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The nation's first draft lottery since World War Two formally signed into law today at the White House. President Nixon promptly scheduling a drawing for next week to fill out the January draft call of twelve-thousand-five-hundred men. ~~Subjects~~ Selection to be based solely on birth dates - as determined by the luck of the draw.

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This an effort to eliminate some of the inequities -- in the present Selective Service setup - said the President. He added - however, he will not be satisfied until the draft is eliminated entirely - giving way to an all volunteer army.

## MASSACRE

The White House - again - first official comment today on that alleged ~~song~~ massacre in South Vietnam. White House Press Secretary Ron Ziegler asserting that the incident - if it truly occurred -- was "a direct violation" of U S military policy; and more than that - said he - an act "abhorrent to the conscience of all the American people."

As to consequences - Ziegler noted that appropriate action is being taken. And he further pledged that any "illegal or immoral conduct as alleged" - will be "dealth with according to the ~~strict~~ strict rules of military justice."

## PARIS

Meanwhile, at Paris - another session of peace talks - with Henry Cabot Lodge making <sup>his</sup> ~~his~~ next 10<sup>th</sup> appearance -- as chief U S negotiator; but getting practically nowhere - same as before.

In a later conversation with newsmen - Lodge did say <sup>that</sup> the U S is willing to meet in private with North Vietnam; is willing even to discuss the possibility of a coalition government for South Vietnam. He made it clear, however, that any agreement affecting South Vietnam can be carried out in the final analysis only by the South Vietnamese government.

VIETNAM FOLLOW PARIS

*As for*  
~~And so~~ the war, ~~goes on.~~ Ground action  
*ed*  
today including a Viet Cong shelling attack on a U S  
Army outpost near the Cambodian border. One of the  
enemy rounds -- scoring a lucky hit on an ammunition  
dump. The resulting toll set at one dead - twenty-four  
wounded. Twelve U S Sheridan tanks -- also going  
up in smoke.

VATICAN

At the Vatican ~~Rome~~ Pope Paul defended ~~today~~ his ~~new~~ order calling for a new Mass effective next Sunday. The Pontiff saying: "It is the will of Christ - it is the breath of the Holy Spirit - that called the Church to this change." The Pope's statement clearly a response to conservative Italian Catholics - who have threatened to boycott the new ~~Mass~~ service.

Later on - ~~it~~ in the same audience - the Pope spoke out against a pending bill in the Italian parliament; a bill that <sup>for the first time</sup> would legalize divorce in Italy. - ~~for the first time.~~ The Pontiff asserting that marriage should be "venerated, honored, defended - even by civil law." <sup>It</sup> However, an effort to kill the bill <sup>was</sup> defeated today in the Italian Chamber of Deputies; with final approval there - now expected perhaps as early as Saturday.

TOKYO

For Japan's Premier Sato - who visited Washington last week an emotional home coming ~~today~~ at Tokyo airport. Nearly a thousand Japanese - cheering his return. The Premier weeping openly as he mounted a waiting rostrum.

In remarks that followed - Sato assured his people that Japan will "get back Okinawa" by Nineteen-Seventy-Two - and under the same conditions - said he "as applied to <sup>the</sup> main Japanese islands;" meaning - "no nuclear weapons."

Sato ending his speech by shouting over and over again: "Nihon koku banzai!" Long live Japan! The crowd answering back: ~~again and again~~ "Nihon koku banzai! Nihon koku banzai!" *Shouting it again and again.*

U S S HORNET

Aboard the U S S Hornet bound for Hawaii - the men  
of Apollo Twelve <sup>have continued to pour</sup> ~~were still pouring~~ out their thoughts  
~~today~~ - recording on tape - while the recollections are  
still vivid in their minds -- an oral history of Man's  
second conquest of the Moon. This to be flown tomorrow  
to Houston - where the post-flight analysis of plusses  
and minuses will really be <sup>made.</sup> ~~made.~~

VENICE-Trieste

Italy's famed Queen of <sup>The</sup> Seas -- the city of

Venice - ~~just~~ a bit more water-logged than usual ~~today~~

<sup>as a</sup> ~~The~~ result of a freak combination of high winds and low atmospheric pressure - raising tides up to five feet

over night; Flooding homes ~~is~~ and businesses clear

across the Venice lagoon, -- Which is <sup>hardly</sup> ~~just~~ what they

needed in a <sup>city said to be slowly</sup> ~~city already~~ sinking beneath the sea.

The same freak combination of weather - also flooded

a water front section of nearby Trieste; a city that

had always thought itself safe and sound on solid ground.

Now this latest: Storm warnings posted again

0 1/2 tonight in the Adriatic -- <sup>more</sup> ~~as~~ rain, hail and snow. ~~continues~~

~~to pelt the area.~~



PHILADELPHIA

From Philadelphia - the story of a missing  
goose. Not just any goose - but a rare <sup>(Nay-Nay)</sup> "Nene goose"  
-- that disappeared recently from the Philadelphia  
zoo. This setting off a chain of concern - extending  
all the way to Hawaii, where the NeNe is the official  
State bird. ~~But a~~ <sup>The</sup> search for the missing goose so far  
fruitless. ~~And~~ <sup>with</sup> zoo officials ~~admitting today~~ <sup>saying</sup> time  
may be running out.

Reason - we are told - in the fact that the  
Ne Ne, if ~~is~~ still alive - is probably in somebody's  
pen by now, or worse, their oven. A spokesman noting  
sadly that some people prefer goose to Turkey for  
Thanksgiving.

Ne Ne?   
Ah, but ~~Ne Ne~~ for "Turkey day" - ~~that's~~

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What   
~~a "no-no"~~ <sup>λ</sup> wouldn't you say, Warren?

WASHINGTON

~~The~~ Vice President Spiro Agnew - will soon  
be leaving for a three week ten nation tour of Asia and  
the Pacific. <sup>This</sup> Announcement <sup>just in</sup> ~~tonight~~ from Washington.

The Vice President's office saying he will leave -

December twenty-sixth - the day after Christmas. ~~First~~

First stop Manila - ~~so there~~ to attend the inauguration of

Philippine President Marcos; and after that - Taiwan,

Thailand, Nepal, Afghanistan, Malasia, Singapore,

Indonesia, Australia, and finally New Zealand. ~~His~~

There's a rumor that some of  
~~stated mission; to meet with the leaders of these~~  
his countrymen will be pleased to hear  
~~various countries and to observe and to learn first~~  
that Mr. Agnew is headed for Afghanistan,  
~~and of their achievements and their problems.~~  
Sounds like a great trip. I'd like  
to go along. And so-l-u-t-m.