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Here at home - still another rejection today -
of America's new ~~three~~ three -point plan for peace in
Viet Nam. The latest - from Communist Czechoslovakia -
as stated by Czech Foreign Minister Vaclav David - in a
speech at the United Nations. "It is necessary" - said he -
"to reject with indignation all attempts - aimed at
relieving the United States of the heavy responsibility
for aggression in Viet Nam."

Be that as it may - the United States once
again ^{is} refusing to accept the rejection as final; just as
it has refused to accept as final - earlier ^{rejections} from Russia,
Red China, and North Viet Nam.

An American spokesman saying - "we are still
watching and listening."

BELGRADE

Plans for a Summit conference of so-called "non-aligned" powers - were announced today in Belgrade. According to the Yugoslav government- the meeting to be held October twenty-one - in New Delhi. Besides Tito of Yugoslavia - participants are to include Colonel Nasser of Egypt - and Prime Minister Madame Indira Gandhi of host India.

VIET NAM

In Viet Nam - a devastating U S aerial attack today - against Communist air defenses. American fighter-bombers - blasting seventeen anti-aircraft sites in North Viet Nam. Leaving ten of them - in smouldering ruins.

To the South - U S air Force and Marine jets - catching about three hundred Communists in the open ~~east~~ countryside - near Quang Ngai. Air observers later reporting - a "large number" of enemy dead.

In ground fighting - South Vietnamese troops to the attack. Striking deep into the "rice bowl" of the Mekong Delta. There ~~is~~ killing or capturing upwards of two hundred Communists - in two days of fighting. This in a swampland area - long dominated by the Viet Cong.

WHITE HOUSE

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High-level talks today - at the White House - between President Johnson - and visiting West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard. The key question: West Germany's future role - if any - in Nato nuclear defense planning.

Still no agreement - on that little item. In the meantime - the President presenting a possible solution - to another sensitive issue. Calling for creation of a special ~~Anglo-Germ~~ Anglo-American-German Committee - to review the question of allied troop requirements in West Germany.

The President also inviting Erhard - to fly to Florida with him tomorrow; for a tour of the American "Moonport" - at Cape Kennedy. The trip called an outgrowth -- of recent talks; on possible joint German-American projects - "in the peaceful civilian exploration of space."

Of what "earthly benefit" is the American Space effort? An answer today from Vice President Hubert Humphrey -- in a speech at San Fernando Valley State College in California,

Above all else - said the Vice President - the American Space effort is contributing greatly - to the establishment of enduring peace. First- said he "by adding to our national strength and security" - thus ~~the~~ deterring aggression. And second - by inspiring "confidence in our friends and allies - and respect from our adversaries."

The American Space program, in short, "a continuing demonstration of the strength and vitality of our society and economy - of our high performance in science technology, management and production" - said Hubert Humphrey. "And it shows in practice" - he added - "the meaning of a truly open society such as ours."

HOUSTON

At the Manned Space Center in Houston -
a surprising explanation today - for the sudden curtailment
of America's most recent "walk in space". Astronaut
Dick Gordon of Gemini-Eleven - reporting he was tired
before he even left the space ship. That he soon became
exhausted - even before he was blinded by his own sweat.

~~By~~ Part of the reason - the fact that he put
on his hot, bulky space suit - a full orbit ahead of time,
Then found it extremely difficult - to get his golden sun
visor in place.

Adding to his problems - Dick Gordon found that
once outside - he could not lock his feet between Gemini-E
Eleven and its ~~ag~~ Agena docking vehicle - as ~~nx~~ originally
planned. This meant he had to hang on with one hand -
while unpacking and attaching a one ^{hundred} = hundred foot tether ~~z~~
between the two spacecraft. A job that normally takes
thirty seconds on the ground - ~~z~~ took thirty minutes in
space.

On the brighter side - both Gordon and Command Pilot Pete Conrad reporting the view from eight hundred and fifty miles up - "the most fantastic sight that man has ever seen." The proof - in brilliant color pictures of the Earth. One of them - showing the entire subcontinent of Hindustan.

Getting there - something else again. Pete Conrad recalling a few shaky moments - enroute to that altitude record. "We had the impression" - said he - "that we were looking almost ~~str~~ straight down at the ground - and going straight up away from it." *But* that was ~~Fortunately~~ - an optical illusion.

CARIBBEAN

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*Tropical storm Inez - a full-fledged hurricane;
as of today. Packing winds - up to eighty miles an hour.
Heading steadily west-by-northwest -- from the Eastern
Caribbean.*

*At its present rate of speed - Hurricane Inez is
expected to hit the islands of Guadeloupe and Antigua -
some time tomorrow afternoon. A hurricane watch also
in effect - for the remainder of the southern Leeward
Islands; from St. Kitts - to St. Martin.*

LONDON

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A novel idea for a Christmas gift - comes today from London. In the form of a letter from the world-famed Savoy Hotel - to be sent to the Presidents of America's leading business firms.

The letter asserting that cash bonuses for deserving employees at Christmas time - are just fine. But for something "a little bit different" it asks - how about a trip to London? Including two weeks at the Savoy - breakfast in bed - sightseeing tours - and a gala New Year's Eve Party. This - we're told - "in company with Duchesses, Earls - and a sprinkling of well-known stage and screen stars."

~~Cost - in case you're interested - two thousand~~

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~~per person.~~ And better get your reservation in early - says the letter. Reason: There are only seventy-seven shopping days left - until Christmas. Cost, in case you're interested Warren, only 2000 bucks per person.

MOSCOW

In Moscow - a Communist "Tsk-Tsk" today,
from ~~the~~ *Komso'mol'skaya Pravda* - the Soviet youth newspaper.

Kom'somolskaya Pravda noting with sadness -
the recent wave of book-burnings in Red China, that have
cleared the bookshelves - of all but the writings of Communist
Party chairman Mao Tse-Tung. This - unforgivable - said
the newspaper. Especially in China - whose people
"discovered paper and the art of printing."

In Russia, of course - they ~~do~~ don't burn
books anymore; they just rewrite them - every ~~so~~ so often -
which *Komso'mol'skaya* didn't say! ~~Adrian.~~