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The U.S. Unemployment rate - unchanged last month; remaining at eight point two percent - according to figures announced today; the first break in the nation's steadily rising jobless rate - since June of last year.

Government expert# Julius Shiskin - saying the U.S. ~~remains~~ remains in the grip of one of its worst recessions; but stressing there is still no comparison - between "the present situation" and the Great Depression. And <sup>he says maybe</sup> ~~it could be~~ we've ~~finally~~ reached a turning point.

For what it's worth, <sup>he</sup> ~~Shiskin~~ also <sup>led</sup> ~~noting~~ that "a sharp recession - is usually followed by a vigorous recovery."

**RATE**

*Also*  
~~Elsewhere~~ on the economic front - the Federal Reserve Board today announced another cut in ~~its~~ its discount rate. *the* ~~This - as you perhaps know - the~~ interest rate it charges on loans to member banks;— now cut from six-and-three quarters percent - to six-and-a-quarter.

## INFLATION

From the Paris based organization for economic cooperation and development - another report ~~today~~ on worldwide inflation. Officials saying, for the second month in a row, the global inflation rate in February - less than one percent; ~~an~~ <sup>this</sup> an indication - ~~we are told~~ - that the non-Communist industrialized nations - are at last winning the battle against soaring prices.

## REPUBLICANS

Washington again - a meeting of Republican leaders from across the land; hearing today an address from Vice President Rockefeller - who called for an end to bitter feuding within the party. "Let's keep two parties in this country - with broad spectrums of opinion" - ~~he~~ said he; <sup>Then</sup> <sup>that</sup> adding <sup>^</sup> the only alternative is "one party of the right and one party of the left" which could lead to chaos.

## PHNOM PENH

In ~~South~~ Southeast Asia - ground fighting was again heating up today - around the besieged Cambodian capitol of Phnom Penh. Rebel gunners were also continuing to hammer away - at the city and its vital airport. But the U.S. Berlin-type airlift - still going strong; ~~and this~~ permitting the distribution of twenty thousand tons of rice - to refugees and other needy Cambodians.

**BRUSSELS**

Secretary of State ~~Henry~~ Kissinger stopped off  
in Brussels today - enroute to the Middle East. ~~He~~  
*There*  
~~Kissinger~~, conferring with Greek Foreign Minister  
Dimitrios Biosios - in search of a break in the  
continuing stalemate on Cyprus.

TEL AVIV

Five more bodies were found by searchers today -  
in the rubble of ~~that~~<sup>the</sup> Tel Aviv hotel ~~earlier~~ attacked  
by ~~Arab~~<sup>Terrorist</sup> guerrillas. The new victims - all said to be  
foreign tourists; ~~and thus~~ The total death toll - now set  
at eighteen.

## BEIRUT TRIPOLI SIDON

Lebanon's three largest cities - Beirut, Tripoli and Sidon - were all but paralyzed today by Leftist demonstrations. ~~These~~ in protest <sup>over</sup> ~~against~~ the death of a Left Wing politician; from wounds he suffered last week - in a bloody clash between civilians and army units.

The demonstrators, heavily armed; firing volleys of shots - into the closed offices of a number of American firms. ~~But the only real violence~~ ~~is~~ Beirut; ~~where~~ a policeman was shot and killed in a pre-dawn ambush - near the Right Wing Phalangist Party headquarters.



## UNITED NATIONS

At the united Nations - ~~they were observing today,~~  
~~one day ahead of the rest of the world,~~ international  
women's day. This by means of a conference - called  
"An International Encounter;" bringing together a  
distinguished panel of politicians, scientists, scholars  
and writers - to discuss the subject of "women and men:  
<sup>and</sup>  
the next twenty-five years."

Why a day ahead of everyone else? For the simple  
reason - we are told - the U N is always closed on  
~~Sunday~~ Saturday.

## SAN FRANCISCO

The golden Hinde Two, a replica of Sir Francis Drake's sixteenth Century flagship - has finally arrived off the coast of San Francisco; after a five month voyage from Plymouth, England - now battling a heavy storm and headwinds up to forty-five miles an hour; but still hoping to make it into port by tomorrow - in a reenactment of Drake's landing on the California coast nearly four hundred years ago.

By the way, the ship's crew - all hardy sailors, ~~of ~~our~~ ~~course~~~~ <sup>with</sup> their captain, Adrian Small, ~~warning~~ in a ship to shore telephone conversation <sup>saying there's</sup> ~~they've been~~ ~~hit~~ by a "serious outbreak of channel fever." The symptoms? - ~~he explained - are that~~ "They <sup>ive</sup> start <sup>ed</sup> packing their bags, ~~and~~ getting ready ~~for all the~~ excitement <sup>ashore!</sup>" After five months at sea, <sup>! Who can</sup> ~~can you~~ blame them?

## WEDDELL SEA

The U.S. Coast Guard most powerful ice-breaker

The vaunted Glacier - is still ice-locked tonight in the

Weddell Sea deep in the Antarctic. ~~But~~ most of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup>

crew of two hundred <sup>have now been</sup> removed by helicopter ~~earlier~~

in the day.

A U.S. spokesman saying: "We hope the winds will

change and the ice ~~will~~ break up - before ~~the~~ winter sets

in." ~~But he added,~~ <sup>So, there's only</sup> ~~with~~ "a skeleton crew <sup>aboard -</sup> ~~will be able~~

to conserve fuel <sup>if they have to wait it out</sup> ~~in case they have to stay for a while~~

~~there~~ <sup>there</sup> in the Antarctic ice for ~~like maybe~~ the next seven or eight months.

# ANTRIM

At Antrim, New Hampshire - a fire in the studio of veteran painter John Caughey. More than twelve years of paintings going up in smoke. But John Caughey, <sup>not at all discouraged, is</sup> ~~back in business today - getting~~ ready to start all over again. And his son, John Caughey Jr. saying: "You've got to look at it like a blessing in disguise. You <sup>just</sup> keep going all the harder when things get tough."

<sup>we have</sup> And so <sup>^</sup> a profile in determination; by a man celebrating today - his one-hundred-and-first birthday. John Caughey ~~proving again~~ it's never too late - to begin again. <sup>So</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>^</sup> carry on! ~~to strive anew.~~

LONDON

A move to hire lady lighthouse keepers in Britain -  
was dashed on the rocks today by British officials in  
London. A spokesman saying ~~command~~ co-ed lighthouses  
- would ~~create~~ create too many problems; both for  
~~has~~ those on duty - and for those they left on shore.