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HUNTINGTON

And now - a special salute to CBS radio

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today celebrating - its twenty-fifth anniversary on the air.*

UNITED NATIONS

At the United Nations - a ~~royal~~ welcome today for the new delegation from RedChina; with ~~heart~~ hearty handshakes all around - and a steady stream of speakers hailing the importance of today's event.

Not the least of these - U.S. Ambassador George Bush - who said, in part: "The differences which divided this assembly in recent weeks - should not obscure that we all agree that the People's Republic of China should be represented here - so that we can move toward peace and justice in the world."

Bush also taking ~~this~~^{the} occasion ~~to~~ to pledge continuing U.S. support of the world body. Saying: "We shall not cease to cooperate - with all those here who feel as we do."

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - President Nixon today attended a meeting of his Cost of Living Council ^{and} ~~there~~ ^{ed} defending his Phase Two economic program - as exactly right to cut inflation in half by the end of Nineteen-Seventy-Two. The President adding that Administration strategy calls for "enough control - to control inflation; but not so much - as to destroy freedom."

At the same time, the President's Committee on Interest and Dividends ^{was} ~~is~~ clamping a four per cent limit on future dividend increases. This figure - to apply to about ten thousand of the nation's largest corporations; based on a company's highest payment - over the past three years.

ADD WHITE HOUSE

And now this: The Cost of Living Council--reversing an earlier decision. Ruling that automakers and other large companies--must seek permission in advance before raising prices to offset wage boosts.

VIETNAM

On the war front - a report today that Saigon troops have launched a major operation - in South Vietnam's Central Highlands, leading to some of the fiercest fighting in that area - in months. Indeed, the toll of enemy dead - is set at more than a hundred-and-eighty. This - we are told - ^{is} an attempt to thwart a massive Communist build-up - over the past few weeks..

SAN FRANCISCO

*From a Federal Appeals Court at San Francisco -
an order today upholding the right of the U.S. Air Force -
to discharge a pregnant, unmarried female officer. This
in the follow-up to a case - that gained widespread
attention last year; that of Captain Susan Struck - who was
first ordered discharged and then permitted to stay on,
pending appeal.*

*Today's verdict nothing that according to Air Force
regulations there is "a compelling public interest - in not
having pregnant female soldiers in the military
establishment."*

PALERMO

June Eighth - Palermo, Italy - the twenty-eight-year-old son of a reputed Mafia leader - kidnaped by gunpoint.

November Fifteenth - Giuseppe Vassallo is finally set free.

What happened in the intervening five months ^{is} still a ~~complete~~ mystery, as far as police are concerned. ~~However~~ ^{But} the rumor mill has it that Giuseppe's father was forced to pay - in order to get him back - ^{pay} ~~One-point-Six-Million~~ in cash. If true, the highest ransom ever paid for a kidnap victim - in Italy or anywhere else.

NEWARK

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An official of the French counter-espionage service -
formally charged with drug smuggling today. This in an
indictment ~~handed up~~ by a Federal grand jury in Newark,
New Jersey. Colonel Paul Fournier - accusing of master-
minding the illegal importation of ninety-six pounds of pure
heroin. U.S. Attorney Herbert Stern later saying: "It is
now up to the French authorities - whether they will proceed
against Fournier in France - or make him available for
prosecution here."

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HEALTH

By order of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare - a tentative ban tonight on the use of lead-based points in Federally-financed housing. Noting that an estimated four hundred thousand children - mostly in urban slums - are already suffering from excessive lead from eating chips of lead-based paint; one of the nation's major causes of mental retardation - and even death.

A study of recent forest fires in Utah and California; show that only two per cent - were purposely set; as compared with some twenty per cent - caused by people using the forests for recreational purposes. The greatest number - nearly half - by people working in the forests loggers - road-builders - construction workers - and truck and tractor operators; all people who really should know better.

Professor John Christiansen of Brigham Young University; suggests much more fire safety training.

VIENNA

At Austria's former imperial palace in Vienna - overlooking the beautiful Blue Danube - the start of ^{the} sixth round SALT talks today, in an atmosphere - reportedly marked by "an unprecedented mood of optimism."

Gerard Smith, for the U.S. saying a new agreement limiting anti-ballistic missiles - may be ready by the time President Nixon goes to Moscow; or - "hopefully sooner." Russia's Vladimir Semenov - similarly saying there is "a real possibility for reaching a positive result."

SALISBURY

Britain's Foreign Minister - Sir Alec Douglas-

*Home a visitor today at Salisbury in breakaway Rhodesia;
there meeting with Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith. His goal
to create "conditions - under which Rhodesia will be accepted
back into the international community."*

*Ian Smith --says there are still some "knotty
problems" to solve.*

MOSCOW

Moscow - a meeting of delegates from nine Communist countries. These including - besides Russia - Bulgaria, Hungary, East Germany, Cuba, Mongolia, Poland, Romania and Czechoslovakia. All - agreeing to establish a new international space communications organization; also, inviting "all states of the world" - even non-Communist countries - to join in. And they call their new group - simply "Inter-Sputnik."

ANTRIM

*This next - from (Antrim County) in Northern Ireland;
where a police raid on a local farm - turned up a surprising
harvest. The police seizing forty-seven shotguns, rifles,
submachine guns and revolvers - along with ten thousand
rounds of ammunition and a large quantity of plastic explosives.
1/2 According to a police spokesman - "the biggest haul so far."*

MADRID

From the Spanish Finance Ministry in Madrid - an order today drastically cutting income taxes for artists, professional sportsmen and bullfighters. A spokesman noting that the careers of artists and sportsmen - are usually considerably shorter than those of other taxpayers; in the case of bullfighters - even more so. — Don — sometimes one bull fight — one less bull fighter.

LONDONDERRY FOLLOW ANTRIM

Meanwhile, at Londonderry - love conquers all.

Pretty, young Marta Doherty - whose head was shaved last week by a so-called "Women's Revenge Group" - getting married today to her young British soldier, Private John Larter. The ceremony and a later reception - taking place inside heavily-guarded Ebrington Barracks overlooking the River Foyle.

Not exactly as planned, of course. But a good time was had by all - we are told; and the bride - wearing a new wig - looked ~~positively~~ radiant, ~~as all brides do~~. A happy ending. ^{??} - a joyful beginning.