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PENTAGON

*Pursuant to orders today from the Pentagon two-hundred
-and-seventy-four military bases around the country will soon
be closed or cut back. These including historic Boston Navy
Yard. The resulting savings are expected to total nearly a
billion a year. A Pentagon spokesman saying: "People across
the U.S. - have demanded defense reductions." Adding,
it has been necessary therefore, to look at base structure
re-alignment across the U.S."*

PRESIDENT

President Nixon today expressed his personal gratitude - to the hard hats who helped him win a sweeping election victory. This - at the National Conference of building and construction trades. The President telling about four thousand delegates: "thanks to your help - our P O W's are home and we are building a peace with honor."

The President also defended his position - in attempting to hold federal spending in check. "It's no pleasure for the President of the United States to veto spending bills," said he. But "after all" he continued -- "it isn't my money - it's yours."

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW PRESIDENT

On another front - an attempt today to halt the spiraling cost of industrial ~~work~~ raw materials. President Nixon authorizing the sale of six billion dollars worth of metals and minerals - currently held in the nation's strategic ~~stockpile~~ stockpile; items such as aluminum, copper, lead, tin and so on - all of which are said to be in short supply.

The President going on to concede that our "new stockpile" - will thus be "substantially reduced." But it will be tailored now - said he - "to the national security needs of the Nineteen Seventies," with special emphasis on items such as jewel bearings, cobalt, and silver. The President further stressing that our new stockpile will still contain "the ~~critical~~ critical material ~~that~~ we need in quantities fully adequate for our national security requirements."

SENATE

Environmental protection Administrator William Ruckelshaus was the chief witness today - before a Senate sub-committee on air and ~~water~~ water pollution.

There defending his decision to grant a one year delay - *for* the imposition of stringent auto emission controls.

contending that such a ~~one~~ delay ^{does} not ~~be~~ adversely effect air quality in any significant way.

~~William~~ Ruckelshaus added, however, that some U S cities - will be forced eventually to restrict auto traffic in ~~some~~ order to alleviate air pollution. "What we really should be working for" - said he - "is transportation improvements, more efficient ways of moving people around."

United Nations - for Egyptian Foreign Minister
Mohamed El-Zayyat - an appearance today at the U N
Security Council; where he lashed out at Israel for
staging an assassination raid last week into Beirut.
"In this last assault "- said El Zayyat - "Israel
has escalated its ~~aggression~~ aggression;" It has become
"more violent - and less inhibited." Indeed, it has
espoused murder and assassination - as a formal
policy and practice."

El Zayyat adding that at the very ~~least~~ least
the U S and others should now stop their military
and economic aid to Israel. But he did not call for
Israel's expulsion from the U N - as many had expected
he would.

PATTAYA BEACH - THAILAND

Pattaya Beach, Thailand -- the scene today of a meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian nations. Keynote speaker, Philippine Foreign Minister ~~Sen~~ Carlos Romulo; who said ~~that~~ that the U S - "cannot relinquish its presence" in Southeast Asia, cannot do so - said he - without "relegating itself to the status of a third rate power."

Romulo insisted, however, that such an eventuality is extremely ~~unlikely~~ unlikely. I don't think the U S - can ever withdraw its presence from Asia," said he. Adding: "When the U S took Alaska and Hawaii into the union - it disclosed its intention of the world to remain a Pacific power."

THA VIENG

On the Plain of Jars in Laos - Communist
troops ^{today} over-ran ~~today~~ the village of Tha Vieng. The
U S quickly accusing North Vietnam - of violating
a seven week old cease fire agreement. This followed
by the first U S air strikes into Laos since
February twenty-third. Clearly, a warning to the
Communist side to cease and desist - ~~xxxxxx~~ or else
continue to face the wrath of U S aerial might.

NEW DELHI

At New Delhi the successful ~~com~~ completion of talks between India's Foreign Minister, ~~and~~ Swaran Singh - and his Bangladesh counter-part, ^g Kamal Hossain. The details of what they agreed on ^H as yet, ~~is~~ undisclosed pending the ~~the~~ drafting of a joint communique. Singh, nevertheless, saying: "We have taken a ~~common~~ common approach. We have reached agreement on all issues^s." This apparently clearing the way for the release of ninety thousand Pakistanis - who ^{as you know} have been held prisoners of war for more than a year, ¹⁾ ~~now~~

NEW YORK

From New York City a report telling of one of the ~~biggest~~ ^{round-ups} drug ~~busts~~ in the city's history.

Police and federal agents - seizing scores of alleged drug dealers in the New York metropolitan area. Also, picking up a number of men - said to be operating "an inter-connecting ring" out of Detroit.

This the culmination of an eighteen month investigation using ~~active~~ authorized wire taps along with video taped observations; apparently cracking the U S end of ^{an} international ~~drug~~ syndicate -- dealing ~~in millions of dollars~~ ⁱⁿ heroin and cocaine ~~running~~ ^{running} into the millions of dollars.

LONDON

Starting as of today British members of Parliament may stretch the truth from time to ~~the~~ time but never again can they be accused of lying. This - courtesy ~~of~~ of House of Commons Speaker Selwyn Lloyd ^{Who} ordered struck from the Parliamentary record - now and henceforth - phrases such as "lie," - "liar" "pack of lies" - "that is a lie" - and "he is ~~is~~ lying." Also, phrases such as "deceiving" deliberately misleading" - and "damned lie."

Why the censorship? - because said ^{Commons Speaker} Selwyn

Lloyd - "good ~~temper~~ temper and moderation - are the characteristics of parliamentary language."

BOSTON

At the Old North Church in Boston ^{there was} a weekend ceremony commemorating the one-hundred-and-ninety-eight anniversary of the ~~daring~~ ride of Paul Revere. One of Paul's great, great great great grandsons - helping to make it a big ~~big~~ success. John Bishop Jr. lighting ~~the~~ lanterns ^{similar to those} ~~such as~~ ~~mentioned~~ ~~were~~ used so long ago to signal: "The British are coming!" - the British are coming!"

Boston's Mayor White - was ^{on hand to scoff} ~~also there along~~ ^{at the way} ~~the way, scoffing at~~ modern day ~~historians~~ ~~who~~ question the accuracy of ~~Henry Wadsworth~~ Longfellow's famous poem. Said Mayor White: "I continue to believe in the ~~legendary~~ legend whose symbolic importance far over-rides the accuracy of the details." Another way of saying, Bill, "never let the facts interfere with a good story."

RELIGION

The followers of three of the world's great religions - were celebrating major holidays today right around the globe. For Christians the start of Easter week. For Jews - the start of Passover. For Moslems the legendary birthdate of the prophet Mohammed.

So God bless, shalom, allah be with you, and solong until tomorrow.