increase which President Nixon included in the current federal budget. The reason - about ~~is~~ thirty-three thousand postal employees have left the service - either through retirement or job attrition. - <sup>This</sup> greatly reducing the ~~is~~ department's operation costs.

## APOLLO

*At Cape Kennedy, Apollo Seventeen went to the launching pad - the first step toward an unprecedented blast off to the Moon on December Sixth. The three astronauts who will be aboard are Eugene Cernan, Ronald Evans; and Dr. Jack Schmitt - a geologist. They were on hand for the roll-out.*

## OLYMPICS

In Munich, Mark Spitz, of California, <sup>has</sup> won the first gold medal for the United States, breaking a world record in the two hundred meter butterfly swimming event. His time - two minutes and seven tenths seconds. He also anchored the American four hundred meter relay swim team to <sup>a</sup> ~~another~~ world record victory.- - still another gold medal for the United States.

## PRINCE WILLIAM

*The Ninth in succession to Britain's throne, Prince William of Gloucester - died today in the flaming crash of his light plane during an air race near Wolverhampton, England. Killed also was the Prince's co-pilot. The plane clipped the top of a tree just as the Goodyear air race was getting under way. The thirty year old prince was a first cousin to Queen Elizabeth; son of the Duke of Gloucester. As the first English Prince William in a hundred fifty years, he, established, firsts in many fields. Among them he was the first of the royal family to live in college, at Cambridge; the first to attend an American university, Standord; and, first to take part in an air race.*

MILTON

Milton Machlin ~~is~~ ~~the~~ editor of Argosy, the adventure magazine, says there's nothing in his career of travelling to far away places with strange sounding names that can equal his travels on the Penn Central ~~and~~ railroad. Machlin who commutes ~~from~~ to New York City from his home in Connecticut faces a charge of "theft of service" for refusing to pay a dollar sixty-five cents train fare because - he says - he had to <sup>ride</sup> ~~write~~ a Penn Central coach in ninety degree heat without any air conditioning. Says Editor Machlin - "I've travelled nearly everywhere in the world, New Guinea, Vietnam, Yuca'an, ~~to~~ Haiti - but riding the Penn-Central <sup>has been</sup> ~~is~~ my most hazardous. ~~experience~~.



## SWITCHES

An electrical supply dealer in the State  
Line City of Bristol, Virginia-Tennessee, has his  
own special way of advertising. What he has to sell and  
when he sells it. <sup>Bill</sup> A sign outside his place of business  
reads: "We sell switches - on and off."

## CRASH LANDING

At San Jose, California, a pilot brought his light plane down to a crash landing on the roof of Macy's department store; and, he sustained only minor injuries. The pilot must have been <sup>rather</sup> non-chalant about it. ~~at~~ - one report saying he thought he was landing on Gimbels where he had a shopping chore to do for his wife. *But he landed on Macys!*