

WOMEN

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Forty-seven years after it was first introduced, the House today overwhelmingly approved a proposed Constitutional amendment that would guarantee equal rights for women. The final vote was three ~~four~~ forty-six to fifteen. ~~Those~~ Those who support the ~~amendment~~ amendment say it would give women the opportunity to have better and higher paying jobs -- also end many discriminatory practices now sanctioned by state and federal laws. Those who oppose warn that it ~~is~~ could lead to years of costly court ~~battles~~ battles over alimony, and child custody laws; ~~And they point out it could~~ even make ~~some~~ women subject to the military draft.

In a report to Congress, President Nixon *today* called for far reaching changes in many areas of government, industry and private life. if we are to check the current trend toward the despoilation of man's environment. Said the President - "Unless we arrest <sup>what is being</sup> ~~the degradation so pervasively~~ inflicted on our natural systems - and their intricate set of balancing - we face the prospect of ~~an~~ ecological disaster."

The report - issued by his Council on Environmental Quality - says that Americans, who comprise only six percent of the world's population, are consuming forty percent of its energy and resources and "now the time has come to pay the environmental price."

Also today the President signed into law legislation which extends unemployment insurance to nearly five million workers. Most of those made eligible for benefits are employees in small businesses,

*non-profit organizations and state hospitals and  
universities. Also, it ~~was~~ would provide financial  
assistance for nearly a million persons left jobless  
by cutbacks in federal defense spending.*

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MITRIONE

~~The worst fears of all concerned came true~~

~~today in Montevideo~~ <sup>at</sup> Montevideo, Uruguay, The body of fifty year old Dan Mitrione =- an American advisor to Uruguay's police was found in a stolen car parked in a residential district. <sup>He had been shot</sup> ~~shot~~ twice in the temple. Mitrione - a former police chief of ~~Richmond~~ Richmond, Indiana - was the father of nine children - ranging in ages from nine to twenty ~~su~~ seven. He had been in Uruguay for the past year, advising ~~to the country's~~ the police in their campaign against the Tupamaros -- the left wing guerrilla organization <sup>now</sup> responsible for his murder. Mitrione

was kidnapped ten days ago, and Uruguayan President Pacheco Areco refused to meet ransom demands - which called for the release of all political prisoners. <sup>Today</sup> ~~only~~

I was on the phone to my cousin <sup>She and her</sup> ~~recently I was~~ in Richmond. ~~Ohio~~ Indiana, <sup>living with</sup> ~~husband~~ tell me Richmond <sup>Richmond</sup> ~~was Mitrione's neighbors. The entire town~~ is mourning for <sup>their former</sup> ~~he was that partly among~~ <sup>police chief</sup> ~~critics~~ <sup>admired and</sup> who was ~~really~~ liked by all his neighbors and fellow townsmen.

# CHOLERA

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A number of major Russian cities - from  
Odessa to Baku -- are closed to tourist travel tonight  
because of a cholera epidemic threat to the Soviet  
Union's southern regions. Black Sea resort towns  
along the so-called "Russian Riviera" are closed to all  
travellers except those on business and medical missions.  
Indications are that the cholera outbreak has spread  
up the Volga River from Astrakhan - a city ~~located~~<sup>in Soviet</sup>  
Central Asia that has been  
~~quarantined~~ quarentined for the past five days.

Until ~~quite~~ recently it was almost as difficult for a traveller to get to the ancient Central Asian cities of Kokand, Khiva, Fargana, Samarkand, and Bukhara as it was for Neil Armstrong to take that first step on the Moon. Although I had been to Samarkand, I hadn't made it to Bukhara. So while my companions paid ~~to~~ their first visit to the City on the Golden Road that once called itself the capitol of the World, I talked the Russians in Tashkent into allowing me to fly, alone, across the Kara-Kum Desert to the <sup>oasis</sup> ~~oasis~~ of Bukhara. <sup>ff</sup> Journeying <sup>legendary</sup> to this Central Asian city is like going by magic carpet <sup>in time</sup> back back <sup>for</sup> a thousand years. Bokhara today <sup>with its</sup> ~~is~~ a population of a hundred thousand or so, ~~and it~~ is still surrounded by its great wall with eleven gates, a wall that at least in part dates back to the days when Alex. the Great passed this way 2300 years ago; When Genghis Khan came storming <sup>across</sup> ~~through this~~ part of Central Asia, and when Tamerlane and Baber - The-Great were

the rulers, and, ~~when~~ when Marco Polo <sup>caravan</sup> passed this way as he journeyed along the old Silk Route to Far Cathay, to the court of Kubla Khan.

Off to the east is the great Caspian Sea.

Farther West the Tient Shan Mountains; to the south the High Pamirs where a few particularly rugged hunters occasionally climb up to seventeen or eighteen thousand feet hoping to get a shot at or pictures of the rare Marco Polo sheep.

With its spectacular <sup>mosques,</sup> blue tiled domes and ~~the~~ minarets, ~~of its mosque,~~ Bukhara is a reminder <sup>us</sup> that ~~this long~~ <sup>ago this was a great Islamic</sup> ~~was a Mohammedan~~ seat of learning. In fact

~~there were~~ I was told <sup>some</sup> There are, three hundred and sixty mosques in Bukhara; <sup>and a</sup> ~~also, one~~ hundred and forty theological schools. One minaret rises to a ~~min~~ height of two hundred and three feet.

Along with Tashkent and Samarkand, Bukhara

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is one of the most important cities now under the control of the Russians in Central Asia, famous for its ~~silks~~ silk,

<sup>for</sup> coats and hats ~~made~~ of karakul, <sup>also</sup> unborn or extremely young Persian Lamb, ~~and of course~~ copper and brass-ware, and above all, <sup>the Bukhara</sup> carpets <sup>so</sup> ~~which are~~ highly prized.

Most of the inhabitants are Uzbeks, but some are

Turkomen, Kirghiz, Tadziks, and Kazakhs, <sup>all</sup> Moslems.

Russians with whom we ~~talked~~ talked told us

<sup>0 1/2</sup> that only the older people pay any attention to religion;

~~and~~ that the younger generation will be giving up the

colorful, picturesque traditional costumes, and will

<sup>even</sup> not bother about going to the Mosque on Friday, or

praying five times a day. I wonder.

If you ever have a chance by all means

visit the part of Central Asia we used to ~~call~~ call

Turkestan, ~~which is~~ now ruled from the Kremlin --

especially the oases and cities of Khiva, Bukhara and

Samarkand.



Floding rivers have blocked all highways

leading into the <sup>Bavarian Alpine</sup> ~~German mountain~~ town of Oberammergau

-- forcing cancellation of tonight's performance of

"The Passion Play." The town's traditional tourist

~~attraction.~~ <sup>A nearby</sup> Heavy rains sent the ~~many~~ rivers out of <sup>its</sup> ~~their~~ channels, flooding ~~the open air~~ theaters, orchestra

pit and dressing rooms. Helicopters <sup>have been</sup> ~~are~~ evacuating

~~residents~~ <sup>and some visitors</sup> from isolated homes though <sup>I wonder if the 12</sup> ~~there are no~~

<sup>apostles, including Judas</sup> ~~reports of injuries.~~ <sup>Got away by whisky bird?</sup> A theater spokesman says tomorrow's

passion play performance may take place as scheduled -

and he added: "~~after all, we have a captive audience~~"

~~they can't leave the town."~~

## MUSEUM

Many valuable historical exhibits and other items were ~~not~~ destroyed in a weekend fire which swept through a large section of the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan. More than a thousand visitors escaped injury, though four firemen were overcome by smoke while the fire destroyed a collection of early American clothing, ~~colonial~~ colonial harpsichords and pianos, and magazines dating back to the early eighteenth centuries. But when all the smoke cleared away - the museum's most famous exhibit stood its ground - un-

*looking as undaunted as ever --*  
damaged, *The original model T Ford.*

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