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PARIS

At the peace table in Paris - an appearance of movement today. The Communist side setting forth - a slight rewording of past offers. A U.S. spokesman - said it's really, "nothing new." And yet the tone of today's presentation - sufficient to draw a brief statement from the White House. News Secretary Ron Ziegler saying: "We intend to study it - carefully."

STATE FOLLOW PARIS

Elsewhere in Washington, Secretary of State William Rogers was lashing out today - at Senator Muskie of Maine; accusing the Democratic front-runner of undermining the national interest - by attacking President Nixon's new Vietnam peace plan. At one point - his voice rising - Rogers further charged that Muskie's own peace plan - "amounts to total defeat" of the U.S. in Vietnam. Muskie issued a statement - denying the charge.

SAIGON FOLLOW STATE

In Vietnam - the war continues to wind down. The toll of G.I combat deaths - for the past week - set at five; still the seventeenth straight week of casualties of ten or less.

LONDON-BELFAST

With no end to the violence yet in sight - an additional five hundred and fifty British troops were dispatched today to Northern Ireland. At the same time, Britain's Prime Minister Heath - addressed an appeal to Cardinal Conway, the Primate of all Ireland; urging the Cardinal to head off a planned demonstration this Sunday - at the town of Newry, near the Irish Republic border. Civil rights leaders insist, however, that British soldiers - will "have to shoot the marchers in order" to stop them.

DUBLIN

In Dublin - Premier Jack Lynch was addressing a session of the Irish Republic Parliament; charging that Londonderry's "bloody Sunday" incident - was nothing more than British troopers "shooting down innocent people."

As for yesterday's burning of the British Embassy in Dublin - Lynch said: "The nation gains no credit from such action." But the men chiefly responsible - he said - a "small minority" of extremist agitators. Lynch added that "those seeking to usurp the functions of state" - will be dealt with sternly.

SENATE

Senator Mundt of South Dakota - the victim of a stroke a couple of years ago, you may recall; since then - a Senator virtually in name only. As a result, the Senate Republican Caucus voted today - to "temporarily release Senator Mundt from his committee assignments."

This the first such action - in all Senate history. For Karl Mundt - who has now served more than thirty years in Congress - no doubt, a bitter blow. But sadly - we are told - in the rough-and-tumble of Congressional infighting - a political necessity.

NEW YORK

Vice President Spiro Agnew - a visitor today in New York; receiving this year's Good Scout Award - from the Boy Scouts of America. Also, defending Administration policy - on protecting the environment. Agnew claimed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - created by President Nixon - in its first year, "did more to improve the environment of this nation - than has any other agency in any other Administration, without exception."

Agnew scorned, however, those he called "eco-maniacs" - those possessed of "fanatical obsession" about cleaning up the environment. Said Agnew: "As an American vitally interested in the environment, I wouldn't trade you one level-headed, serious-minded service-oriented Boy Scout - for all the publicity-seeking environmental dillettantes." put together.

MOSCOW

Moscow - a formal luncheon planned in honor of Egypt's visiting President Sadat - was suddenly canceled today; also, a visit to the Moscow State Circus - originally set for tonight. Reason - according to Arab sources: To permit more time for discussion of Sadat's so-called "zero hour" Middle East battle plans.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "FABRIC & AIRPLANES"

**And now - it's time again for Lowell Thomas;
discussing tonight - a revolutionary new development in
airplane design; you might even say - a story concocted
out of whole cloth. Lowell...**

FABRIC Airplanes

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When the "Age of Flight" was born some fifty years ago - the first powered aircraft resembled ~~nothing so much~~ as overgrown kites; ~~their~~ frail, fragile frames covered with fabric stretched tight - ~~which was then~~ likely to tear and rip away in moments of great stress. *In the days when you* ~~in the days~~ *when you flew on a wing and a prayer.*

Next came the metal-skinned aircraft - utilizing, in turn, steel, aluminum, titanium. Leading to the development of giant airliners - with speed, strength and stability that the "early birds" could only have dreamed of.

Now comes the story of an amazing switch - back to fabric.)

Not just any old fabric, of course. The new product - created by Union Carbide ^{is} a blend of graphite rayon yarns; ~~which are~~ soaked in epoxy resins - and then baked at temperatures up to three thousand degrees. The finished material - as strong as steel and forty per cent lighter than aluminum. In theory, at least, capable of effecting an instant ten per cent cut - in airline operating costs. It

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would also enable military aircraft - to increase their armaments by an estimated thirty per cent.

~~And~~ still to come - we are told - an even tougher fabric; which the British are now ^{testing, for} ~~using, on a test basis -~~ ~~in~~ the moving parts of jet engines.

Just think what Snoopy and the Red Baron could do with ~~max!~~ ^{all this?}

SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "FABRIC & AIRPLANES"

Thank you, Lowell. More after this.

SPRINGFIELD

Question: What's the best-selling book in the world?

Answer: Well, if you said the Bible, you might be right - and then again, maybe not. A recent survey by G. & C. Merriam Company of Springfield, Mass. - suggests that worldwide sales of dictionaries may now rank tops. And one of the reasons - says Merriam - the current worldwide communications revolution; which is adding new words to our vocabulary - almost daily.

Case in point - the present state of the U.S. economy; which spawned the word "stagflation" - meaning a condition characterized "by stagnant consumer demand and severe price-wage inflation." Another new word - "ecocide" meaning the wilful destruction of the natural environment; also, "anti-natalist" - an advocate of population ~~substantially~~ control; "trans sex" - the act of having one's sex changed. And especially appropos of this election year - "custerism" - a display of bravado in a last-ditch situation. Now for Lowell Thomas - so long until tomorrow.