

VIETNAM

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The White House, the Pentagon and the State Department all issued statements today - reaffirming the U S policy that rules out the use of nuclear weapons in the Vietnam war. The statements came after a comment made yesterday by President Nixon's nominee for deputy defense secretary - William Clements Jr - who told a Senate hearing he could not rule out the use of nuclear weapons if present peace negotiations should collapse, adding -- "however, that is not to say I would be in favor of it."

Presidential news secretary Ron Ziegler today described Clements' testimony "as hypothetical" and that President Nixon has always stressed his opposition to using nuclear weapons in the war. And a State Department spokesman adds: "That remains our policy."

In the fighting, American bombing planes struck within forty miles of Saigon today,

hitting staging areas for what may be a new
Communist offensive & directed at the capital.

TR In Cambodia, Communist forces succeeded in blocking
the Mekong River - Cambodia's vital supply artery
to the ⁱⁿ capital, ~~city of~~ Phnom Penh. In Paris, ^{Dr.} ~~Henry~~
Kissinger ~~and~~ and ~~Henot's~~ Le Duc Tho conferred for
more than six hours, then set another meeting for
tomorrow. ~~No~~ announcement was issued on today's
talks.

CABINET FOLLOW VIETNAM

A drive to block confirmation of Elliott Richardson as Defense Secretary and other cabinet nominees as well - as a war protest - picked up some support among Senate Democrats today - but Republican leader Hugh Scott says he predicts "the Democrats will climb off that high horse before long."

Democratic Senator Thomas McIntyre of New

Hampshire says he may vote to reject Richardson

because ~~he~~ ^{Richardson} defends our current war ~~policies.~~ ^{policies.}

~~He~~ Hughes of Iowa has also indicated he may do the same. If they go ahead with their plans the

Democrats ~~would~~ ^{might} try to organize a ~~filibuster~~ filibuster against the Cabinet nominations. - ~~though some~~

~~acknowledge the ~~safe~~ effort would be a long shot.~~

FOREIGN

The Spanish Foreign Ministry announced today that Spain and Communist East Germany have agreed to establish full diplomatic relations and exchange ambassadors. ^{This} ~~It~~ marks the first time ^{for} ~~Generalissimo~~ Franco ^{to} ~~has~~ normalized relations with a Communist East European country. Additional ties with Poland and Romania are expected soon.

Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir arrived at Orly airfield in Paris amid unprecedented security precautions. ^{Also} ~~Anonymous~~ Anonymous bomb threats - and ~~reports~~ reports from Israel that ^{Golda Meir} ~~she~~ may be the target of Arab guerrillas. Parisienne police have banned all marches and demonstrations by both Zionist and anti-Israeli groups during her visit in the city to attend a Socialist international meeting.

NIXON

Ninety members of a Chinese acrobatic troupe were visitors at the White House today and President Nixon told them that as a result of his trip to China, the "great wall of hostility" between the U S and China is coming down. Speaking to the Chinese performers from beneath a portrait of Abraham Lincoln, ~~the~~ President ^{Nixon said:-} "we only hope in the future that young Americans will go to your country as fine ambassadors of friendship like your selves. The acrobats - now on an American tour - have performed before turn-away ~~from~~ crowds in both New York and Washington. ^{PP} In talking to newsmen afterwards the President rated Sunday's super-bowl football game between Washington and Miami as "even," adding that he would continue to pull for Washington in the game even though he'll ^{be} watch ^{my} ~~it~~ on television at Key Biscayne ~~near~~ ^{which is a suburb of} Miami. The President ~~is~~ flew

to Florida today where he plans to spend a long weekend, working on both his inaugural and state of the union messages.

BANK DRAFT

In Chicago, the doctors told Mrs. Sally DeSimone she would have to undergo surgery for cancer. She and her husband not having the money, decided to sell their car. A man who answered their newspaper ad bought the car, giving them a three thousand dollar bank draft as payment and then drove off with the car. A few days later their bank informed them that the draft had been stolen property and they would have to return the three thousand. To do this we'll have to sell our house, says Mrs. DeSimone, adding: "But I'm putting things in the hands of the Lord."

Her neighbors have other plans. They've started a fund. Already six hundred has been raised and the fund's coordinator Nick Cellozi says: "We're not going to let her sell her house, and she'll have her operation."

INFLUENZA

The National Center for Disease Control says deaths from influenza and pneumonia have moved above the epidemic threshold for the first time this winter. Most of the outbreaks are believed to be of flu for which there is no vaccine.

WEATHER-FUEL

Texas is reeling under the worst snow and ice storm to hit the Lone Star State in more than half a century. The ice already has killed nearly a hundred million dollars worth of livestock in the high ~~places~~^{lands} and threatens the Rio Grande Valley's multi-million dollar farming economy. Citrus growers are setting up fuel oil heaters in their orchards to ~~fight~~ fight the freezing cold. ^{IP} The weather story is about the same over most of the nation - with a shortage of fuel oil causing some schools to close and creating emergency situations for many businesses and factories. ^{IP} ~~and~~ In Washington, a spokesman for the association of ~~American~~ American railroads says train service over the nation may have to be ~~drastically~~ curtailed soon if the fuel ~~oil~~ oil shortage continues.

TARDINESS

In Dallas, ~~From~~ Mrs. Virginia Roche

-- a secretary for an insurance company - decided to leave home for work thirty minutes early because of the snow - realizing that her boss doesn't always accept excuses for being late. As she drove her car out of the driveway, another car skidded past a stop sign and ran into her. A neighbor offered to give her a ride but two blocks away the same thing happened to the neighbors ~~his~~ car. Mrs. Roche then hitch-hiked to a bus stop - waited fifty minutes for one -- then finally arrived in downtown Dallas ^{at} ~~at twelve o'clock~~ noon. Absolutely certain she was ~~going~~ going to catch it from her boss she broke into a run - then slipped on the icy sidewalk and sprained her ankle. Hobbling to a coffee shop she called her husband ~~who~~ who took her ~~to~~ to a doctor. It was two p^hm when she finally succeeded

~~in telephoning her office~~ ^{— Bill — where} ~~only to have~~ the switch
board operator say ^{-D} -- "where have you been?"

We've been trying to reach you, ~~all day~~ ^{The} ~~our~~ boss
isn't feeling well and decided not to come in and
~~he~~ said you might as well take the day off, too."

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MACAW

A fifty dollar award is posted in suburban Schaumburg, Illinois for anyone who finds, "Red" - a kidnapped scarlet macaw who has a blue, yellow and green tail. The bird valued at eighteen hundred dollars was stolen from the Pet World Shop and the clerk - Dan Quakenbush says the kidnapper had better check the buttons on his coat." "Red" - it seems - has a hang-up about plucking buttons off clothes. In fact, there's a fish bowl nearly full of buttons right next to his cage. "Red" the macaw - also says things that don't quite sound like "Hello Sweetheart!" He may even say what I'm saying now: So long until Monday!