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## CHICAGO

*For President Nixon today - a first-hand taste of Chicago smog; experts call it the second worst in the nation. The President filling his lungs with a typical mixture of fog and smoke - then observing: "I never thought Chicago had this much of a problem - it reminded me of Los Angeles."*

*This at the start of a field trip that included a visit to a model sewage plant. The President there observing what can be done - in returning clean water to our streams, rivers and lakes. Indeed, the treated fluids were considered so pure - the President was even offered a drink of the stuff. "No thanks" - said he. "I never take a drink in the morning"*

*Later on, the President pledging his Administration - to a "total mobilization" in the battle against pollution; starting with a Ten Billion-Dollar program - to "bring clean water back to the people." Said the President: "Unless we do something now - it won't make any difference what we do later on."*

## VIETNAM

*In Vietnam - U.S. and Allied troops today resumed full operations. Thereby ending the twenty-four-hour Tet cease-fire - that was marred by more than ninety violations. The cost of this stand down, so-called - including at least three American lives.*

*In the meantime - a startling find today across the border in nearby Cambodia. An Allied patrol led by U.S. Green Berets - uncovering a huge enemy arms cache. According to U.S. headquarters - enough weapons and ammunition to supply a full communist division of twelve thousand men. And only forty-five miles from Saigon.*

## WASHINGTON

**The U. S. unemployment rate - up sharply last month.**

**At the same time - the average work-week and overtime hours for factory workers - were also falling off. The direct result - of a number of production cutbacks.**

**Government experts observing that the President's anti-inflation program is beginning to take hold - the economy is slowing down.**

## **BEIRUT**

*In the Middle East - Nasser threatens to resign - again. This according to a story today - from a French-language newspaper in Beirut, quoting Nasser as saying he'll be forced to call it quits unless his fellow Arab leaders join him - now in a new full-scale war against Israel. Nasser supposedly adding his departure would thus "pave the way for others to come and try to solve a crisis that has reached a total impasse."*

*Meanwhile, the Arabs and Israelis continued to trade - an eye for an eye. Egyptian frogmen sinking two Israeli ships - in the key Red Sea port of Eilat. Israeli jets roaring right back - sinking an Egyptian minelayer in the Red Sea. This in addition to some thirty air strikes - against Egyptian on-shore targets.*

## SPACE

On the space front - a report today that Russia has recently launched several "maneuverable satellites." These space vehicles said to be unmanned - but nevertheless capable of performing various military function; perhaps including - ~~we are told~~ the ability to inspect and destroy other spacecraft.

All of which - set off a flurry of excitement <sup>in Washington.</sup>  
However, U.S. space experts call the reports - ~~speculative~~  
"highly speculative." In any case - asserting it is difficult to imagine the possibility of "war in space." One official saying: "They" - meaning the Russians - "they don't want it any more than we do."

## ATLANTA

A wholesale outbreak of influenza - the one we weren't supposed to have - now making its presence felt from coast to coast, from Canada to the Gulf. The National Communicable Disease Center at Atlanta today adding to the list of flu-stricken states - Maryland, Mississippi, Ohio and Oregon. The Center's Director of Epidemiology - Dr. Alexander Langmuir - finally admitting that Nineteen-Seventy - "has not been an off-year for influenza," as originally expected.

## ATHENS

*What with France planning to sell sophisticated jets to Lybya - the question naturally arises: "Who's gonna fly 'em." And now the answer comes - from Athens.*

*Greek officials disclosing the presence of a growing number of Lybyans - in the Greek Air Cadet School. In fact, this year's graduating class is said to include nearly as many Lybyans as it does Greeks.*

*Ironically, these Lybyans - same as the Greeks - have done all their flying to date in antiquated U.S. jets. Nothing near as "hot" - as the promised French Mirages.*

## HARRIS

*Here at home again - Senator Fred Harris of Oklahoma announced today his resignation, effective next month - as Democratic National Chairman. The Senator Harris saying he feels he has done his part - during the transitional period that followed the Nineteen-Sixty-Eight Presidential election; adding that now he wants to speak out on the issues of the day - without restraint.*

## MIAMI BEACH

The Place - a hotel room at Miami Beach. An elderly gentleman by the name of Paul Robsky - discussing with two new-found friends the possible purchase of a tract of land. Finally, handing over Nine Hundred Bucks - to seal this "deal of a lifetime." Whereupon a couple of detectives popped out of the bathroom - arresting the phony real estate men on charges of conspiracy and grand larceny.

Later, at headquarters - a police captain telling the two men: "It's amazing you didn't recognize Mr. Robsky's name." Further explaining that Paul Robsky - at age seventy-two - is the last-living members of a gang-busting crew once led by the famed Elliot Ness. The last of the "untouchables" - still serving the long arm of the law, Warner

## GOOSE LAKE PRAIRIE

*While President Nixon today was busy in Chicago - Pat Nixon was doing her own thing today in downstate Illinois. The First Lady traveling to Dresden - where she inspected a new nuclear power station; and later - at Goose Lake Prairie - she went horseback riding, bounding across a tract of virgin land said to be the last sizable patch of original Illinois prairie.*

*Somewhere along the way - an admirer presented Mrs. Nixon with a picture of herself and her husband; a picture taken fourteen years ago at Kankakee - when the future President was running for his second term as Vice President. Pat looking fondly at the young Mr. Nixon - and then remarking: "Look at all that hair."*