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*today* The House, ~~meanwhile~~, was moving ~~today~~--toward an overwhelming vote of approval on a bipartisan resolution, *that is termed* ~~this~~ a "sense of the House" measure--expressing full support of the President's "efforts to negotiate a just peace in Vietnam."

WHITE HOUSE

Elsewhere in Washington - first session of the  
White House Conference on Food, Nutrition and Health.

Keynote speaker - President Nixon, Urging a concerted  
nationwide drive - against hunger and malnutrition stemming  
from poverty in America.

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The President also called for public support - on  
a broad range of pending domestic legislation; including,  
in particular, an Administration proposal - aimed at setting  
a guaranteed basic income for every American family. "Let  
the reform of the bankrupt welfare system - be the next  
great cause" of this nation - said he.

NOTRE DAME DU LAC

Tragedy in Canada. At Notre Dame Du Lac, Quebec -  
an early-morning flash-fire hitting a home for the aged,  
Trapping inside more than fifty residents - many of them  
bed-ridden and screaming for help. A neighbor who arrived  
too late - reporting afterward: "It was so fast - in ten  
minutes it was all over."

HONOLULU

A major storm system centered in the Aleutians -  
thousands of miles away <sup>was</sup> the cause of a giant surf today  
in the Hawaiian Islands; with waves as high as fifty feet -  
flooding or destroying countless homes.

First reports - said to indicate only a few casualties.  
However, authorities <sup>are</sup> fearing a rapid rise in the toll \* as  
additional reports filter in from outlying areas. The  
Mayor's Office in Honolulu further observing that "some  
stupid surfers - are still going out," danger or no.

VIETNAM

In Vietnam--U.S. Army artillerymen today blasted the Communist half of that demilitarized zone, so-called. Knocking out a number of enemy targets--including an enemy anti-aircraft battery that earlier downed a U.S. reconnaissance plane.

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COURT FOLLOW VIETNAM

Here at home--a U.S. Court of Military Appeals rendered its verdict today in Washington, turning down flat--a joint defense-prosecution petition, one that would have prevented any additional publication of statements and pictures--related to that alleged "massacre" in Vietnam.

## MIDDLE EAST

In the Middle East - Israeli jets were out in force ~~once~~ again ~~today.~~ Attacking Egyptian installations along the Suez Canal - not once by twice. They also blasted Arab targets in Jordan - near the Sea of Galilee. This <sup>is</sup> seen as an attempt to curb any Arab offensive ← timed to coincide with the resumption of "Big Four" peace talks in New York.

TOKYO

Tokyo - Japan's Premier Sato dissolved today the Japanese Parliament, ~~Thereby~~ setting the stage for general elections later this month - at which time he hopes to win a strong vote of confidence.

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The Premier's optimism <sup>is</sup> based on a campaign pledging continued cooperations with <sup>us,</sup> ~~the U.S.~~ Indeed, he observed today that "Japan has had peace for seventeen years" - under the existing U.S. and Japanese security treaty. "And this fact - must be deeply realized" - said he. Adding, what's more, that "a policy of non-armament and neutrality" - as urged by his opponents - is simply "not realistic."



POTTER

Dead today in London - British author Stephen Potter,

~~A man whose name may not ring a bell - but his works~~

~~certainly do.~~ <sup>Age 69,</sup> ~~Stephen Potter the~~ author of a best-selling

trilogy - that began with "Gamesmanship" in Nineteen-Forty-Seven and later included "Lifemanship" and "One-Upsmanship."

A sort of "how-to-do-it" series - telling the humblest

of men how to wow the girls and win at games while staying

one-up on his fellows; all through a cunning combination -

of wit, <sup>flare</sup> and bravado.

~~Stephen Potter - he was sixty nine.~~

LONDON

In London ~~again - we hear today that that city's~~ <sup>those picturesque clumsy</sup>

double-decker buses - are about to become a "vanishing

species." <sup>Of the</sup> ~~only~~ seven thousand left ~~and even these are~~ <sup>all are now</sup>

headed for retirement. ~~soon~~ The famed red behemoths, <sup>to</sup> giving

way to modern new single-deckers - faster, more comfortable, more manueverable. Thus the end of an era - a hundred years of bus-riding nostalgia.

Occasionally though - one man's junk is another man's jewel. And so it is with the double-deckers - which keep turning up in the oddest of places. For example, Communist

Yugoslavia has hundreds of these <sup>old London</sup> buses in daily service -

still bearing their original English advertisements. Another thousand or so - the chief means of mass transportation

<sup>tropical</sup> in far-off Ceylon. And many purchased "used" in London at

a price of about Thirty-Five Hundred-American <sup>have been</sup> ~~later~~ converted

into mobile homes <sup>and are all</sup> ~~travelling~~ around the globe.

One of these - seen recently in Wyoming - ~~we are told~~

<sup>a</sup> ~~The~~ big red <sup>London</sup> double-decker roaring out of <sup>a</sup> ~~a~~ blizzard -

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it's destination clearly marked: "Shepherd's Bush and  
Liverpool Station."

*a big bank page*

prize of three hundred and fifty books.

Now, Warren - here's one for you. It's a ten-letter  
word - beginning with "S" and ending with "L". And it

means - that which separates us from our final news item.

Three guesses.

JOHANNESBURG

From Johannesburg, South Africa - news today of a crossword puzzle they're calling the biggest ever. A crossword puzzle that takes up - a full page in the Johannesburg Star. A test of wits consisting of seven hundred and ninety-three words across - eight hundred and thirty-five down - more than seven thousand squares, in all. Star subscribers - given up to a month to complete the puzzle; with the first to finish correctly - to get in return *a big cash prize.*  
~~a prize of Three Hundred and Fifty Bucks.~~

Now, Warren - here's one for you. It's a ten-letter word - beginning with "C" and ending with "L". And it means - that which separates <sup>us</sup> ~~me~~ from our final news item.

Three guesses.



SAN JUAN

This next - a story that will probably strike a responsive chord - in many parts of the country. Senator Rub Rivers of the Puerto Rican Territorial Legislature - calling for an investigation today in San Juan; an investigation of weather forecasts - as broadcast nightly over local TV. Senator Rub Rivera - ay, there's the rub - anyway, Senator Rivera asserts <sup>s their</sup> ~~ing that these~~ weather predictions - "lack truth and accuracy" and fail to "meet the needs of the citizens."

And that's the latest from Puerto Rico - where they <sup>also</sup> can't do anything about the weather - but they <sup>seem to think</sup> ~~sure hope~~ <sup>they can</sup> do something about the weatherman!