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Labor Day - Denver, Colorado

MID-EAST

Both Israel and Egypt today placed their initials on an interim peace settlement, and the agreement's architect - Secretary Henry Kissinger - hailed it as a major step toward bringing peace to the Mid-East. After witnessing the signing in Jerusalem, Kissinger flew on to Alexandria where he attended the Egyptian signing ceremony.

Still remaining, however, is U.S. Congressional approval of a key section - calling for two hundred American civilian volunteers to man early warning bases between cease fire lines in the Sinai desert.

President Ford - in separate phone calls from Camp David, Maryland - congratulated Kissinger, Egyptian President Sadat, and Israeli Prime Minister Rabin - calling the pact one of the most important diplomatic triumphs of this decade. And now....

ECUADOR

In Quito, capital of Ecuador, a revolt by armed forces rebels was crushed today by troops loyal to President Rodriguez Lara. Although the insurgents - led by Chief of Staff General Raul Gonzalez - had surrounded the Presidential palace they in turn were overwhelmed, with a dozen or more killed, and a hundred or so wounded.

WEAPONS

The U.S. Army says that weapons - stolen from American military facilities here and overseas - could equip some ten combat battalions with small arms and ammunition - if put to use. According to a special Army report, some of the stolen weapons are sure to be in the hands of terrorist groups - both at home and abroad.

SEQUOIA

In California near Porterville, a fire roared out of control in the famed ^{Sequoia}~~Sequoia~~ National Forest - destroying some five thousand acres within one hour. So far, a total of twelve thousand acres of brush and timberland have been ravaged by the blaze which some two thousand firefighters hope to contain by tomorrow. Officials say the fire was caused by a careless camper. Trees, many of them over a 1,000 years old. Already over 500 years old when Columbus discovered America.

FLOODS

Two West Virginia counties - Ohio and Marshall - were declared disaster areas today after flash floods took at least one life and left MILLIONS in property damage. The Wheeling Hospital suffered an estimated three-MILLION in damage.

PRIESTS

Episcopal Bishop William Creighton - who heads the Washington D.C. diocese - is cutting short his vacation in order to set up a series of meetings - meetings aimed at stopping a planned service ordaining women deacons to the Episcopalean priesthood. The Bishop - a strong supporter of priesthood for women - still wants them to wait a year 'til the church's general convention acts on this.

CRASH

An Alaska state trooper has emerged as the hero of the airline crash this weekend that took ten lives - with twenty-three passengers surviving. Officials say the trooper - Gilbert Pelawook - himself hurt - refused to leave the area of burning plane on Alaska's St. Lawrence Island until all survivors were removed. Moments after he did carry the last survivor to safety, the plane exploded in flames.

SHARKS

Swimmers may soon carry with them a poisonous milky white liquid - described as a "one hundred per cent effective shark repellent;" - that may temporarily paralyze a shark's jaws. The substance is found in a Red Sea fish which the Israelis call the "Moses Sole" because - according to legend - the original fish was split in half when Moses parted the Red Sea. Research - says the Oceanic Magazine - shows that a shark hastily retreats when the "Moses Sole" turns lose this poisonous liquid into the water. So says the Oceanic Society Magazine.

And now..

ANNIVERSARY

*Now a salute to station K-H-A-S, Hastings,
Nebraska - celebrating its thirty-fifth anniversary today.*

*I have an unusual friend who lives somewhere
in that part of Nebraska, an engineer who is helping transform
what we once called, The Dust Bowl, into rich farming country.*

*At any rate, here's to KHAS - and a lesser salute
to Richard Reinke who puts water where there doesn't seem to
be any.*

And now for CBS ----