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JERUSALEM-VATICAN

At Jerusalem - the Vatican - throughout the
Christian world - Good Friday, Nineteen-Sixty-Nine - *as always*
a day of solemn pageantry. In the Holy City - hundreds
of pilgrims ^{again} retracing the way of the cross, ^{- the Via Dolorosa.} But for
Arab-Israeli tensions ^{the number of pilgrims would have} ~~it would have been thousands. In~~
^{been far greater.}
Rome - Pope Paul wearing his red robes of mourning; walking
shoeless across a church - to kiss the feet of a crucifix.
According to tradition - the only crucifix uncovered this
day in Catholic churches around the globe. The rest draped
in purple - in the church's color of mourning.

Good Friday - the day Christ died - saddest, holiest
day of the year. As ever - a prelude to the most ~~joyous~~
joyous of days - Easter Sunday.

KEY BISCAIYNE

At the Florida White House in Key Biscayne - President Nixon met today with his top advisers on domestic affairs.

Purpose: To ~~draw up~~ ^{start work on} a priority list for domestic spending - based on "dollars available."



ATLANTA FOLLOW KEY BISCAVNE

Among those attending - Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Robert Finch; who stopped off in Atlanta - en route to the parley; there to deliver a personal letter from the President - to Mrs. Coretta King. This on the first anniversary - of her husband's death.

Exact contents of the letter - not disclosed. However, the White House later saying - it expressed the President's "sincerest condolences." Adding his hope that this will be a time "for all of us - to rededicate ourselves to the principles of justice and non-violence."

LOS ANGELES

Oh yes, and

According to certain sages and soothsayers on the West Coast - this is the day that California is supposed to break off and fall into the sea. ~~which is~~ ^{all} a lot of bunk - says the U.S. Geological Survey.

Nevertheless, ~~a~~ ^{a major} earth tremor was reported at eight this morning, Pacific-time - off the west coast of Mexico - about a thousand miles south of Los Angeles. Those who believe the soothsayers - saying: "See - it's getting close." And no doubt they'll be holding their breaths for the next few hours - regardless of what the scientists say.

GETTYSBURG

Here in the East - Mamie comes home. Mamie Eisenhower returning today - to the farm at Gettysburg. Her son John - who accompanied her back from Abilene - again at her side - helping to ease the pain.

During the General's final illness - it was Mrs. Eisenhower's fervent hope - and his, too - that one day they could come home to stay - together. However, she's now reported as saying - her "future plans are indefinite." Friends adding that the memories at Gettysburg - are perhaps still too much to bear. Suggesting that Mrs. Eisenhower might accompany her son - at least, briefly - to Brussels; when he takes up his post there in a few weeks - as the new U.S. Ambassador to Belgium.

KHE SANH

War news from Vietnam tells ^{of that} ~~today of a~~ helicopter
crash - one of the costliest of the war. Killing twenty-
three South Vietnamese - also, one American - and injuring
some fifty more. This near Khe Sanh - where U.S. Marines
have just launched a massive counteroffensive. Fourth
such operation - since the start of the current Communist
offensive. Like the rest - attempting to head off hit-and-run
Red attacks - now ranging from Saigon all the way to the
D.M.Z.

CAIRO

From Cairo - a report ~~today telling~~ of an
assassination attempt - against the life of Israeli Defense
Minister Moshe Dayan. With Arab commandos said to have
ambushed his car a couple of days ago - on the West Bank of
the Jordan River. Luckily though - Dayan escaped in a hail
of bullets. He was not injured - said Cairo.

MOSCOW

Moscow - the Kremlin heralds the arrival of Spring; also, the advent of a new tourist season.

This in an article - in the Soviet weekly Nedelya.

Quoting a Russian ship captain as saying - "our tourists

are most disciplined." "But foreigners" - says he -

"especially AMERICANS, Germans and even the British" are

always picking up souvenirs; mainly Soviet spoons - which

normally sell at more than a ~~Buck~~-American.

Solution - says the captain: "We should invent some

souvenirs - that the tourists can pick up free of charge."

~~What~~ Shouldn't be much of a problem, - the Russians have
invented everything else.

MILWAUKEE

From Marquette University - Milwaukee - comes news today of a sorority poll. The coeds asking Marquette men what they think of Marquette women - which may have been a mistake.

For example, about half those polled - saying the average coed looks like Doris Day. - *Pretty good!*, so far! However, the other half *saying* - she looks like Phyllis Diller, Mama Cass or even Snoopy. On another question - sixty per cent saying the average coed goes flat "like beer" - instead of "improving with age" like fine wine. ~~And the space-labeled "comment"~~ *that* ~~- was really asking for it.~~ Typical reply: "If a Marquette coed were a race horse - she would probably catch her tail in the starting gate."

Ah, but the coeds at least got what they really wanted - ~~some~~ attention. And as usual - they will also have the last word. *Warren* Starting work on another questionnaire - asking the girls what they think of the boys.

BONNETS

Here in New York - for men only - a preview of Easter bonnets that ^AAmerican women will be wearing come Sunday.

The big favorite - we are told - big, floppy hats with *wid* brims, - ~~well~~, Some say ~~they look~~ like sick umbrellas.

Anyway, some are adorned or held in place by colorful scarves

- still others trailing yards and yards of sheer chiffon.

According to the ^{hat-makers} ~~millinery industry~~ ^{are} these especially flattering to women with long, flowing hair; also, - women with the new "boy hairdo." In the words of Mr. John - guaranteed to make every girl look "sort of like Marlene Dietrich - riding off into the desert."