

AMMAN

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*The wee morning hours now in Jordan and there's no clear word on who is winning in the first day of an all-out war between the Jordanian Army and Palestinian Guerillas.*

*The Government claims it has virtually won.*

*That Amman the Capitol is secure save for a few pockets of Commando resistance. And the Government has called for a cease-fire, telling Commandos , we'll maintain troops in the cities of Jordan and allow you to leave with your weapons. We'll even transport you down to the front with Israel where you can fight shoulder-to-shoulder with the regular army.*

*A quick rejection from the Commandos. Instead, they claim to hold sway over Northern Jordan, where they have appointed three district governors. Among the cities claimed by the Commandos: Irbidramtha and Bakaa - the latter the site of the biggest Palestinian refugee camp in the country.*

**As for the fifty-four hostages, the remnants of the  
hi-jackings - how they fared through a day of fierce fighting  
in Amman - no one knows.**

## CHICAGO FOLLOW AMMAN

*Here at home - President Nixon was warning the Palestinians that they will be held responsible - for the safety of those fifty-four hijack hostages they still hold.*

*While in Washington - the U.S. State Department was refusing to rule out the possibility of U.S. military intervention. A spokesman saying there were no plans for such action at present - but adding it is "obvious we are facing a serious situation."*

## **VOLPE FOLLOW CHICAGO**

***The State Department again: An announcement that U.S. Transportation Secretary John Volpe - will head an American delegation to an international airline meeting tomorrow in Montreal. The U.S. there to propose - we are told - an international air boycott against any country - that harbors airline hijackers or detains hijacked planes, their passengers or crews.***

## PARIS

*At the peace table in Paris - a new slant today. The Communist side putting forward a new eight-point program - billed as "a major peace initiative." This including an offer to stop attacking American troops - in return for U.S. agreement to withdraw all its forces from Vietnam as of June Thirty, Nineteen-Seveny-One. It also calls for a coalition government in South Vietnam - barring only the three top officials in the present Saigon regime.*

*However, the U.S. and South Vietnam - quickly turning thumbs down. U.S. Ambassador David Bruce saying: "My immediate reaction - was that it was new wine in old bottles."*

## SAIGON FOLLOW PYONGYANG

Meanwhile, the U.S. Command in Saigon - was releasing today another weekly casualty list. The figures including fifty-four American combat deaths - also, three hundred and thirty-seven wounded; which is certainly nothing to cheer about - but it does mark the lowest weekly casualty count for U.S. troops - in more than four years. A figure attributable - at least, in part - we are told - to a cutback in offensive operations on both sides.

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*Back in Washington - Attorney General John Mitchell met today with officials of nine Midwestern cities; discussing a recent rash of bombings they've had to contend with - also attacks on police. Mitchell later telling reporters that certain groups are "working on a national basis" - to foment terrorist attacks in our cities and college campuses. Mitchell adding that the government - will continue to prosecute individual terrorists; but the most effective way to deal with bombings - said he - would be simply to "shut off the supply of explosives."*

## INCOME

*Elsewhere in Washington - a report today that U.S. personal income - was up slightly during the month of August; about Four-point-One Billion, in all - which is not as much as the July increase - but still higher than the average for the first six months of the year. Government experts saying this indicates something of a recovery from the winter-spring business slump - but slowly, ever so slowly.*



## **PYONGYANG FOLLOW PARIS**

*This next - perhaps a related item. From Radio Pyongyang in Communist North Korea - a call today for a unified Korea. This by means of a "confederation" - Communist in the North and capitalist in the South. However, the North Korean plan - contingent on the withdrawal of all U.S. forces currently stationed in South Korea. It also demands an end to the U.N.'s twenty-year role - of guaranteeing South Korean security. All of which would seem to indicate - again - fat chance.*

**SUGGESTED INTRO TO THOMAS TAPE "HAWAII - Part One"**

**Here now - another report from Lowell Thomas;  
telling tonight of another trail-blazing flight - across the  
Pacific. Lowell...**

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Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese, Koreans, Spaniards,  
Filipinos, Puerto Ricans, Latin American missionaries and  
settlers from all over the world and what a glorious  
population they have here now. Today the people of the  
islands represent a wonderful blend of Eastern ingenuity,  
Oriental industry, and Polynesian good will. It is indeed a  
splendid...

## **HAWAII - Part I**

**Hello Everybody:**

*I've just flown down from Alaska direct to Hawaii. For the first time this is possible. A new air line runs directly from the far north to mid-Pacific. People of course are one of Hawaii's most successful imports. The Polynesian settlers who perhaps landed on the uninhabited islands here along about 750 A D built a society that remained undisturbed until 1778 when the great English explorer Captain James Cook came here and first sighted the Island of Kauai.*

*And news of Cook's discovery spread in a hurry and Hawaii as you know has become a mid-Pacific melting pot. Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese, Koreans, Spaniards, Filipinos, Puerto Ricans, plus American missionaries and sailors from all over the world and what a glorious population they have here now. Today the people of the 50th state represent a wonderful blend of Yankee ingenuity, Oriental industry, and Polynesian good will. It is indeed a paradise on earth.*

*Solong....*

## CAMBRIDGE

*Up at Cambridge, Mass. - courtesy of M.I.T. -  
a final tabulation today on the outcome of that recent  
coast-to-coast clean air car race; and the winner - Wayne  
State University of Detroit, appropriately enough. The  
winning entry - a Nineteen-Seventy-One Ford Capri;  
standard in every respect - except for a fuel injection  
afterburner - an exhaust gas recirculator - and four  
catalytic mufflers. It also used - lead-free gasoline.*