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SENATE

Statehood for Puerto Rico -- just over the horizon-- we  
hear today. This according to Puerto Rico's Resident Commissioner  
in Washington -- Jorge Luis Cordova Diaz -- in testimony before a  
Senate sub-committee. Jorge Luis Cordova Diaz asserting that most  
of the island's two point seven million residents -- already favor  
the idea. Adding, in effect: "We'll be knocking at your door  
soon -- with stars in our eyes; fifty-one <sup>stars</sup> to be exact," said ~~he~~.

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CONGRESS

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CAPITOL HILL

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NEW DELHI

At New Delhi - the late President Zakir Husain of <sup>1st Muslim President</sup> India was laid to his final rest today. This in a special tomb at Jamia Millia University. - a university he himself founded nearly fifty years ago. And so ends another tumultuous chapter - in the history of Hindustan.

Earlier, as the body lay in state - thousands of grieving Indians battling to get a last glimpse of their fallen leader. Finally forcing riot police - to beat them back with clubs. Later, an estimated four thousand army troops - guarding the funeral cortege on its route to M Jamia Millia. The millions of mourners who turned out - including Soviet Premier Kosygin - also, <sup>Cabinet Secy.</sup> George Romney of the U.S.

Zakir Husain - he was seventy-two.

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## NEW YORK

From New York to London and back again - the skies were filled today with transAtlantic competitors. Each of them striving for first prize - in the Hundred-and-Fifty Thousand-Dollar London Daily Mail Air Race dash.

Today's best time - via Royal Air Force jet. A vertical take-off and landing aircraft - completing the trip from London to New York in six hours, eleven minutes, and fifty-sevenpoint-fifteen seconds. Not bad - but still a distant second to yesterday's Royal Navy team.

WHITE HOUSE

New director of the U.S. Peace Corps - Joseph Blatchford of San Pedro, California. Sworn in today - at a White House ceremony. With his assigned task - that of shaking up and revitalizing the Peace Corps - making it "relevant to <sup>1969</sup> Ninety-Sixty-Nine" - which he promptly pledged to do. Observing: "It's a different world and it's a different America - than when the Corps was launched ~~ed~~ in Nineteen-Sixty-One."

At age thirty-four - Blatchford thus becomes the youngest agency chief in the new Nixon Administration.

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( However, his experience including a stint as director of Accion International - a private, volunteer organization operating in Latin America. ) Further, he was given a promise from the President - that his ideas "will have the highest priority in this Administration."



## PARIS

On the French political scene - an attempt today at a new leftist coalition. With the Communists and Socialists getting together in Paris - trying to agree on a common candidate for President. In hopes of preventing a landslide victory - for former Gaullist Premier Georges Pompidou.

As it turned out though - the meeting served only to widen the breach between the leftists. With the Communists later naming as their own candidate - former Party Secretary Jacques Duclos - age seventy-two. Leaving the Socialists - to do what they will.

Incidentally, April figures - just in. Showing another Two Hundred and Twelve Million Dollar nose dive - in France's gold and foreign currency reserves.

LONDON

From London - comes a strange story today. The story of one Alec Graham - who lost an ear in a weekend barroom brawl.

When a bystander picked up the ear and tried to give it back to him - to have it sewn on again - Graham simply stalked out. Later, at home - again refusing to accept the ear. Indeed, he finally tossed it into a waster paper basket - until a couple of policemen convinced him otherwise. With doctors later sewing the ear back in place - practically as good as new.

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~~Next question:~~ Why was Graham so reluctant to take his ear back? Because - said he - the man he had the fight with - the man who tore it off - had previously been his best friend. *Ear on no ear* Graham adding: "I just want to forget all about it."

FAGERNES

Here's one - the story of an American tourist -

Tom Antzen of Portland, Oregon; on a visit to Fagernes,  
Norway - photographing one of the local bears - when he  
~~bare-ly~~<sup>savvy</sup> escaped with his life.

Seems Tom was so intent on the first bear - he failed  
to ~~see~~<sup>notice</sup> a second one; which slipped up behind him - knocked  
him to the ground; and then - as he lay there awaiting the  
coup de grace - the bear merely ~~licking~~<sup>licked</sup> his head.

Safe at last - Tom Antzen ~~observing~~<sup>said</sup> ~~that~~<sup>later</sup> "the bear  
obviously "preferred hair lotion to live meat." ~~And thank~~  
~~heavens - he wasn't using that "greasy kid stuff."~~

1/4 And now - John Schaeffer.

CAMDEN

This next - a weekend report from Camden, Arkansas,  
where the Reverend E. B. Dodson conducted his regular Sunday  
services - at Camden's First Methodist Church; only to  
discover later that someone had stolen his car - apparently  
in the midst of his sermon.

*Maybe not*  
~~So it shouldn't be~~ a total loss though - the Reverend  
saying this has ~~already~~ helped him decide on a sermon for  
next Sunday. Topic: "Thou shalt not steal."