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GOOD EVENING:

*President Nixon met today with Congressional leaders; a session originally set up - to discuss wage and price controls; one that ended up - with a Presidential briefing on Vietnam. Details were later disclosed - by White House Press Secretary Ron Ziegler.*

*The President was quoted as saying he had ordered restrictions on U.S. military operations - when peace talks appeared to be going well; he had removed those restrictions - he said - when it became apparent the Communist side was stalling. The President was said to have discussed - Monday's scheduled resumption of the peace talks; saying he was neither optimistic - nor pessimistic. And he stressed that Congressional opposition - would not deter him from seeking, quote, "a proper kind of settlement."*

## ATLANTA

*Influenza or upper respiratory diseases have been reported now in seventeen states, the National Center for Disease Control reported Friday.*

*Georgia and North Carolina were added Friday to the growing list of states where influenza or similar respiratory illnesses have been reported.*

*At San Jose, California, the coroner's office said English, or London Flu, has contributed to at least fourteen deaths in Santa Clara County. A public health spokesman said the virus outbreak reached epidemic proportions in the San Jose area during Christmas week. Dr. Robert J. Rubin, an epidemiologist at the National Center here, said there are at present outbreaks of influenza in Boston, New York, the Baltimore-Washington area, San Francisco Bay area and in Memphis, Tenn.*

*"It cannot now be determined if the English Flu will become widespread throughout the country," he said. Those states where London Flue previously was reported include*

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***New York, Maryland, California, Hawaii, Arizona, Colorado,  
Kansas, Texas, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut,  
Tennessee, Illinois, Washington and New Jersey.***

**TEL AVIV**

*After two weeks of intense cold - warm and sunny weather returned to Israel today. For many though - it was too late. Government officials estimate crop damage - more than Twelve Million dollars - calling it the worst loss - since the founding of the state twenty-five years ago.*

*A spokesman adding: "If we don't have rain in the next week or ten days - it will be terrible."*



## TRUMAN

*Historic Washington Cathedral was the site of a final tribute today to the late Harry Truman; with those in attendance including Margaret Truman Daniel and her husband - Vice President Spiro Agnew - and a host of dignitaries from around the world.*

*The eulogy - from the Reverend Francis Sayre, Dean of the Cathedral; who said that Mr. Truman was "earthy and plain" - and "there were no wrinkles in his honesty;" adding that thus he was "ready" - when the "mantle of greatness" was thrust upon him. "He stepped to the anvil" - said the Reverend Mr. Sayre - "humble but not afraid - relying always in his independent way upon the goodness of the Lord - in whose hands is the hammer of our fate."*

## HOUSTON

At the U. S. Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston - the men of Apollo-Seventeen today held a traditional post-flight news conference; disclosing little new, but pledging to spend as much time as possible - telling the American people of their adventures in space, in an effort to bolster the interest in continuing U. S. space program.

Mission Commander Gene Cernan claimed that science - "is probably the most important part of this program." He asserted that everyone from the "poor farmer in South Dakota to the orange grove plantation owner in Florida" - has benefited from lunar exploration.

Then - a brief summation from the first U. S. spaceman-scientist. Geologist Jack Schmitt - who observing that "something different has happened in the last ten years." "What excites the whole world" - said he - "that man has shown he can go somewhere away from earth - and show he can live there." Schmitt adding that man - "now has started to expand his experiences."

## **JOBS**

*The U. S. unemployment rate was unchanged last month. It remained at five-point-two per cent, a two-year low - according to government figures announced today.*

*Better still, the number of persons with jobs - jumped to a record high of nearly eighty-three million. An improvement - Chairman Herbert Stein of the President's Council of Economic Advisers called "one of the best on record." Stein added that "all indications - point to continuing strong economic expansion in Nineteen-Seventy-Three."*



## **DOMESTIC FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE**

*The President apparently got tired of waiting; at any rate, he is trying to accomplish by Executive Order - his long-sought government reorganization plan; Today he named three so-called "super bureaucrats."*

*These include Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz - Health, Education and Welfare Secretary-designate Caspar Weinberger - and Housing and Urban Development Secretary-designate James Lynn; each of whom will now have the responsibility for coordinating programs - in a broad variety of departments and agencies. They join in that category - Treasury Secretary George Shultz.*

*The President also accepted today - the resignation of Robert Ball, veteran head of the Social Security System. No successor - as yet.*



## AARRHUS

*This last - from Aarrhus, Denmark; where gamekeeper Hans Nielsen says he has just turned down an offer of Twenty-Three Hundred Dollars - for his favorite pointer; an offer - supposedly coming from Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. Nielsen explains <sup>5:</sup> "He's a good dog - and I'm not sure a life as Mrs. Onassis' pet would suit him.*

*Nielsen adds, in any event - the dog is now working better than ever. "When he makes a mistake - said the gamekeeper - "all I have to do is yell, 'get moving or I'll sell you to Onassis' - and he's back on the scent."*

*All of which - you can believe it or not.*

*Mike Wallace for Lowell Thomas.*