July 29, 1970 Allen Jackson

The big story bonight - right around the globe a massive onslaught of air pollution; which is causing
headaches and worse - in such diverse cities as Tokyo,
Mexico City, Mian and Buenos Aires; also afflicting our
own East Coast - all the way from New York to Atlanta.

The main reason - in each case - an atmospheric inversion; which means that a layer of colder air - is pressing down on the fog and the smog and the haze; holding it - virtually stagnant. While the cars and factories and so fittle present their noxious fumes; adding daily to a problem - that simply refuses to go away.

New York's woes were also heightened today - by a power shortage forcing a five per cent cut in electrical voltage. This in the midst of a summer heat wave - expected to cantinue, with brief respite, at least till the weekend.

JERUSALEN - BAGHDAD

In the Middle East - where all is confusion - a continuing clash of wills today - between hawks and doves in the Israeli Cabinet. This leading to a threat - from Israel's militant Gahal Party; a threat to quit the government if Jerusalem accepts the latest U.S. Mideast peace plan.

Israeli Premier Golda Meir, in turn, pleading with Gahal leaders - not to precipitate a crisis at such a critical moment.

Meanwhile, thousands of Iraqi demonstrators marching through the streets of Baghdad; shouting

condemnations of the U.S. - demanding war with Israel.

The Arab guerilla's "Voice of Storm" radio - which was

silenced yesterday in Cairo - also back on the air; spilling

forth its usual invective - from new headquarters in Amman.

At the top of the war news tonight - a massive drive

by Cambodian troops - spearheaded by U.S.-trained

mercenaries. An attempt to retake strategic Kirirom

Plateau - which lies midway between Phnom Pen and its

vital seaport of Kompang sam. This cantage at a time - when

ground action in South Vietnam continues light.

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PARIS FOLLOW CAMBODIA

Half-a-world away - at Paris - the Viet Cong today
renewed a bid for private talks with the U.S. This
apparently in keeping with a strategy - orginally launched
last week. The enemy seeking to promote a coalition
government - as the only means of ending the war in Vietnam
However, South Vietnam's President Thieu insisting again he will never accept a coalition government.

At the Western White House - San Clemente - a brief

bill-signing ceremony today. President Nixon adding the

final touch - to that sweeping anti-crime package covering

the nation's capital; which thus become the President first

major anti-crime proposal - enacted into law. The President

calling it - "a strong measure which deals with an imprecedented

problem."

WASHINGTON FOLLOW SAN CLEMENTE

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Back in Washington - Attorney General John Mitchell
was discussing today - two of the bill's most controversial
features. These the so-called "no-knock" and preventive
detention provisions - both of which Mitchell stoutly defended
Asserting that they merely provide - for "proper law
enforcement." The Attorney General adding that "civil
liberties will be protected - because the courts will make
proper safeguards."

Over in Britain - an apparent settlement today in that country's crippling dock strike of the past two weeks; with the leadership of Britain's striking longshoremen - voting to accept a government-recommended peace package; one that would give the dock workers - an additional Thirteen Million a year in pay, overtime and bonuses. This clearing the way for a return to work - hopefully, next Monday; which is none to soon - Britain having already lost more than a Billion in foreign trade.

Washington again - a parting word from Dr. Thomas

Paine - who has just resigned as the U.S. space chief.

Dr. Paine asserting that the U.S. should start planning now
for future projects such as lunar colonies and manned flights

to the planets. He also envisioned the establishment of

an "international space station" - as a cooperative venture

among the world's major space powers. The doctor adding,

in effect: "There's a whole universe out there - just waiting

for us."

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presenting tonight the first report in a two-part series on the fabulous oil Emirate of Abu Dhabi. Lowell...

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For a hundred yars years or so the British

Navy kept the waters of the Persian Gulf and the Arabian sea more or less free from piracy. The Southeast Arabian coast for centuries had been known as a stronghold for pirates. As you may have now heard the British are planning to pull out of the Persian Gulf, one more step in the departure from the British raj from the seas and lands east of Suez. They say they will be out of the Persian Gulf in about a year.

Naturally the new rich sheiks along the Trucial coast are troubled, and wondering how they will be able to defend themselves from the stronger nations who surround them, Iran on one side, Saudi Arabia on the other, Iraq to the north, and the new threat - the Russians. For many centuries this has been one of the most exciting parts of the world.

From the waters of the Persian Gulf -- the Arabian Gulf, as the oil sheikhs be prefer it to be called, have provided Queens, princesses and wealthy women everywhere with their pearls. Almost since the days of the Prophet Mohammed the picturesque sailing dhows have departed from Persian Gulf ports carrying countless thousands of pilgrims on their way to Mecca. Now and then a dhow will go down with hundreds are of people on board and we in the west will never hear about it. Sheik Zaid Bin Sultan Al-Nihyan of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi has much me reason to worry. His eighty thousand square miles of sand virtually floats on a sea of oil which makes his small country the richest state in the world in proportion to its population. There are only twenty thousand people living in Abu Birth Dhabi. However, some of the handsomest palaces in the world have been built

with this with new oil wealth. Five modern himse hotels are nearing completion - and oh yes, one of them is a Hilton. The new airport is now ready to take the jumbo super jets.

Says His Highness Sheik Zaid Bin Sultan

Al-Nihyan -- "money is of no value unless it knaxix is used for the benefit of the people!" And a lot of people are moving in on Abu Dhabi opx hoping to help oil Sheik Zaid Bin Sultan Al-Nihyan spend all those millions.

Those who are descending upon this small

Persian Gulf Emirate are Europeans, Japanese and

Americans too. In fact one of these is a young man

from Newark New Jersey named Bert Ames who already

has put up several thousand of what he calls "pre
designed buildings" in nearby Dubai and also in

Kuwait at the top of the Gulf, as well as hunderds

of others in Africa and South America. He has even

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From Philadelphia - the story today of a one-block
neighborhood - going literally "buggy." Its residents waking
up toda;y - to find their lawns, sidewalks, porches, and so
on simply teeming with millipedes. According to a

Philadelphia entomologist - the greatest single concentration
of bugs in this area in more than thirty-five years.

Next question: What exactly is a "millipede"?

And the answer to that - provided by a local lady who said:

"It's a crawly, creepy-looking thing - kind of like a

centipede, only ten times worse."

LAKELAND

And then there's a story - from Lakeland, Flordia;
where the Polk County sheriff's office has begun a

counter-campaign - to combat anti-police sentiments,

especially among the young. In line with this - the cars

all sheriff's deputies now bearing bumper-stickers that say:

"If you don't like the police - next time you're in trouble,

call a hippie."

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