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SAIGON

After five days of talks with South Vietnam's President Thieu Henry Kissinger was flying back to Washington tonight. As he boarded his plane, Kissinger telling newsmen: "I'm not going to say anything." A U.S. Embassy official adding only - that "progress" had been made

Around the world though - the peace rumors were reaching a new pitch. In Paris, for example, Prince Souvanna Phouma of Laos was saying "it's difficult to tell when actual peace will come." Then adding, but "a cease-fire will come inevitably" - probably "before the end of the month."

As for the Hanoi view - an enemy spokesman observing that "all the conditions are presently at hand for prompt settlement." Adding, however, "this has been true" on a number of occasions" - and still the war continues.

"Rumors are rumors" - said he - "and bombs are bombs."

KABUL

For the second time in less than a week - death stalks American travellers in Afghanistan. A band of robbers attacking two American brothers - along a deserted highway about thirty miles east of Kabul. John Kuntz, age twenty-five of Waseca, Minnesota, shot and killed instantly. David Kuntz age thirty-three - seriously wounded. The two brothers were hiking around the world, reportedly in behalf of Unicef.

MANILA

At Manila today a meeting of Chamber of Commerce officials from throughout the Pacific; Philippine President Marcos told them that martial law notwithstanding - the climate for foreign investment in the Philippines was never better.

Meanwhile four hundred miles to the south - at Marawi City - a brief "Maoist" uprising. Philippine Information Secretary Francisco Tatad - saying as many as seventy people may have been killed. But he insisted: "This is the last spasm of a dying movement." Adding: "It's now quiet all over the country."

HOWARD RUSK

Do you like human interest stories? Interested in adventure? Surely everyone is. Of the more than three billion people on this planet, I wonder how many need rehabilitation in order to lead useful lives? There are tens of thousands in this predicament as a result of the long war in southeast Asia; and many many more because of accidents on highways, in mines, and so on.

The person who has done more than anyone to solve the world's rehabilitation problems is the famous Dr. Howard Rusk of The New York University Medical Center. Dr. Rusk also is a contributing editor to the New York Times. His book, just out, published by The Reader's Digest Press and Random House is exciting, fascinating reading from cover to cover. Don't miss it: The title: "A WORLD TO CARE FOR."

WHITE PLAINS LONG ISLAND

Here at home - President Nixon was making a campaign swing today - through New York suburbs.

At White Plains - the President telling suburban housewives and home owners; "today I have some bad news for the big spenders - but some good news for the tax payers and consumers." "I am going to use every weapon at my hand" - said he - to check "Federal spending this year; so we will not have a new wave of crippling inflation." And - he added - "there will be no need for higher taxes."

The President's itinerary taking him to Long Island tonight.

PHILADELPHIA

On the Democratic side - Senator McGovern was paying a veterans day visit - to a Philadelphia hospital for wounded service men. There claiming that a major share of the credit must go to the anti-war movement if there is now a speedy settlement in Vietnam. McGovern also saying he is still optimistic about the outcome of the election - regardless of what happens in Vietnam. The momentum is in our favor - said he. Adding: "There's two weeks to go - that's plenty of time to turn this election around."

NADER

Many today in Washington were hurriedly reading - Ralph Nader's newly published Congressional Rating Book. Nader's Raters compiling facts and figures - on House and Senate members; detailing voting records, campaign expenditures and such - also, dredging up a few skeletons - while coming to the conclusion that Senator Hart of Michigan is perhaps the "outstanding leader." At the other extreme Congressman Rarick of Louisiana is termed a "paranoid and a bigot" - but reportedly doesn't mind being so considered. And then there's Congressman Hechler of West Virginia - described as "brash, candid, outrageous, unorthodox, avuncular and articulate." The Congressman from W. Virginia asking a reporter: "John Shafer - what does avuncular mean?"

NEW YORK

New York City - a claim that two thirds of all cancer patients can now be saved under optimum conditions. This according to Dr. Letton of Atlanta, President of the American Cancer Society, in a report to the Society's fifty-ninth annual meeting.

He admitted, however, that many of those who could be saved - are still dying needlessly. Why? For lack of early detection, said he: "We must make patients and doctors alike - think cancer; not to scare them but to make them investigate the source of their symptoms."