

BANGKOK

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that
Bangkok - White House sources confirmed today -
^ President Nixon will "visit the troops" in Vietnam. The
President's party expected to leave Thailand early tomorrow
- headed for a destination somewhere in the vicinity of
Saigon. The visit probably to last about eight hours - ~~was~~
~~are told~~ *and* ~~although~~ for security reasons - details are still
a closely guarded secret.

Meanwhile, the President completed today - the
working part of his Thailand mission. Conferring with
Thai Prime Minister Thanon Kittikachorn - also, Prime
Minister Thanat Khoman; telling of plans for the gradual
withdrawal - of forty-seven thousand U.S. troops now in
that country. The President later conferring - with U.S.
officials just arrived from Saigon; *getting set* ~~turning up~~ ~~to speak~~ -
for the next leg of his journey.

PARIS FOLLOW BANGKOK

~~By the way~~ -- Diplomatic quarters in Paris were quick to take note of the President's expected Saigon trip. Calling this a clear warning to North Vietnam - that the U. S. still maintains its full support of the existing Saigon regime, ^{they feel} A move ~~that~~ should strengthen President Thieu's hand ~~they say~~ against his advisaries both domestic and foreign.

TOKYO

The war in Vietnam - also topic A in Tokyo; where Secretary of State ~~William~~ Rogers - ~~was~~ meeting today with Japanese Cabinet officials, ^{was} ~~Rogers~~ telling his hosts that North Vietnam demands the ouster of the present Saigon government - as a pre-condition to peace. "In effect" - said he - "they want to impose a government" of their own - "and then have an election to ratify it."

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~~As for U.S. Relations with Russia?~~ ~~we are~~
he said
"cautiously hopeful" [^] that they will continue to improve.
~~said the Secretary. He~~ ^{Adding} however: "There will be no attempt or willingness on the part of the U. S. - to resolve any issue with the Soviet Union at the expense of our Allies."

Back in Washington - a compromise tax bill was beginning to take shape today on Capitol Hill. One that would ~~hopefully~~ ^{could} break the present Senate deadlock over the President's proposed extension of the income tax ~~surtax~~ surcharge.

As put forward by Chairman Wilbur Mills of the House Ways and Means Committee - the plan call^s ~~ing~~ for speedy top approval of a comprehensive tax reform bill.

A measure that could then be added to the stalled surcharge bill over in the Senate - ~~in plenty of~~ ^{that is added in} time for passage before Congress recesses next month. However, Mills warning that suggested refunds - will be sweeping; or as he put it - a "hot bullet" for Congress to bite.

~~In any case~~ ^{Congressman} Mills proposal apparently coming just in the nick of time. Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield having said earlier ^{that} the surcharge will die this Thursday unless it is coupled with tax reforms.

MEDICINE BOW

The Medicine Bow National Forest in Wyoming - hit hard today by its worst forest fire in five years. The flames from this and an earlier fire - from which it may have sprung - already having consumed some fifteen hundred acres. Forcing emergency calls for additional fire fighters - from ~~as far away as~~ Colorado, Nebraska, South Dakota, Oregon and Idaho.

~~And~~ what with gusty winds and the weather outlook ~~out there~~ - the U. S. Forest Service ^{says it can} ~~predicting it~~ ~~could~~ get a lot worse. ~~Ranger spokesman Clarence Reed~~ ~~calling the fire - clearly a "potential killer."~~

SPRINGFIELD-ASCUTNEY FOLLOW MEDICINE BOW

Here in the East
~~Heading East again~~ ^{again} torrential rains today along

most of
the Atlantic seaboard. Up to six inches in parts of Vermont

- setting off flash floods at Springfield - ~~also~~ ^{and} Ascutney.

Another five inches at Liberty, New York - flooding a

number of homes along the Willowemoc and Beaver Kill, ~~River~~

Generally the present
In the South - ~~this same~~ ^{is} weather system helping

~~to~~ ease a month long heat wave. While tropical storm

Anna - first of a new season - continues to drift slowly

westward; from a position now - about fifteen hundred miles

southeast of Puerto Rico.

MARS

*Coming up shortly - Man's first close-up look
at the Red Planet Mars; as radioed back tonight by
America's remarkable Mariner 6 Spacecraft, which is
expected to pass within two thousand miles of Mars -
before it heads off into Space again tomorrow night.*

HOUSTON

At the U. S. Manned Space Center - Houston -
release today of the first colored pictures taken by men
on the Moon. Including one - a photo of the American
flag planted on the lunar surface; standing out in sharp
contrast - against the brownish gray Moon soil. Also -
three more stills; showing scientific equipment set up on
the Moon - as well as the silhouette of that ^{spider-like} "EAGLE"
lunar ~~lander~~ lander.

At the same time - the Space Center releasing
its first hundred and fifty feet of Moon movies. A film
clip - in the words of at least one space official - "quite
spectacular." Showing Neil Armstrong - taking his first
tentative steps on the lunar surface. ^{Warren} ~~While not exactly~~ ^{May be not Hollywood}
quality - still pictures, you could describe as
~~"Oscar" quality - surely~~ "out of this world."

For the First Lady of the U.S. - Pat Nixon -

a sightseeing trip today in Bangkok. Including a brief
 visit - to the city's colorful floating market, ~~And then~~
^{- these fabulous blongs,}
~~a tour of~~ ^{Then} the famous snake pits at Chulalongkorn Hospital;

where Mrs. Nixon watched transfixed - as a King Cobra
 was milked of his venom. Said she: "This is ~~one thing~~ ^{a first for me!}"

~~"I must say I've never seen before."~~

The First Lady also staring again - when the
 King Cobras^s were fed chunks of beef. Later saying it
 reminded her of the time years ago - when her two small
 daughters were presented baby alligators. Mrs. Nixon
 recalling she attempted to force feed the two 'gators -
 hoping to keep them alive long enough for a "show and tell"
 session at the children's school. ~~Only trouble~~ ^{," said she} ~~said she~~
 "I couldn't get one person to help me ^{," said she} ~~so~~ "so I finally gave them
 to a zoo."