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In the clash of Arab versus Arab in the Middle

East - a showdown was fast-developing tonight. Two

brights of Jordanian Army troops - advancing into the

northwest corner of that strife-torn country; there digging
in for an expected battle - with oncoming Syrian tanks and

Palestinian guerillas; a battle that could be decisive
we are told. All this - according to Israeli intelligence,

oddly enough.

Meanwhile, thousands of U.S. Marines and Army paratroopers - remaining on standby alert; to be used, if necessary - in evacuating U.S. citizens still stranded in Jordan. President Nixon saying the U.S. - was fully prepared "to preserve its proper interests in the Middle East." The White House adding that the situation - "is still complicated, fluid and still serious;" with growing "deep concern" - over the fate of those Arab air-hijach hostages.

The White House also disclosed today - that Jordan's

King Hussein has addressed an appeal to each of the

"Big Four powers; an appeal for "diplomatic assistance"
in restoring peace. The U.S. State Department adds though
the key factor here is Russia; which remains the only major

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power - still "in touch with the Syrian government." A

State Department spokesman saying: "The real test" of Soviet

intentions - "will turn on whether or not forces from Syria

are withdrawn from Jordan."

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This next - perhaps a related item. The U.S. State Department announcies today that President Nixon has decided to resume the shipment of heavy military equipment to Greece; thereby ending a freeze that began back in April, Nineteen-Sixty-Seven - when the present Greek military junta first seized power. A State Department spokesman saying: "The resumption of such shipments will enhance the ability of the Greek forces - to carry out their responsibilities in defense of the NATO area; and thus contribute importantly - to the cohesion and strength of the southern flank of NATO." Elsewhere in Washington - a joint session of the

House and Senate; aimed at focusing world attention - on the...

plight of American prisoners-of-war in North Vietnam. House

Speaker McCormack - calling prisoner treatment a "moral

outrage." Adding: "This sense of moral outrage is held

without regard to partisanship or philosophy - and is

completely independent of one's views on policy about the

conflict in Vietnam."

The Speaker then introduced U.S. Astronaut Frank

Borman - the commander of man's first flight to the moon;

who told of a recent round-the-world tour - in a futile effort

to bring international pressure to bear. Borman asserting

it must be made obvious to Hanoi - that "our course in

Southeast Asia will not be influenced by the treatment of

prisoners." "We cannot let them become political hostages"

said he.

Ross Perot of Dallas is still conducting his own remarkable, dedicated one man campaign to get <u>our</u> prisoners

of war released. The North Vietnamese in this matter have shown themselves to be uncivilized barbarians. In spite of the fact that they have been at least semi-civilized far longer than we have, they still haven't learned perhaps the most important thing a civilized can do, namely treat his fellow man with mercy. As individuals they have many admirable qualities. But this the most important of all, how to treat the individual man, alas they lack.

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spearhead a drive about fifty miles north of Phnom Penhaul attempting to break through a Communist blockade - that has stalled for eight days new Cambodia's biggest offensive operation to date. Phnom Penh later reporting the recapture of Tank Kauk - a nearby Communist stronghold.

Details of the battle - still sketchy though. All newsmen - having been barred from the area.

The White House again, an Administration "summit" today on campus disorders. Participants including - besides the President - Attorney General John Mitchell, - FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, - also key Republicans in Congress. House Republican Leader Gerald Ford later announcing plans to introduce - at the President's request - a new amendment to that still-pending anti-crime bill; a new amendment permitting Federal authorities to act immediately - in (any Federally-supported) cases of bombing or arson on college campus ; to do so even if local authorities were opposed to such intervention. Ford adding that he was confident the American public fully support this plan - "to apprehend and try the people so involved" in "acts of terrorism."

For Vice President Spiro Agnew - another campaign

speech

appearance today at Louisville, Kentucky; where he strongly

a man he called

supported the reelection bid - of an "old and valued friend,"

Congressman Cowger of Kentucky.

Along the way, the Vice President lashing out at - quote, the "puddle-minded philosophy" of certain "super-permissive" government officials carried over from previous administrations. These including specifically - he indicated - Nicholas Johnson of the Federal Communications Commission. Spiro Agnew saying: "This high government official & seriously argues that cigaret smoking - is a far greater danger to the American public than the drug culture." The Vice President adding: "I' suppose the way to convince him that smoking pot is harmful - is to show that it leads to cigaret smoking."

At Copenhagen a meeting of the International

Hoy and hearing today from France's Valery Giscard
who blamed the U.S. for spreading worldwide inflation.

Giscard asserting that other counties' currencies are

set - according to a U.S. standard "that is no longer fixed

but variable." The Frenchman comparing this to a man

setting his watch - "by a clock that "that is out of order."

Next up - U.S. Treasury Secretary David Kennedy;
who flatly the U.S. is doing its part to curb
global inflation. But there must be more done by others said he - in the way of liberalizing trade and sharing in
defense costs.

"Is punishment dead?" The question raised today by Dr. Walter Bromberg, a Sacramento psychiatrist, who
also supplies his own answer. - in the current Journal of the
American Psychiatric Association. Dr. Bromberg asserting
that punishment as a crime deterrent A is about as effective
these days "as holy water against a ten-megaton bomb." And
he adds that the same holds true - in the cases of those who
break academic rules, those who defy their parents and those
who flout good taste and decency.

Next question: How remedy the situation?

And here Dr. Bromberg recommends a long-range cure - by means of, quote, "perpetual brainwashing through television.

The doctor observing: "Every day we are brainwashed to improve our sanitation - eradicate dandruff - banish bad breath." And he adds: "If we can brainwash the public to buy consumer goods" - why then surely we can "brainwash them against criminal impulses." Shall we station the Jacramento gentlements Crusade, Warren?

Here in New York - fames anthropolgist Margaret

Mead testified today before a city Commission on Human

Rights; discussing the role of women - in modern society.

Dr. Mead saying: "We have nominally given women freedom - but we have not given it to them in fact." And the main

reason - sage she - not the obstacles we've placed in the path

of women entering the job market; but rather the fact that

home-making and housework have been so denigrated - that

women who stay home feel frustrated.

Dr. Mead going on to say - this calls for a whole

new "change of style" in American life; one that makes

"provisions for home-making and housework - to be dignified

and paid for."