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More than a decade of French and American rivalry was apparently replaced today - with a new "spirit of Martinique." President Ford and French President Giscard D'Estaing - ending their three day summit with a joint communique pledging to work together on financial matters, - ~~defense~~ defense, global disarmament, ^{also,} -and especially oil; in the same vein ~~concerning~~ urging a conference of world leaders ~~representing~~ ^{from all} the major oil consuming nations, and the less developed nations, and the major oil producers. The French also agreeing to pay the U S ~~an~~ a hundred million - in compensation for added costs resulting from French withdrawal from Nato. All of which is said ~~to~~ to herald a new era - in French and American friendship. Secretary Kissinger for one, saying we are no longer "antagonists - but allies."

HOUSE

In Washington the House has finally yielded; accepting the Senate measure; nullifying its previous anti-bussing stand. The House action enabling final passage - of a vital supplemental appropriations bill; and breaking a deadlock - that could have held up adjournment.

SENATE FOLLOW HOUSE

~~Meanwhile,~~ ^{Also,} the Senate complet^{ed}~~ing~~ passage -

of a compromise federal strip-mining bill; a bill ~~that~~

President Ford has ~~already~~ said ⁴ he will veto. Senator

Jackson warning, ^{that if vetoed} ~~however, if the President does use~~

~~his veto~~ "the ninety-fourth Congress will ⁿ enact even

stronger legislation next year."

TEL AVIV

In the Middle East - Israel's Prime Minister

Rabin today rejected an Egyptian call - for a fifty

year moratorium on Israeli immigration. Rabin

saying ~~such an absurd call as he put it~~ - "can

distrub the ~~prospects for peace, if that's what Egypt~~

wants." ~~But~~, ^{said} "nothing" he ~~continued~~ - "can possibly

dissuade Israel from its historic human mission of

national ingathering.: ^{Then} ~~And~~ he added: "For this,

Israel was reborn. - I is the life ^{blood} of our home-

coming nation. - I is what Israel is about."

JOHANNESBURG

Today in South Africa - the one-hundred and thirty sixth anniversary of the day of marking the triumph of the Boers over the ancient Zulu Nation, and it was the occasion for a call from Prime Minister Vorster - for peace with Black Africans at home and in neighboring nations.

KREMLIN

The Soviet Communist party Central Committee
in session today at the Kremlin, ~~its members~~
reaffirming^{ed} ~~their~~ faith in the Brezhnev regime - which
has now ruled for ten years. This clearing the way
for the regular semi-annual meeting of the supreme
Soviet, ~~the~~^{the} Russian parliament.

One of America's great humorists has left us.

Warm, wonderful Harry Hershfield - first a cartoonist, then a columnist and star of the old radio show, "Can You Top This?" Along the way, accumulating a wealth of stories that kept audiences in stitches for more than seventy years.

A story for every occasion - for every moment almost - that was Harry. Regarding self made men he once said "that relieves God of a terrible responsibility." On psychiatry: "A cure guaranteed - or your mania back." On his final illness: "My song is over" - said he - "but the malady lingers on." And he even composed his own epitaph to wit: "Here lies the body of Harry Hershfield. If not, notify Ginsberg and Company undertakers, at once."

Harry left 'em laughing - right to the end.

A great showman, a great person, a great friend. Age Eighty-Nine.

ALASKA GEOGRAPHIC

One of the major aviation events of the year is the Air Force Hall of Fame annual ceremony at Dayton from which I have just returned. This time Neil Armstrong First Man on the Moon presided. A thrilling event. ~~Geography~~

Bob Reeve, founder and head of what may be the most successful airline in the world, gave me some Alaska Geographic Magazine figures with which you may be familiar. Up there where Bob is famous he reminds us that Alaska has one hundred and twenty million acres of forest, seven million acres of lakes, 33,000 miles of coastline -- more than all the rest of the U S A -- the greatest abundance of fish and wild life in North America, more volcanoes than anywhere in the world. Glaciers that hold one fifth of the earth's fresh water; and, ~~fish~~ flying from one side of Alaska to the other you pass through four time zones.

So, says Bob Reeve, Alaska is more than a State, it's an empire -- ninety percent ~~still~~ still uninhabited.

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HACKETTSTOWN

From Hackettstown, New Jersey - the story of a hunter who was shot in the eye - and lived to tell about it. Charles Wright - age twenty-two - getting hit in the left eye by a stray bullet. Luckily - though it was a glass eye the result of a boyhood accident with a bow and arrow. The bullet ricocheting away - causing only minor injuries. ^{Even so} ~~But~~ young Wright ~~later~~ ^{says: no more} ~~vowing anyway~~ he's through with hunting!