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IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED - TRY, TRY AGAIN --
as FDR said, also so
AND AGAIN AND AGAIN -- SAID THE BACKERS OF CIVIL RIGHTS; AND
NOW - AT LAST - IT'S PAID OFF.

FOURTH TIME AROUND - THE U S SENATE TODAY VOTING
CLOTURE ON ~~SESSION~~ ^{the} LONG CIVIL RIGHTS DEBATE. THE SOCALLED
"GAG RULE." -- NARROWLY PASSING BY A TWO THIRDS MAJORITY --
SIXTY-FIVE TO ~~THIRTY~~ THIRTY-TWO. CLEARING THE WAY FOR A FINAL
APPROVAL OF A COMPROMISE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL -- ^{which will} INCLUDING,
FOR THE FIRST TIME, A THREE-STAGE FEDERAL OPEN HOUSING PLAN.

IN THE END - THE VICTORY CREDITED IN LARGE
MEASURE - TO ~~A~~ SENATE MAJORITY LEADER EVERETT DIRKSEN WHO
URGED APPROVAL OF CLOTURE - JUST BEFORE THE SHOWDOWN; ~~HE~~
QUOTING LINCOLN TO THE EFFECT THAT - CONGRESS CANNOT ESCAPE
HISTORY."

SAN JUAN

PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S FINAL ACT OF HIS WEEKEND
IN PUERTO RICO - AN ORDER TODAY FOR ALL FEDERAL AID POSSIBLE.
TO HELP STEM A TIDE OF MILLIONS OF GALLONS OF OIL - FROM
THAT SHATTERED TANKER ~~BERKXEGIS~~ OCEAN EAGLE. OIL THAT HAS
ALREADY BEFOULED SEVERAL BEACHES - ^{and even} ~~ALSO~~ THREATENING^s THE RESORT
CITY OF SAN JUAN WITH ECONOMIC CHAOS.

WHILE THE PRESIDENT WAS LATER FLYING BACK TO
WASHINGTON - HIS NEW HEALTH PROGRAM WAS BEING UNVEILED IN
CONGRESS. L B J CALLING FOR "AN UNPRECEDENTED NATIONAL
COMMITMENT" -- TO RAISE THE QUALITY AND LOWER THE COST OF
MEDICAL CARE IN THE UNITED STATES. AIMED EVENTUALLY - SAID
HE - AT PROVIDING NECESSARY MEDICAL CARE FOR EVERY ~~HE~~ AMERICAN
WHO NEEDS IT.

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW SAN JUAN

STILL AWAITING PRESIDENTIAL ACTION - AN APPEAL RECEIVED EARLIER TODAY AT THE WHITE HOUSE. AN APPEAL IN THE FORM OF A LETTER - SUPPOSEDLY WRITTEN BY IMPRISONED CREW MEN OF THE U S S PUEBLO; SUGGESTING THAT THEY MIGHT BE RELEASED -- IF THE UNITED STATES WOULD ONLY APOLOGIZE TO NORTH KOREA FOR THE SHIP'S ALLEGED CRIMES.

INITIAL REACTION IN WASHINGTON - THAT THIS WAS SIMPLY ANOTHER PROPAGANDA PLOY. THEN AGAIN - A FAINT HOPE THAT SOMEHOW - IT COULD LEAD TO POSSIBLE COMPROMISE.

VIETNAM

IN VIETNAM - A THIRD WAVE OF ENEMY ROCKET AND
ARTILLERY ATTACKS TODAY - THIRD IN FIVE WEEKS. NORTH VIETNAMESE
AND VIET CONG GUNNERS - ATTACKING SIMULTANEOUSLY THROUGHOUT
THE COUNTRY. HITTING AN EVEN DOZEN ALLIED MILITARY BASES -
ALSO NUMEROUS VILLAGES.

FOR A CHANGE THOUGH - ONLY A FEW GROUND ATTACKS.
THE U S COMMAND IN SAIGON LATER CALLING THIS - AN OBVIOUS ATTEMPT
AT "HARRASSMENT TACTICS." AS SUCH - A PORTENT PERHAPS OF STILL
MORE TO COME. ~~IN THE WEEKS IN AHEAD.~~

IN THE AIR WAR - COMMUNIST REPORTS TELDING TODAY
OF ANOTHER ATTACK AGAINST HANOI. THIRD SUCH MISSION IN AS MANY
DAYS INTO THE POWER CORE OF NORTH VIETNAM.

LONDON

MORE ON THE WAR - FROM LONDON. AND A BIT OF A
SURPRISE - AT THAT. WITH A U S EMBASSY ~~EE~~ SPOKESMAN QUOTED
TODAY AS SAYING - THAT BRITONS ARE VOLUNTEERING AT THE RATE OF
FIVE HUNDRED A WEEK; VOLUNTEERING FOR ACTIVE SERVICE WITH U S
COMBAT FORCES IN VIETNAM.

AS IT TURNS OUT - ONLY A ~~WEEK~~ FEW ACTUALLY MAKE
IT. U S POLICY PROVIDING THAT VOLUNTEERS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED -
UNLESS THEY FIRST PAY THEIR OWN WAY TO THE ~~NE~~ UNITED STATES.
EVEN SO ^{it is} A POTENT SIGN THAT WE ARE NOT ALONE IN VIETNAM -- AS
MANY HAVE CHARGED.

POUND

ON THE LONDON GOLD EXCHANGE - A CLOSE SHAVE

TODAY - WITH THE BRITISH POUND STERLING - FALLING TO ITS LOWEST
PRICE LEVEL SINCE DEVALUATION; DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO THE CRISIS
POINT. -- *Then*, AN INJECTION OF GOLD ~~RESERVE~~ FROM THE BANK OF
ENGLAND HAPPILY SAVED THE DAY.

THIS POUND PRESSURE ^{BLAMED} ~~IS~~ CHIEFLY ON FOREIGN
SPECULATORS; *who* WHO HAVE BEEN CHALLENGING ~~IN~~ THE POUND AND THE
DOLLAR BOTH ^{some} FOR MONTHS NOW.

SUPREME COURT

SOME FORTY YEARS SINCE THAT FAMED SCOPES "MONKEY TRIAL" IN DAYTON, TENNESSEE - DARWIN'S "THEORY OF EVOLUTION" IS FINALLY HEADED FOR A SUPREME COURT TEST. THE HIGH TRIBUNAL AGREEING TODAY TO RULE ON THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF AN ARKANSAS LAW - FORBIDDING THE TEACHING OF EVOLUTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

YOU MAY RECALL - THE SCOPES CONVICTION WAS REVERSED ON A TECHNICALITY ^{and did} NEVER REACH^e THE SUPREME COURT. HOWEVER, THE ARKANSAS LAW HAS ALREADY BEEN UPHELD BY TWO STATE APPEALS COURTS, -- CLEARING THE WAY FOR THIS ULTIMATE TEST, OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE - TO TENNESSEE AND ALSO MISSISSIPPI^e TOGETHER WITH ARKANSAS ^{they are} THE ONLY STATES STILL RETAINING SUCH A TEACHING BAN.

WASHINGTON

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ELSEWHERE IN WASHINGTON - ~~THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED~~
TO ~~"HANG ONE" TODAY --~~ ON A SIXTEEN YEAR OLD YOUNGSTER, WHO
LIKES NOTHING BETTER THAN TO 'HANG TEN'. SURFER BILL GLYNN -
THE THIRD OF WESTBURY, LONG ISLAND - CHOSEN TO RECEIVE THE
NINETEEN-SIXTY-EIGHT YOUNG AMERICAN MEDAL FOR BRAVERY. ARMED
ONLY WITH HIS SURF BOARD - YOUNG BILL BATTLING FOR TWO HOURS,
TO SAVE A ~~PLUNDERING~~ MAN - BEING SWEEPED OUT TO SEA.

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TWO TEEN-AGE GIRLS ALSO SELECTED TO RECEIVE
YOUNG AMERICAN MEDALS FOR SERVICE - IN CONNECTION WITH TIRELESS
VOLUNTEER WORK. THESE - CARMALITA CAPILLA - NINETEEN -- OF
KAILUA, HAWAII, and MARY LYNNE DONAHUE - EIGHTEEN - OF SHEBOYGAN,
WISCONSIN.

NEW ORLEANS CAPE KENNEDY

AT NEW ORLEANS - A SYMPOSIUM TODAY ~~22~~ FOR SOME
TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY OF THE NATION'S LEADING SPACE EXPERTS,
TRYING TO FIND ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS SUCH AS: WHERE WILL THE
U S SPACE PROGRAM GO AFTER APOLLO?

MEANWHILE BUSINESS AS USUAL AT CAPE KENNEDY.

TODAY'S BUSINESS - INCLUDING THE LAUNCH ^{ing} OF A GIANT SPACE
LAB; SOARING INTO ORBIT - REACHING A THIRD OF THE WAY TO

THE MOON. ITS MISSION: TO ~~SEE~~ STUDY SOLAR RADIATION PATTERNS

^{and} ~~AS~~ THEIR POSSIBLE EFFECTS, IF ANY, ON ^{warren - you?} FUTURE SPACE TRAVEL ~~AND~~

GANGES RIVER

LATEST FROM THE BANKS OF INDIA'S SACRED GANGES

RIVER - A REPORT TODAY THAT BEATLE GEORGE HARRISON HAS BECOME

A SERIOUS STUDENT OF THE SITAR. THIS - AS YOU MAY KNOW - A

HINDU
SORT OF ~~INDIAN~~ GUITAR. WITH ^{Beatle} HARRISON'S TEACHER - INDIA'S WORLD

FAMED GUITARIST - RAVI SHANKAR; WHO SAYS THE YOUNGEST OF THE

BEATLES - HAS BEEN PRACTICING THE INSTRUMENT ABOUT TWO HOURS

A DAY; WHILE TAKING PART IN A MEDITATION COURSE - UNDER THE

DIRECTION OF THE ^{bearded} ~~PREMIER~~ MAHARISHI MAHESH YOGI.

NEXT QUESTION: IS HE - MEANING HARRISON -

REALLY ANY GOOD. YES, OF COURSE - SAYS SHANKAR. ADDING THAT

IF BEATLE HARRISON KEEPS IT UP - HE SHOULD BECOME AN EXPERT

^{Sitarist " oh}
~~GUITARIST~~ "OH, WITHIN FIFTEEN OR TWENTY YEARS," - EASY.

And s-l-k-t-m.