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WHITE HOUSE

For President Nixon it was a long and busy day today - and one he thoroughly enjoyed. Beginning with a White House breakfast - marking the first anniversary of his election. The President expressed great pleasure - at the two Republican gubernatorial victories yesterday. The one in New Jersey was especially "reassuring" - he said - in that his own Vietnam policy was a key issue.

Then came a Cabinet meeting; where the President asserted that this is perhaps - the most "difficult time in history." He listed as some of the main problems we face - Vietnam, inflation, crime and so on. However, "the most important thing - is how we come out in the end" - he said. And added: "When we meet one year from now - we're going to come out well."

Later, the President welcomed to the White House - Governor-elect Cahill of New Jersey and Governor-elect Holton of Virginia. He hailed the start of a new era - in

Federal-State cooperation. Said the President: "We thought we ought to start today - to discuss the problems and get [REDACTED] going."

Still, later, the President welcomed home the men of Apollo-Eleven - just returned from an exhausting round-the-world tour. These men - said he - "are the best ambassadors America ever had in its history."

SENATE

Across town - on Capitol Hill - the subject of Vietnam was also raised today - at a meeting of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. A meeting called by Committee Chairman Fulbright - for the express purpose of reopening public hearings on the war. This - as you know - in response to the President's Monday speech - which Fulbright called "wholly irrational."

When it came to a showdown though the committee apparently refused to back its chairman. At any rate, Fulbright announced later - an indefinite postponement of the hearings. Fulbright explained: "The committee didn't want to do anything at this time" - that might "contribute to an inflammation of the public mind." And he added: "We want to be responsible - and careful."

DALAT

Half-a-world away - at Dalat - a rare joint appearance today - by South Vietnam's President Thieu and Vice President Ky. The former - echoed Mr. Nixon's plea for perseverance. The latter - predicted a complete "Vietnamization" by the end of Nineteen-Seveny.

Meantime, a crack unit of South Vietnamese Rangers - was sent into action today near the Cambodian border. This foreseen as a possible test of the government troops - to see if they're really capable of carrying on the war by themselves and sure enough - it was. The Rangers ran into an ambush - losing eighty men, killed or missing. Enemy losses were also set at about eighty.

(SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED "PIGEON ENGLISH")

With that - time again for Lowell Thomas; discussing tonight a communications problem - and how it's been solved - in the wilds of New Guinea. Lowell...

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Good Evening Everybody:

New Guinea Pigeon English is the nearest approach to a common language that is spoken on this the world's largest island. I say largest because scientists are now telling us that Greenland is actually an archipelago under its ice cap.

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In Pigeon everything from feathers to weeds

and so on is called Grass. The German word rauss means pluck, get rid of, in pigeon. So if you want your cook to prepare a chicken for dinner you say: Nambutu, catchum cockerel, rauss em grass, puttem alongside boxus ice.

And new words are always being added.

The latest is our word "spark". To an Aussie every man is a bloke = now if a bloke has left his Stone Age life, and he's living in town and he hangs one on he says - "Me spark". Solong.....

(SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED

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Thank you, Lowell. More in a moment!

MIDDLE EAST

In the Middle East, the focus suddenly shifted today to that Suez cease-fire line, so-called. Egyptian commandos crossed the Suez Canal - attacking an Israeli armored patrol - killing ten, they say. This, in turn, set off a series of Israeli air raids - back across the canal. At the same time - Egyptian and Israeli ground forces engaged in a thunderous artillery duel.

For all this though - reports from Cairo and Jerusalem told today of a new Mideast peace plan. A plan supposedly put forward by the U.S. - and further, we are told, the subject of U.S. and Russian talks today in Washington.

VATICAN

At the Vatican - in Rome - Pope Paul spoke out again today against would-be church reformers. He asserted that said individuals have neither the right to change things - nor even the right to contradict the church. Said the Pope: "The church is like a musical orchestra. And no instrument, however good it sounds - can play as it pleases, in an orchestra.

PAINTINGS FOLLOW VATICAN

The Vatican again - a published report today that three valuable paintings - have been stolen from the private apartment of Pope Paul. The theft, if such it was, ⁱ said to have occurred sometime this past summer - while the Pontiff [^] was staying at Castel Gandolfo. Value of the paintings ^{is} set at an estimated One-point-Six Million. However, the Vatican's reaction to all this ^{is} - a refusal either to deny or confirm it.

CAPE KENNEDY

The Space Agency Wednesday gave a go-ahead for the Apollo Twelve astronauts to televise their moonwalk in living color, after the camera successfully beamed clear pictures from the launch pad to mission control in Texas. Astronaut James A. McDivitt, Apollo spacecraft program manager, ordered crews to replace a black and white television camera with the once troubled color unit after viewing three hours of tests showing a color pattern, a blue-suited technician and the area between the launch pad and the Atlantic Ocean.

HAYNSWORTH

LONDON

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield, reversing an earlier announcement, said Wednesday there probably would be no further delay in Senate consideration of the nomination of Judge Clement Haynsworth Jr. to the Supreme Court.

Mansfield said he has new information that the nomination can be taken up on the Senate floor late next week.

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Sometimes the littlest of things - can cause an awful lot of trouble. As, for instance, a brief sequence in a film by Britain's Lord Snowdon - presented this week on the BBC. The film - entitled "Love of a Kind" - purporting to show a woman hatching a number of hen's eggs - by warming them in her bosom.

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