

FORD

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Los Angeles

Egypt's decision to break with the Soviet Union was called by President Ford today -- a major victory for U.S. foreign policy. The President saying Egypt's actions "will be responded to by the U.S.A. -- economically and otherwise." The President's remarks -- at a meeting with newspaper editors in the White House.

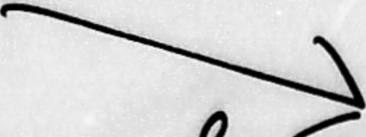


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RALEIGH-DURHAM - FOLLOW FORD

Meanwhile, a group of Republican governors <sup>were</sup> urging Ronald Reagan to withdraw from the race for President. This in a statement released at Raleigh, ~~in~~ North Carolina -- where the nation's sixth Presidential primary will be held next week. The governor's saying Republicans -- "cannot afford the luxury of divisiveness."

But Reagan -- at nearby Durham -- again <sup>is</sup> refusing to quit. The campaign is now "in the first inning" -- said he. Adding, when you're doing as well as he's been doing -- getting "roughly half" the vote so far -- "you don't take your bat and go home."

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SAN FRANCISCO

After a trial that lasted eight weeks -- the Patricia Hearst case finally went to the jury today. Judge Carter telling the five men and seven women on the panel -- they alone must decide whether Miss Hearst willingly took part -- in the bank robbery with which she is charged.

ATLANTA

The nation's worst flu epidemic in eight years -- is ~~apparently~~  
nearing an end. Government doctors at Atlanta <sup>do</sup> ~~are~~ reporting some  
five hundred deaths last week, ~~due to flu-related illness~~. Also,  
saying the disease ~~was~~ still at epidemic levels -- in twenty-one  
states. ~~Adding, however,~~ <sup>But</sup> "Nationwide -- the peak of the epidemic  
appears to have passed."

## SALISBURY

At Salisbury -- a breakdown today in talks between Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith -- and black nationalist leader Joshua Nkomo. Smith saying Nkomo's demands, if accepted -- would have led to an immediate black takeover. Nkomo calling Smith's stand -- "racial and contemptuous." Adding: "What will happen now -- is too ghastly to contemplate."

JERUSALEM

About a thousand <sup>Palestinian</sup> ~~Arab~~ youths today defied Israeli troops -- staging a mass demonstration in front of Al Aqsa mosque in east Jerusalem. They <sup>were</sup> ~~were~~ protesting a recent court decision -- allowing Jews to pray near the mosque. Chanting over and over: "With our blood and souls -- we will die for you, Al Aqsa." Also, giving four-finger salutes -- such as those of the Palestine Liberation organization.

BEIRUT

Lebanon's Premier Rashid Karami narrowly escaped today -- when a plane he had just boarded for a trip to Damascus was hit by rocket fire. Karami and others in his party -- scrambling to safety unhurt. But Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khaddam, who has been serving as peacemaker in Lebanon -- ~~bitterly~~ condemning the attack; pledging to "chop off the hands" -- of those responsible.

## GATES

The White House again -- President Ford today nominated New York banker Thomas Gates -- to be the new U.S. envoy to mainland China. Gates, a wartime shipmate of the President -- also, a Secretary of Defense under President Eisenhower. The President saying selection of a man of Gates' stature -- reflects the importance he attaches to U.S. relations in China.

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LONDON

Britain's Princess Margaret finally made it official today -- announcing that she and her husband, the Earl of Snowden, have agreed on a legal separation. ~~Margaret adding "there are no plans for divorce proceedings"~~ ~~and~~ ~~friends~~ ~~said~~ ~~to~~ ~~hope~~ ~~the~~ ~~couple~~ ~~may~~ ~~yet~~ ~~reconcil~~ ~~e~~. <sup>still</sup> <sup>for a</sup> ~~observers noting~~ <sup>intention.</sup> However, a divorce by mutual consent -- is now possible in two years.

Around 1,000 radios and TV people were at a big affair out here in L.A. today. A great day for me = and for CBS too!  
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SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

Right on schedule -- the swallows came back today to Capistrano. An estimated ten thousand tourists -- taking part in the homecoming celebration. The return of the swallows -- a reminder that spring begins tomorrow; "For lo the winter is passed -- the time of the singing of birds is come -- and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land."

And now for CBS