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From earth orbit....

From Washington....

*From Ankara.....comes today's news. Good Evening,
Everybody. I'm Jerry Landay sitting in for Lowell Thomas.*

*High above the earth - you might call it an orbital
summit meeting. The commanders of the U.S. Apollo and
Russian Soyuz spacecraft today exchanged handshakes in
space. Tom Stafford told Alexei Leonov - in Russian:
"Hello - very happy to see you." Leonov replied in English:
I'm very glad." And then there was a ceremonial get-together
- with the whole world looking on and eavesdropping.*

*Along the way, a message from Soviet leader
Leonid Brezhnev - was relayed to the Apollo-Soyuz crew.
Brezhnev told them - "To you, the courageous conquerors of
space - goes the great honor of opening a new page in the
history of research." After that - President Ford spoke*

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directly to the two crews, saying: "It's taken us many years to open this door - to useful cooperation in space." He added: "I am confident that the day is not far off - when space missions made possible by this first great effort will be more or less commonplace."

SAMARKAND FOLLOW EARTH ORBIT

Meanwhile, here below, the astronauts received a signal tribute - from ancient Samarkand in Soviet Central Asia. All five spacemen were given "Freedom of the City" honors - which means, henceforth, in Samarkand, they can literally do no wrong.

Now this message....

PEACEKEEPING

Members of the Security Council today have met -and failed - to produce a formula for keeping that U-N Emergency Force of Four Thousand men as a buffer between Israeli and Egyptian forces in the Sinai Desert. The legal mandate keeping the U-N peace force in business expires in exactly one week. Its future - now in doubt. What would happen were the force withdrawn - a question mark. The Council meets to try again tomorrow. The crisis - begun when Egypt withdrew its support for extending the mandate beyond next Thursday. Some diplomats believe Egypt is not after withdrawal of the force - but another U.N. resolution declaring the occupied territories belong to the Arabs.

CONGRESS

*The Congress and the Senate - moved toward
checkmate today - on energy policy. The House has okayed
a bill - already passed by the Senate - extending price
controls on ^{domestic}~~domestic~~ oil - a measure certain to be vetoed
by the President. And the Senate Interior Committee formally
asked the Senate to veto President Ford's program to
gradually remove the controls.*

CIA

The Senate Select Committee looking into allegations the C-I-A was involved in overseas assassination plots - has decided former President Nixon had no hand in any such plots. The committee dropped its plans to seek his testimony. But a court in Washington has ordered the former President to give an oral deposition at San Clemente to attorneys for columnist Jack Anderson - who wants access to the Presidential papers and tapes from the Nixon years.

ANKARA

In Ankara - U.S. and Turkish officials began talks today - on the future of American military bases on Turkish soil. At the outset the Turks assured this country they will take no immediate unilateral action.

WHITE HOUSE

President Ford was meeting today at the White House - with a large delegation of House members; attempting to gain at least a partial lifting - of the present ban on U.S. arms sales to Turkey.

WINNIPEG

Canada has joined the U.S. in agreeing to sell wheat this year - to the Soviet Union. The Canadians will supply the Soviets - with Two Million tons of spring wheat; also have agreed that if Moscow so wishes - some of this wheat may be shipped to Cuba.

MIAMI BEACH

Miami Beach, Florida - the scene of the last two Republican National Conventions; in the running - officially, at least - as a possible site for the 'Seventy-Six convention; but a top Florida Republican let it be known today - he'd just as soon see it someplace else.

Mike Thompson said it's been a great honor having the convention in Florida - but it "just drains you emotionally." He added the consensus among state party leaders "is that we have enjoyed about as much of this - as we can stand."

I'm Jerry Landay for CBS News.