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SINGAPORE

For Vice President Agnew - a change of pace today. The touring Vice President arriving at Singapore - where the need for security precaution was found to be practically nil. Except for official welcomes - his visit was oh - taken for granted. In fact, the Vice President's limousine was one - borrowed for the occasion from a local Chinese businessman. The car mingling with other traffic - attracting little attention as it ferried the Vice President to secret ninety minutes meeting - with Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Kuam Yew.

Earlier, on the flight from Kuala Lumpur, Mr. Agnew told newsmen that the U.S. might - repeat - might take up some of the slack when the British leave that area. But, he emphasized - this would be "without committing troupes."

## ATHENS

From Athens - a report that Greek terrorists planted a time bomb last week - in the U.S. Embassy. The bomb set to go off - coincident with the arrival of our new Ambassador to Athens - Henry J. Tasca. Luckily it failed to detonate. A cleaning woman found the bomb, and Greek security agents defused it.

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All this coming light today - when the terrorists phoned newsmen - boasting of what they had done. Calling it - "an act of opposition to Greek-American cooperation."  
The terrorists viewing the U.S. appointment of Ambassador Tasca - as an endorsement of the present Greek military regime.

## SAIGON

Saigon again - South Vietnamese President Thieu conceded for the first time today that - there may have been a number of indiscriminate killings at My Lai. If so though - it was the work of "one or two individuals" - said he; and adding that U.S. justice - should see that they are punished. Thieu going on to observe: "You cannot accuse the entire U.S. nation or the U.S. Army - for the acts of an individual."

## BLACK VIRGIN MOUNTAIN FOLLOW VIETNAM

They are calling it the battle of Black Virgin Mountain - and it was in its second day. U.S. troops in this one were wearing gas masks - as a defense against enemy tear gas attacks. Charging up the slopes of the peak - which looms over the Cambodian border they were routing the Viet Cong from caves and bunkers - driving them down the other side.

## WHITE HOUSE

The White House - Richard Nixon - fifty-seven-years-old as of this date. The President sharing his birthday celebration with a group of Washington newsmen - who presented him with a mock newspaper. One item - telling of a landslide reelection victory in 1972.

Another "Happy Birthday" greeting by telephone - from Mamie Eisenhower - who is vacationing right now at the Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia. During the course of that call - the President jokingly observed he had reached a stage in life - where he doesn't celebrate his birthdays anymore; whereupon Mrs. Eisenhower came right back - with a bit of philosophy from her late husband. "Ike always put it this way" - said she - "if you are lucky enough to be around - you ought to celebrate."

Or as I heard Parade's Editor Red Motley say in addressing an audience: - "I am glad to be here!" Then added the articulate Red: - "I'm glad to be anywhere."

## LAKE PLACID

I suppose Lake Placid could be called the number one focal point in the American ski world this weekend. Princess Grace Kelly's brother Jack - and many others - are here to help stage the Second Annual Kennedy Memorial Winter Games.

It all started today with the international cross country ski races at Mt. Hoevenberg. Tomorrow and Sunday - ski jumping on the big Olympic jumping hill at Intervales; also an ice show and opening ceremony in the Olympic Arena - and then more events are scheduled to take place a few weeks later - hockey - bobsled races - figure skating - and so on - the whole thing starting this week-end and ending in mid-March - all in honor of the two brothers who were assassinated - the President and the Senator, both of whom were genuine winter sports enthusiasts.

Among the countries participating are - Japan - Yugoslavia - Switzerland - Canada - Italy - Austria - West Germany - Poland - Czechoslovakia - France - Norway - and



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of course the United States. And it is right that these Winter Games should be held here at Lake Placid - because in a way you could call this the birth place of skiing in the United States. That is, the first formal instruction in the sport was given here more than forty years ago by a Norwegian - Erling Strom. Since then, as you know, skiing has become the great American Winter Sport - with millions participating.

For the story of Erling Strom and his experiences teaching skiing at the Lake Placid Club - and his later adventures as a mountaineer - I suggest you stop by the nearest newsstand and pick up a copy of this month's ARGOSY magazine; for the story of how it all started.

## HIJACKING

Two more airliner hijackings in the headlines. As it turned out though - neither brought the desired results - in fact, just the opposite.

First case - that of a young Frenchman who seized a Boeing 707 jet due ~~to~~ to fly from Paris to Rome. The hijacker forced the pilot to fly to Beirut, Lebanon, and along the way, he appeared to be charming a woman passenger who called him "very sexy and cute." But once on the ground - he was jailed by the Lebanese.

Second case - for the hijacker - even more so. A young Panamanian attempting to take over a C-47 transport - when it took off from an airfield in Panama. This chap wanted to fly to Cuba. - For this the pilot said he'd need more gas - so down they went for refueling. Whereupon the plane was quickly surrounded by national guardsmen when the hijacker burst through a door holding a hostage - he was promptly shot to death.



## CHRISTCHURCH

Latest on the exploits of Max Conrad - comes today from Christchurch, New Zealand. The famed "flying grandfather" - as you know - attempting to become the first man ever to fly solo - around the world - via both North and South Poles. Now - in Christchurch - getting his Aztec ready to head Hopefully, next week.

Max reports that he has just changed the name of his aircraft - maybe to escape the luck that has plagued him of late. Anyway, the original "St. Louis Woman" to be called, henceforth, the "White Penguin". Come to think of it, Warren, penguins don't fly. They waddle, and swim.

## WEATHER

Right across the continent - from the Rockies to New England - temperatures today were from zero on down, for the second straight day. Even the south - the mercury hit record lows. Why it was four below at Washington, D.C.; and only four above - at Atlanta, Georgia. Most unusual.

Up here in the Adirondacks, an almost perfect Winter day, with the thermometer around zero. Just right for the cross country race.