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*From Algiers.....*

*From Canterbury.....*

*From Easter Island comes today's news. John Hart  
reporting sitting in for Lowell Thomas.*

*President Ford and the House Ways and Means  
Committee are getting tough with each other.*

*Ford ordered a new tariff on imported oil. The  
Committee voted to delay the tariff for ninety days. And  
attached the delay to a bill raising the national debt which  
the President wants. The White House said the issues are  
too important to be tangled in old fashioned politics.*

*Committee democrats say they'd let the tariff start  
in ninety days if the Congress does not come up with an  
alternate energy program in the meantime.*

*More news in a minute:*

## SERMONS

*Doomsday sermons from the Arab world and the West today. In Washington, Vice President Rockefeller saying the energy situation puts the United States and other democracies at the crossroads of survival.*

*Raising the question whether democracies have the discipline to cope with the problem.*

*In Algiers, Foreign Minister Bouteflika of Algeria, told the oil producing countries, western economic policies raise the danger of world catastrophe and American threats could lead to world war.*

*The West, said Bouteflika, lives in an economic system "based on abusive profits, waste, stimulation of consumption - and a steady tendency of these countries to live beyond their means." Bouteflika says even so, the oil countries are ready for cooperation and dialogue with the West.*

## PENTAGON

*The Pentagon and the White House are denying one threatening rumor, saying those stories of three American divisions getting ready to go to the Middle East are not true. "Bunkum" is what Defense Secretary Schelssinger called them.*

*At the White House, news Secretary Nesson said: "This is a clear, hard, firm answer. There's no truth in it."*

## OIL

*The Ford Administration says its has given up all hope for getting oil prices lower for several years anyway. Gerald Parsky, an assistant Secretary at Treasury, says in addition, if we don't start using less oil, or start producing more of our own, not only will the prices not go down, but they may go up.*

*By one account, the United States used less oil last year - Three-point-Three per cent less - but it also produced less of its own and imported more than six per cent more.*

*This from the American Petroleum Institute.*

## FOREIGN POLICY

*Secretary of State Kissinger says Congress ought to leave day to day foreign policy to him, and if it doesn't America's adversaries might be tempted into irresponsible actions. Kissinger made a speech in Los Angeles, and mentioned the recent cancellation of a trade agreement by Russia because the Congress tied the rights of Russian Jews, to it. Foreign countries must deal with our government as an entity, said the Secretary, not as a complex or divided institution.*

## **SOCIAL SECURITY**

*The Social Security System in such trouble it will have to get a Seven Billion Dollar subsidy from the government next year, or take a bigger chunk from your weekly paycheck. The Social Security Advisory Council says it will recommend, the subsidy instead of the bigger payroll deductions.*

## **REBATE**

*The Internal Revenue Service promised people who buy cars now and get a kickback from the car makers, won't have to pay a special tax on the rebates, which are not income, says the IRS.*

## **BOMB**

*A bomb went off in the New York building where George Washington made his farewell address. The bomb killing three people and hurting forty-five.*

*Police say it was a dynamite bomb, a good deal like the ones they think have been used before by Puerto Ricans who want Puerto Rico to become a nation of its own, and not part of the United States.*



## ANGLICANS

*The Sixty-Five Million Anglicans of the world have a new head preacher. Dr. Donald Coggan, a theological scholar and an evangelist, took the chair of St. Augustine, as the new Archbishop of Canterbury. The Prime Minister of England was there, along with the Prince, Charles and the Princess, Margaret.*

*Some Roman Catholic Cardinals were there, too, in the interest of Christian unity.*

*A kind of unity some Scottish Baptists couldn't swallow. They stood outside the Cathedral with signs protesting the presence of Catholic Representatives.*

*More in a minute. . . . .*

## **EASTER ISLAND**

*Easter Island, home of those prehistoric giant stone faces, is about to get some modern idols. Talking idols at that. Lucille Ball and Grasshopper, who practices Kung Fu on television.*

*Television is coming to the Polynesian Island for two hours a day.*

*Civilization, at last.*

*This is John Hart sitting in for Lowell Thomas and reporting for CBS News.*