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President Nixon in Canada: ^{as you know was} The President conferring today with Prime Minister Trudeau - later addressing a joint session of the Canadian Parliament. ~~The President's remarks~~ ^{In it} including a veiled reference to Vietnam; also, a veiled warning - to the Soviet Union.

Said the President: "The great powers cannot avoid responsibility - for the aggressive actions of those to whom they give the means for such actions; the great powers must use their influence - to halt aggression, not encourage it." The President adding: "The structure of world peace cannot be built - unless the great powers join together to build it."

The President also said that current U.S. relations with Canada - are predicated on the new Nixon Doctrine.

"That doctrine" - said he - "rests on the premise that mature partners must have autonomous independent policies - and each nation must define the nature of its own interests."

AN LOC

The skies over North Vietnam - "crystal clear" today for the first time in two weeks; and so - a series of massive U.S. air strikes; hitting first - at enemy surface-to-air missile sites; and later, ^{enemy} ~~at~~ supply centers - which have been built up over the past few months.

To the South - a crack South Vietnamese paratroop ~~er~~ brigade ^{was} ~~an~~ leapfrogging an enemy road block near beseiged An Loc; then routing an enemy force ~~in~~ that had already occupied a part of that city. U.S. air support - again playing an important role. ~~And~~ ^{The} enemy plan to make An Loc their new provisional capital - for now ^{— No!} ~~at least,~~ ~~forget it.~~

PARIS FOLLOW AN LOC

Meanwhile, at Paris, the Communist side was launching an all-out propaganda campaign - against President Nixon. A Communist spokesman saying: "President Nixon has unleashed unprecedented bombing raids on Vietnam." Adding: "Even Hitler didn't do this." Further charging: "President Nixon is the greatest war criminal in history."

PASSMAN FOLLOW PARIS

But here at home - a somewhat different view;
from Congressman Passman of Louisiana - a veteran
Democrat; who said today ^{that} Mr. Nixon "is one of the greatest
if not the greatest" President - in all our history. "And
we ought to say so" - said ^{Democrat} Passman.

The Congressman stressed, however - this is not
a political endorsement. Said he: "If I were a Republican
- I would vote for President Nixon - ^{then he added: -} but I am a Democrat.

MOUNT MANASLU

In the High Himalayas - near the "Roof of the World" - another mountaineering tragedy. Reports reaching Kathmandu - telling of a recent avalanche on the slopes of twenty-six-thousand-seven-hundred-foot Mount ~~Manaslu~~. ^{Thousands of} Tons and tons of ice and snow - sweeping away fifteen members of a South Korean expedition. The dead including four Koreans - one Japanese - and ten Sherpa guides; fifteen, in all - the worst toll in the history of Himalayan mountaineering.

ROME

~~For the umpteenth time~~ Rome newspapers ~~were~~
~~again~~ ^{say} today ~~that~~ Pope Paul will resign - when he
reaches age seventy-five, next September. ~~For the umpteenth~~
~~time~~ ^{But} the Vatican saying ~~is~~ not true, ~~Adding~~ that such
reports - are ~~nothing more than~~ "assumptions inspired by
fantasy."

BIRTHDAY

*Here's something I want to read to you. It says,
"The following scroll contains over 8500 names of the
people of Greenville and Darke County who want to wish you
a Happy Birthday and many more - the ages of the signers
varies from five years to Joe Menke, who is Ninty-Five."*

*I am embarrassed, and overwhelmed. This
fantastic scroll arrived when I was away, taking part in an
Eighteth birthday party conspiracey cooked up by my wife
and our Alaskan son, Lowell. At any rate, before I am any
older, and before I collapse, I want to express my
appreciation to each of the 8500 persons out in Ohio who
signed that incredible scroll. Along with it came a copy of
a proclamation by the Mayor of the County Seat of Darke
County, the City of Greenville, proclaiming my birthday,
April 6th of last week, LT Day in that historic City.
Apparently all this was instigated by the head of the local
Ohio Historical Society Museum, Gertrude Holzapfel, - and
"Doc" Sarver, Herman Brown, and "Jelly" Burns, pals*

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of long, long ago. "Jelly" owns the local poolhall, and when he was a young chap he was a professional ballplayer who gained national fame when he pitched, and won what was then the longest ballgame ever played - twenty-two innings. Oh yes, the local newspaper, The Advocate, spread banner headlines across the front page about L T Day and Dave Thomas of Radio Station WDRK featured it on his station, and so on.

I am indeed proud of my connection with Darke County, where my ancestors lived; and I have often said - in fact, I mentioned it to Ethel Merman a few nights ago - if I have any claim to fame it's because I was born next door to Annie Oakley. You'll all remember that Merman was the star in one of the great musicals of all time, "Annie Get Your Gun."

Oh yes, and I've been overwhelmed with letters, birthday cards, telegrams and phone calls, so many, I'll

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never be able to reply to them individually. The Third largest response, or whatever you'd call it, in my forty two years of broadcasting. What were Number One and Number Two? It would take too long to tell. I'll tell that story in a book I'm writing.

A word more about my birthday, and then I'll forget it until I reach age Ninty! - said he hopefully!

As you may have heard Walter Cronkite mention, or perhaps you saw it in the newspaper, my wife and Lowell, Jr. and my long time colleague, Electra, framed me with a surprise birthday party that was a real surprise. Knowing I had friends all over the world, they were puzzled as to who to invite, of course, they didn't ask me. So they put Five-Hundred names in one of those squirrel cages you rotate, mixed them up and drew out exactly Eighty, one for each year of my life plus a few alternates. That's how General Jimmy Doolittle, Eddie Rickenbacker, Explorer Bernt Balchen, world famous doctors, Howard Rusk and

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and Frank Stinchfield, Doctor and Mrs. Peale, President Hoover's son, Allan, and others happened to be there.

They staged it at Orlando at that new Walt Disney World, and I am sure even the Shah of Persia's recent celebration of Persia's 3,000th year, couldn't have been as exciting and interesting and spectacular. The Disney people even rescheduled their events in order to weave them around this party. I wish all of my friends could have been there.

Many, many thanks to all of you who sent me messages, and do take a look at what the Walt Disney people have done in Florida. I suppose it's the finest thing of it's kind ever to emerge from the imaginative mind of man, Warren.

"Candy is dandy - but liquor is quicker" - said Dorothy Parker. But - as many a young swain has learned - a surprising number of women can drink their menfolk right under the table; And never show it. ~~And now~~ ^{we have} a scientific explanation.

Doctors at Columbia University - testing the alcoholic reaction of a like number of male and female guinea pigs. The two groups - metabolizing alcohol at about the same rate. But the body chemistry of the males - producing a substance called "ach" at five times the rate of the females. And this "ach" - apparently symptomatic of "getting loaded."

Later on - the doctors also tested a second group of male guinea pigs. If ~~they were~~ ^{id} horses - you ~~would~~ call them geldings. These capable of matching the females, drink for drink. - ^{would be, wouldn't you say,} which ~~they did.~~ ^{But that's} enough to drive anybody to drink, ^{? And s-l-u-Monday} ~~wouldn't you say, wouldn't~~