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DRUGS

A new office of drug abuse law enforcement - established today by President Nixon by executive order. Its first head - Customs Commissioner Miles Ambrose. He to drive "drug traffickers and drug pushers" off the streets of America." Said the President - "to fight this menace we must attack it on many fronts!"

NEW YORK

New York City - subpoenas were served today on author clifford Irving, ordering him to appear before both federal and New York county grand juries - to explain his role in the confused Howard Hughes autobiography case. First though - a trip to New York county District Attorney's office. Irving later ^{was} quoted as admitting it was his wife - Edith -- who posed ~~as~~ as the mysterious Helga R. Hughes; depositing in a Swiss bank all those checks made out to H R Hughes; then - withdrawing it all in cash.

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Irving also quoted as saying: "The money has since been redeposited in another Swiss account. The full six hundred and fifty thousand - said to be "substantially intact and available." Another strange twist - in a strange, strange story.

ANAHEIM FOLLOW NEW YORK CITY

The name Howard Hughes - also figures in a story reported today from California. California Computer products of Anaheim -- using a computer to forge an exact copy of Hughes signature. A company spokesman further saying: In two or three months, two men could computerize a person's handwriting and reproduce entire letters within minutes."

~~Remarkable!~~

SAIGON

In Vietnam - a stand-by alert today; for the two hundred thousand government troops - currently ringing Saigon. Allied intelligence indicating that an enemy attack - may be imminent.

In the Central Highlands though - an apparent easing of tension; due mainly to ^{the} massive B-52 raids ~~of~~ the ^{past} past few weeks; -- apparently blunting an enemy build-up there. Indeed, a South Vietnam spokesman in the Central Highlands saying: "We now see no signs - of an offensive getting under way."

PHNOM PENH

At Phnom Penh in neighboring ~~country~~ Cambodia a visit today from General Westmoreland. The U S army chief of staff - conferring with ~~General~~ Cambodian officials on President Nixon's new eight point plan; which - if implemented - would leave at least part of Cambodia in enemy hands.

Incidentally, the security for General Westmoreland's visit - perhaps the tightest ever; with armed guards lining the streets - virtually shoulder to shoulder and the General's ~~own~~ car a bullet ~~is~~ proof limousine.

FORT LAMY FOLLOW PHNOM PENH

France's President Pompidou - a visitor today

in Africa -

at Fort Lamy in Chad. And there - he, too, was

discussing the President's peace plan, Praising the

President for offering a total U S withdrawal - ~~also,~~ ^{and the}

free elections.

Pompidou cautioned - however - against

undue optimism. Observing: "A public plan -

is ~~not~~ never a peace plan."

DUNDALK

At the town of Dundalk in Northernmost Southern Ireland - near the scene of a cross border clash yesterday - Irish police today arrested eight suspected I R A terrorists; including one Martin Meehan - who recently escaped from a Belfast prison.

This - we are told - at the personal direction of Irish Premier Jack Lynch; who was said to have been gravely embarrassed - that British troops were attacked yesterday from Irish soil.

BELFAST FOLLOW DUNDALK

Another police killing today in Belfast; third in two days. Terrorist machine gunners cutting down their man - without warning.

HODGSON

From Labor Secretary James Hodgson - a call today for Congress to hurry up and pass the special legislation President Nixon has requested - and put an end to the current West Coast dock strike. Hodgson saying the strike has begun to cripple the economy; with Congress showing "little sense of urgency."

BELGRADE

From Belgrade - the story of a Yugoslavian airline stewardess the lone survivor of an airplane explosion at more than thirty thousand feet. Twenty-two year old Vesna Vulovic - reported trapped in the tail section of the plane; a part of the craft that landed on a snow covered mountain slope sliding and bouncing along for hundreds of feet. A rescue party found Miss Vulovic still alive; and she may pull through. The only survivor.

LONDON

One of the highlights of the rock religious musical "God Spell" - currently playing in London's West end - a sensuous, sexy dance by blond temptress Gay Soper. Miss Soper traipsing up the center aisle ~~to~~ last night -- bumping, grinding and twirling all the way -- when suddenly she spotted a familiar face. Said lovely Gay: "Hiya, Charlie!"

For the rest of Gay's show-stopping performance it might ~~have~~ as well have been an audience of one. At the conclusion -- both she and "Charlie" receiving a standing ~~ovation~~ ovation. The young man - did you guess it - Prince Charles. Charlie and Gay - the prince and the show girl.

FORT LAUDERDALE

The theme - an all night restaurant at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. It's five A M when in walks two men and a woman. Though her feet hurt by now - waitress Julie Towers, age nineteen, giving out with a cheery smile; then serving the trio - coffee and muffins. Total bill -- ninety-four cents. But the tip left by one of the men; - a hundred and fifty bucks.

I tried to give it back, but he insisted" Julie recalled later. Adding that the man's lady friend - finally convinced her to keep it. ^{Saying} ~~How so?~~ ^{Warren!} ~~By telling her~~ simply; "He can afford it."

PANTY - NEW YORK TIMES

From the staid New York Times and The United Press - from Lake Charles, La. An armed bandit holding up the Home Credit Company ordering the woman cashier to take off her panty-hose. Which he used to tie her up. He snatched \$1,200 and - then said to her what I'm saying now - so long until Monday.