

NIXON - New Post Office Dept.

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President Nixon ^{has} signed into law the bill

~~that gives the nation~~ ^{for} a new Post Office ^{Dept -} - one which we ^are

told, no longer will be operated as a ~~dispenser~~ dispenser of political patronage. Six former Post Master Generals were present at the ceremony - with the President predicting better mail service, better working conditions and ^{more} pay for postal ~~so~~ employees. The new system removes the post office from a cabinet status department and makes it an independent government agency - operated by an eleven member board of governors appointed by the President. And one of the first results of the new organization is ^{almost sure to be an} ~~an impending~~ increase in first class postage from six to eight cents.

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The President will fly to New Orleans Friday, there to confer with citizen representatives from seven southern states who face desegregation problems this fall.

DRAFT

Senator Barry Goldwater predicts that the Senate - some time next week - will vote to abolish the military draft "a practice" says the Senator, "which has no place in our system of freedom except as a temporary expedient." He and Senator Mark Hatfield of Oregon plans to offer the proposal as an amendment to the defense procurement bill now before the senate. There's considerable doubt, however, as to whether the house would approve the measure.

SAFEGUARD

The Senate - by a five vote margin - rejected a proposal that would limit the expansion of the Safeguard anti-ballistic missile system. Liberal Senators angered by President Nixon's veto of the housing and education bill, vowed to continue their fight against ~~the~~ Safeguard plans.

GAS

At Southport, North Carolina, stevedores have begun ~~loading~~ ^{putting} fourteen thousand ~~deadly~~ nerve gas rockets ~~on~~ ^aboard a delapidated Liberty ship - ~~in preparation for~~ ^{then later} sinking ~~the~~ ship, cargo and all, some two hundred and eighty miles out in the Atlantic east of Cape Kennedy. But the Army promises the sinking won't occur until a federal judge rules on the matter. A hearing is set for tomorrow morning in Washington to consider Florida Governor ~~State~~ Kirk's argument for a temporary restraining order which ^could halt plans to dump the gas off the Florida coast. If so - then what?

TREATY

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On a table ~~at~~ ⁱⁿ the Kremlin, St. Catherine Hall, ~~today~~
signatures were affixed to a treaty under which West
Germany and the Soviet Union agree not to use force
against each other. West German Chancellor Willy
Brandt ^{and} Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin - signing and
shaking hands - after reaching the first such agreement
between Russia and a ~~so~~ German nation since Nineteen
Thirty Nine. Said Brandt: "This is not only the end of an
era, it's also a good beginning." To which Kosygin
responded -- "I'm in full agreement with you." ¶ The
treaty also ~~contained~~ contains pledges by both countries
to respect ~~these~~ the existing boundaries of nation's in
Europe. It did not, however, make any ~~reference~~ reference
to the so-called "German option" - under which West
Germany works for the reunification of East and West
Germany through peaceful means. This ~~opt~~ option right
Brandt has promised to uphold.

MID EAST

Military sources in Israel say Egyptian troops have broken the Suez Cease fire for the first time by firing across the canal at an Israeli patrol. And again today Israeli planes carried out raids on guerrilla hide-outs in Lebanon, the Israelis claiming the guerrillas have killed more than a score of persons during the past twenty-four hours.

RANSOM


OFFICIALS of Western Airlines ^{tell how} ~~have revealed~~
~~that they~~ for the first time in aviation ~~his~~ history ^{they}
paid a ransom of twenty-five thousand dollars in cash
to a man who told them he had placed ~~the bomb~~ a bomb
on an airliner. It all happened last night. Western's
flight seven-twenty-two from Anchorage, Alaska, ^(with 125 aboard,) ~~circled~~ ^{ed}
~~high~~ over Seattle ~~while~~ while the plane was searched for
the bomb. A telephone call from Anchorage - a man's
voice claiming he had placed a pressure sensitive bomb
on the plane set to explode when the plane descended to
ten thousand feet. For twenty-five thousand dollars,
said the caller, he would tell where the bomb was located
on the plane and how to keep it from exploding. The money
was delivered by a bank messenger on the streets of
anchorage but the extortionist ^{did not keep his promise; he didn't} ~~didn't~~ call back with the
promised information. So what happened? →

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→ The plane landed safely at Seattle airport
after its crew ^{had made sure} ~~determined~~ there was no ~~bazam~~ bomb aboard.

TANGIER

Tangier, - the Moroccan port on the northwest tip of Africa - is experiencing the latest - and by far the most welcome - invasion in all its four thousand year history. Tourists. So many of them that tourism has replaced intrigue as Tangier's leading industry. Long an international haven for spies, smugglers, agents, and refugees, the city's stormy history can, in part, be blamed on its strategic ~~lx~~ location where the Atlantic meets the Mediterranean in the Str ait of Gibraltar. ^R Built on the slopes of hills that ring a crescent shaped bay, Tangier was known as Tinga, the city on the lagoon, when the first Phoenicians traders arrived about two thousand B.C. After World War Two, Tangier teemed with refugees from Nazi regimes in Europe - from Iron Curtain countries - and politicians who had failed to make a go of it in their homelands. Today, sail boat regattas have replaced the smuggling fleets in the bay. ~~And where ^{tribesmen}~~



The famous American golf architect Robert Trent Jones ~~today~~ is building golf courses for the King of Morocco. Where camels once ~~roamed~~ raced across the sands, and where rebel tribesmen once skulked in the underbush outside the exotic Moroccan city of Tangier - Warren, duffers ^{are} now look ^{ing} for lost golf balls.

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BASEBALL

A Federal judge today upheld organized baseball's controversial reserve clause system; ruling against Curt Flood, a player who had challenged its legality. Flood brought the suit last October after being traded to the Phillies by the Cardinals. Curt Flood contended that the system was unlawful, that he was being sold as a "chattel", and being made to work as a "slave" by playing on a team against his own will; even though his salary was to be ninety thousand dollars a year.