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Defiance on Capitol Hill. The Senate today completing final passage - of that long-pending, nearly Twenty Billion Dollar ~~H~~health and ~~W~~welfare bill. Approving it by a wide margin - seventy-four to seventeen. In the process - practically daring President Nixon to carry out his threatened veto. Senator Nelson of Wisconsin calling the bill - possibly "the major public issue" of this election year. Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield chipping in with a charge - that the President has failed to give adequate attention to domestic urgencies.

If, however, the President does veto the bill - the ~~final outcome will~~ ^{showdown} probably ~~be a close~~ ^{will come} in the House; where the Republicans are counting on Democratic ~~support~~ ^{support--} to help sustain the President's action. Congressman Anderson of Illinois asserting: "If the veto is not sustained - other bills will be similarly padded and the nation's planned surplus will be turned into a deficit."

PARIS

U.N. Secretary General U Thant ^{was} a visitor ~~today~~
~~in~~ ^{today-} Paris, Meeting with ~~French~~ President Pompidou - for
more than an hour, Attempting to smooth over ruffled
feelings ~~resulting~~ from Nigeria's refusal to accept French
aid to Biafra; which - apparently - he did.

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~~Then the two men~~ ^{Also they} discussed ~~briefly~~ Vietnam. U Thant
later telling newsmen: "The first priority in Vietnam -
is the formation of a national government having a broad
basis in Saigon." ^{All of which set} ~~This - setting~~ off a storm of protest,
With the South Vietnamese peace delegation ~~in Paris~~ ~~quickly~~
condemning the Thant statement ^{and} calling the Secretary-
General an "outsider" ~~who was~~ obviously ill-informed
on matters inside South Vietnam. Adding that such statements
- however "well-intentioned" - only "make more difficult
the peace talks now underway."

VIETNAM FOLLOW PARIS

Meanwhile

~~Half-a-world away~~

U.S. B-Fifty-Twos

were carrying out

~~carried out~~

~~today~~ their heaviest raids in nearly a year, ~~blasting~~ enemy targets in the Mekong Delta - just south of Saigon, Attempting to break down a suspected enemy build-up - in an area now defended solely by South Vietnamese troops.

WASHINGTON

Here at home - ~~Spire~~ ^{Vice Pres,} Agnew, reported ~~today to President~~ ^{to his chief,}

^{giving Pres. Nixon an} ~~the~~ ^{account}
~~Nixon~~ ~~telling~~ of his travels in Asia. The Vice President

~~asserting that~~ ^{telling him} Saigon is making significant progress - in

extending its influence into the South Vietnamese countryside.

^{also} adding that the North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong - now

stand no chance on the battlefield. The President, in turn,

praising his chief lieutenant - for what he called "an

enormously effective trip."

PRESIDENT FOLLOW WASHINGTON

Later ~~on~~ - the President met with newsmen ^{to} discussing ~~ing~~ his upcoming State of the Union message. The President observing that "everybody wants something in it - from oceanography to you name it." He added, however: "This will not be a laundry list speech." "We will emphasize priorities" - said he - mainly domestic matters; among them, budget matters - and the problem of inflation.

WHITE HOUSE

The White House again - an appraisal today of President Nixon's first year in office ^{reaching} ~~coming to~~ the conclusion that the President's biggest disappointment ^{- that is} ~~here at home anyway~~ - has been his inability to curb crime in the nation's capital.

You may recall ^{how} the Administration put forward last year a tough crime-fighting bill; one ~~that was~~ aimed at making Washington, D.C. - the safest city in America - a shining example for all the nation to follow. ~~And, indeed,~~ 49 The bill ~~was~~ quickly passed by the Senate - ~~only to be~~ stalled in the House. President Nixon calling this - "the most serious shortfall" of the last legislative session.

In the meantime - the capital's major crime rate has jumped more than a third; to the point where it now has the highest murder and robbery rate - of any city in America.

House members - ^{take} ~~please~~ note.
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WARSAW

An hour-long meeting today at the Red Chinese embassy
was in Warsaw *^* the first direct contact between the Nixon
Administration and Peking. U.S. Ambassador Walter Stoessel
- conferring with Red China's Charge D'Affaires Lei Yang.

~~I~~ *W* ~~to~~ what went on though - we can only ~~wait and see.~~ *guess.*

A U.S. diplomat explaining the official silence - saying:
"The whole thing is so sensitive at the moment - everyone
has been told just to keep his mouth shut."

FORMOSA FOLLOW WARSAW

Coincident with this - a progress report today from the Island of Formosa; telling of the changes effected there - since it became, in effect, Nationalist China some twenty years ago.

To begin with - the island was a shambles - we are told; in part, because of Chinese neglect - in part, because of previous Japanese occupation. However, the million-and-a-half mainland Chinese who came with Chiang Kai-Shek - quickly set ~~out~~^{out} to change all that; and thanks to American economic aid - ~~which is~~^{which is} no longer needed, by the way [^] they were successful beyond their wildest dreams.

The proof in a booming industrial complex - combined with a food production rate highest in all of Asia; giving the island a standard of living - second only to that of Japan - in the Far East, at least. In addition - Formosa now boasts a literacy rate of better than ninety per cent; it also prides itself on a culture - based on and a natural

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FORMOSA FOLLOW WARSAW - 2

extension of the world's greatest collection of Chinese art treasures.

~~It's a common saying among~~ ^{say} "old China hands" ^λ that Formosa is not China and never will be. But neither is it the old Formosa - not anymore - and not likely ever again.

— Warren —

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away by his work.

SQUINZANO

From Squinzano, Italy - the story ~~today~~ of a railroad worker - one Giuseppe De Cataldo; assigned the task of loading a freight car full of wine - taking a taste of the product - eventually dozing off; whereupon the door was locked - and away they went, Giuseppe and all that wine.

Two days and six hundred miles later - at Milan - another railroad worker checking the car - hearing a combination of groans and hiccups. Setting free the little ol' wine-drinker - who was suffering by then from a giant hangover.

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NEW YORK

Lou Boudreau - a five-time All-Star shortstop - youngest manager ever - was elected today to the Baseball Hall of Fame. The former Cleveland Indian beating out a number of rivals - including Ralph Kiner, Gil Hodges, Early Wynn. Lou Boudreau - now a sportscaster in Chicago - also, the father-in-law of Detroit Tiger pitching star Denny McLain. *And s-l-u-t-m.*