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PARIS

*On the peace front at Paris - the social amenities of the past were still lacking today. No greetings - no smiling - no handshakes. But they were talking. Henry Kissinger conferring with Hanoi's Le Duc Tho - for a second day in a row. Today's session - lasting six hours; followed immediately by technical talks - on a lower level. Kissinger and Tho - also agreeing to meet again tomorrow.*

*Elsewhere in Paris - France's President Pompidou was holding a news conference; expressing regret - over renewed U.S. bombing; also, saying that he hopes "this time" - the peace talks "will succeed." He added, however the problems that still separate the two sides - "are not non-existent, but real."*

VIETNAM FOLLOW PARIS

*Meanwhile, in Vietnam, a second straight day of concentrated U.S. bombing attacks - in the Central Highlands. American B-Fifty-Twos dumping, in all, more than twenty-five hundred tons of explosives - on suspected enemy targets. An attempt - we are told - to head off an expected major offensive - against Kontum City.*

*From Saigon - a report that U.S. bombers are still free to strike - above the twentieth parallel; but only if such an attack - constitutes "protective reaction." A spokesman adding that this policy "has always been in effect - is now in effect - and always will be in effect."*

## CAPITOL HILL

*The new head man at the Pentagon - was called today to Capitol Hill. Defense Secretary-designate Elliot Richardson - testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee. There expressing his "full confidence in and support" of - the President's military actions in Vietnam. Richardson adding that the President's main objective remains that "of securing peace - with a minimum risk of jeopardizing the preservation of that peace."*

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - President Nixon met today with three of his top advisers. Treasury Secretary George Shultz - Chairman Herbert Stein of the President's Council of Economic Advisers - and domestic chief of staff John Ehrlichman. The White House later saying they discussed ways and means - of extending and perhaps improving present wage and price controls.

The White House also announced today that the President will not deliver his State of the Union message this year - in person to Congress. ~~Press~~<sup>News</sup> Secretary Ron Ziegler explaining that such an appearance - would follow closely the President's second inaugural address. Adding, therefore, the President ~~would~~<sup>will</sup> submit his State of the Union message - in the form of a written report.

STAFF FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Earlier, the President received from his staff -  
a bouquet of sixty roses in honor of his sixtieth birthday.  
The President briefly inviting reporters into his office -  
to gaze on the sight. "Sixty of them" - said he. Adding:  
"Do you know how much roses cost?"

Coming up tonight - a small family dinner. By the  
way, the President saying his best advice at age sixty -  
is "never to slow down, stay mentally alert, and keep  
interested in life."

## PRICES

The U. S. wholesale price index - was up sharply last month. An increase of one-point-eight per cent - according to government figures announced today; the biggest monthly jump - since Nineteen-Fifty-One; due mainly to higher prices - for food and other farm products.

When asked for comment though - the White House quickly ruling out the possibility of price controls on raw agricultural products. <sup>NEWS</sup> ~~Press~~ Secretary Ron Ziegler saying the problem at the wholesale level - is simply "one of supply."

## NEW ORLEANS

*At New Orleans - an official day of mourning today; in memory of the six persons, including three policemen - who were killed in that sniper attack of yesterday.*

*At the same time - a continuing attempt to fathom the mystery of it all. Police Superintendent Clarence Giarrusso - telling of tests on the rifle found near the body of sniper Mark Essex; saying it was found to be the same weapon - that was used to kill a police cadet and wound another officer just a week ago.*

*Giarrusso also saying there was evidence - that Essex did not act alone. "There seems to be some evidence of a conspiracy" - said he. Adding: "By a conspiracy, I mean two, three or four - a small number that were intent on killing people."*

## AIRPORTS

The Federal Aviation Administration cracked down hard today - on airport operators at Aspen, Colorado - Tyler, Texas - Marquette, Michigan - and Prescott, ~~Arizona~~ Arizona. All ~~four~~ - accused of failing to comply with strict new anti-hijacking regulations; accordingly, fined a Thousand Dollars a day - starting as of last Sunday. The FAA adding that said fines will continue to accrue at a Thousand-a-day - pending full compliance.

## WATER

*From the U.S. Food and Drug Administration - a report today on the merits of bottled drinking water; said to show that fully eight per cent of such water - has been found to have an excessive bacteria count.*

*The FDA also notes that there are, at present - no national standards for bottled drinking water; but <sup>adds</sup> ~~saying~~ that it plans to take care of that little oversight - within sixty days.*

**MOSCOW**

*The first few weeks of winter in Russia - warmest in twenty-three years. So warm, in fact - that mushrooms were said to be growing in the woods. And farmers were warning of potential damage to winter crops - for lack of snow,* could

*Ah, but all that's changed now. It snowed today in Moscow. Six inches of the white stuff - in company with a temperature drop to eighteen degrees. Not quite as cold as it was here in New York - but still, a beginning.*

**SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "FLYING THE ATLANTIC"**

*And now - a special report from Lowell Thomas;  
who travels so fast - that some of his Christmas mail  
is still just catching up. Lowell...*

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cut out — ... so Long."



**SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "FLYING THE ATLANTIC"**

**Thank you, Lowell. A final story - in a moment.**

## ROME

*Here in the U.S. years ago - Huey Long's battlecry was "every man a king." Now - in Italy, it seems - an effort to make "every man a president."*

*At any rate, the Rome newspaper Il Massaggero - announcing today the results of a nationwide survey; said to show that Italy - a nation of fifty-five million - currently boasts more than a hundred thousand public and private corporations, bodies and agencies; which means - we are told - "that one of every five hundred and fifty Italians - is a president of something."*