

MID EAST

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Official sources in Washington say the United States has informed Israel that American investigators have found no evidence to support Israeli charges that Egypt has violated the mid-East cease fire, now ten days old. This information was reportedly relayed to Israeli Ambassador Rabin who ~~promptly~~ promptly left for Tel Aviv. <sup>R</sup> At the same time these sources do say the United States directed its embassy in Tel Aviv to inform the Israeli government that evidence regarding Egyptian cease-fire violations is <sup>still</sup> inconclusive.

## WARNING

*The Defense Department has under<sup>s</sup>tudy  
a warning system which - its inventor claims - could  
put the President in contact with ninety<sup>^</sup>- five percent  
of the nation's population within sixty seconds. Carl  
Russell - the project's operation chief - says it would  
enable the President to interrupt broadcasts and also  
activate stations which were off the air. The nerve  
center would be a box on the President's desk next to  
his telephone. Then, Russell tells<sup>s</sup> us, the President  
would dial a coded sequence of tones or pulses from  
his ~~his~~ telephone thus activating the system and  
transmitting an urgent message on radio, TV or telephone.  
If adopted, it could be installed within six months to  
a year - at a cost of <sup>a</sup>~~one~~ billion ~~dollars~~.*

## GAS

*After two weeks of controversy and court battle the Liberty ship loaded with those sixty-seven tons of nerve gas today went down to Davy Jones Locker, to the bottom of the Atlantic. It happened four hours after the sea water surged into the holds.*

*All this happened two hundred miles East of Cape Kennedy - with no leaks of the gas up to then. Officials all along had insisted there was no danger ~~of~~ to human life in this. Still, some are worried. Governor Kirk of Florida who fought the project in court opened a state cabinet meeting in Tallahassee today with the prayer quote "that the pestilence unleashed in the deep be kept from menacing anything." Those were his prayerful words.*

## QUAKE

A large part of South Central Alaska rattled by a strong earthquake today - with no reported ~~injuries~~ injuries or property damage. The quake ~~was~~ was centered near Cordova ~~which is about~~<sup>a</sup> hundred and fifty miles east of Anchorage. Cordova was one of the towns that suffered from the big quake a few years ago.

YEMEN

After three long dry years, it finally rained in Yemen - the parched nation at the tip of the Arabian peninsula. A four hours downpour - the heaviest rain in ten years in a land where <sup>in some areas</sup> summer temperatures go ~~as high as one~~ <sup>up to a</sup> hundred ~~thirteen degrees~~ <sup>ten and over</sup> ~~per cent~~ every ~~single day.~~ <sup>day.</sup> We hear the rain came ~~But it was~~ <sup>present</sup> too late, too late to help the farmers, for the <sup>present</sup> planting season ~~has~~ ~~passed.~~ <sup>was</sup> Too late to save the crops ~~that the farmers~~ and help a starving population. ~~Six hundred and possibly~~ <sup>or so</sup> a thousand have died of ~~starvation~~ starvation within recent weeks ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~with nearly~~ two million of Yemen ~~people~~ <sup>ites are</sup> desperately in need of food. West German ~~planes~~ planes carrying American food are <sup>reported running food to</sup> ~~arriving regularly at~~ <sup>the mountain capital, also</sup> Sana ~~Airport,~~ <sup>Airport,</sup> Additional aid from European countries is on the way.

President Nixon flew to New York today to hold a personal meeting with executives of ~~the~~ the New York Daily News -- ~~the~~ a staunch supporter of his policies. The meeting - requested by the President - is the latest in a series of off the record briefings he has given key newspaper executives throughout the country. Even though the President's trip was announced only at mid-morning, he got an enthusiastic welcome from construction workers who cheered him at the Wall Street heliport. <sup>Also</sup> ~~And~~ tug boats <sup>cut loose with</sup> ~~boated~~ their horns as his motorcade moved up the East River Drive to the Daily News Building.

AGNEW

Vice PRESIDENT Agnew drew some ~~bitter~~ criticism from Senate members today - who claimed his speech yesterday before the V F W convention in Miami was a "dangerous, unprecedented and subversive attack on the Senate." In his speech, the Vice President attacked Senate sponsors of a bill which would cut off federal funds for the Vietnam war and force withdrawal of all American troops by June of next year. ~~Senator~~ <sup>Said</sup> Fulbright of Arkansas; ~~charged that~~ Agnew ~~knows~~ <sup>He</sup> "is creating animosity and hatred toward members of the Senate among patriotic organizations." Senator ~~George~~ <sup>said</sup> McGovern of South Dakota ~~claiming~~ the Administration is creating a "climate of fear" that silences the press; - and ~~Senator~~ Mark Hatfield of Oregon charged the Vice President with using tactics reminiscent of Nazi Germany and Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

# FIRE

A forest fire roared out of control in

~~Wyoming's~~ Wyoming's Big Horn National Forest. - Rangers

calling ~~it~~ <sup>ever that</sup> the worst they can remember ~~for~~ Wyoming.

At least twenty-five hundred acres of woodland already ~~have~~  
<sup>been</sup> destroyed by <sup>the</sup> flames, ~~raging over an area four miles~~

~~long.~~ More than three ~~to~~ hundred fifty ~~exhausted~~ weary

fire fighters were rushed to the scene from Shoshone

National Forest one hundred fifty miles <sup>distant</sup> ~~away~~ - where

they <sup>were fighting</sup> ~~had fought~~ a weekend blaze that destroyed nearly

a thousand acres. Converted B-17 bombers ~~have joined~~

<sup>are</sup> ~~the fight~~ making repeated runs over the burning forest

- carrying twenty thousand gallons of chemical fire

extinguisher.



## ACCOUNTS

*and others*  
American gangsters, - who want to hide

their money in Swiss banks - will have to take their accounts elsewhere. An agreement reached by U S and Swiss government officials, would compel Swiss bankers to unlock the secrets of some of their anonymous accounts <sup>now</sup> ~~which are~~ listed only by number. First however, American police must provide evidence that the person using a numbered account is cooperating with organized crime. The accounts of other Americans in Swiss banks would remain inviolate.

# MERCURY

Throughout history false and erroneous assumptions about the qualities of mercury - ~~the~~ "antimetal" - have caused ~~plenty of~~ trouble for its users - some of whom paid with their lives. From the first century A.D. through the middle Ages, alchemists steadfastly believed mercury could <sup>transmute</sup> ~~transmute~~ ordinary lead into gold if the right proportions could be found. Since prolonged exposure to mercury ~~can~~ damages the brain some alchemists died for their efforts - others became deranged - after years in the fruitless quest. <sup>Prince</sup> ~~And~~ Frederick of Wurzburg kept a special gallows painted gold <sup>where he hung</sup> ~~to hang~~ alchemists who <sup>failed</sup> ~~didn't keep~~ <sup>gold for him.</sup> ~~Their promise to produce the precious metal still~~ But <sup>some</sup> ~~practitioners~~ practitioners won reprieves by changing a mercury lead compound into gold <sup>— doing it by</sup> ~~through~~ sleight of hand.

PERFUME

Roy Burk and Frank Scutari, strolling

along the beach near Stuart, Florida, stumbled across

three globs of something that smelled, ~~very good~~ <sup>oh oo lala!</sup> The globs

~~it~~ weighed about ~~one~~ <sup>around a</sup> hundred forty pounds. Roy  
and Franks ~~but they~~ <sup>the stuff</sup> dragged ~~it~~ home, to show their neighbors.

Then somebody suggested they take the ~~stuff~~ <sup>pleasantly odoriferous globs</sup> to the

University of ~~Miami~~ Miami's marine lab. Today, Burk

and Scutari were told that they had found ~~it~~ <sup>= you of course have guessed it -</sup> ambergris!

the waxy substance ~~used~~ <sup>so high prized</sup> by perfume ~~manufacturers~~ <sup>people for Chanel or Dior</sup>  
or - you name it. As you know ambergris  
comes from sperm whales and is ~~very~~ scarce - selling

~~three to~~ <sup>oh maybe</sup> seven dollars an ounce. ~~Meaning, the~~ <sup>All of which means</sup>

Roy and Franks for the 3 globs they found will ~~pick~~ <sup>pick</sup>  
~~two men could receive up to sixteen thousand dollars~~

<sup>2</sup> up 16,000 bucks, Warren, for the stuff that smells oo lala  
~~for their day at the beach.~~

## ANIMALS

The fur workers of America are going to the rescue of American species in danger of ~~continued~~ extinction. The furriers joint council - a union representing nearly all the fur workers in this country - no longer will handle the skins of such animals as leopards, ocelots, jaguars, and cheetahs. A union spokesman says the agreement was reached with the World Wildlife Fund - <sup>an important</sup> conservation <sup>organization.</sup> ~~group.~~

So, if you had planned to wear ocelot, Jaguar or cheetah - better buy a rabbit skin to wrap your Baby - hunting in