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Here at home a massive medal of honor eeremony today at the White House. President Nixon presenting the nation's highest award for bravery - to the families of twenty-one U.S. servicemen who were killed in Vietnam. The honors list including Corporal Thomas W. Bennett of Morgantown, West Virginia - a conscientious objector who was allowed to serve as a medic. Corporal Bennett giving up his own life - in an attempt to save a wounded comrade who was pinned down by enemy fire. Thus becoming only the second conscientious objector in U.S. history - ever to win the Medal of Honor.

In Vietnam - near the Laotian border - enemy troops today intensified their siege of that Green Beret camp at Dak Seang. The attacking Viet Cong > now said to outnumber allied defenders by more than three to one. U.S. headquarters calling the situation extremely "critical@ - with "no apparent let-up in sight."

reported a clash with insurgent Viet Cong. This in

Cambodia's Svay Rieng Province - which to only thirty-five

mides from Saigon. The Cambodians said to have killed

forty of the insurgents - as against two of their own, the Cambodians having the advantage of heavy air support
including, ironically, a number of Russian-made Migs

assigned to the Cambodian Air Force.

In the Middle Fast - Israeli jets were out in force today - for the first time in four days. In the West - pounding Fgyptian targets along the Suez Canal. In the East - attacking Syrian targets just arms across the border, from occupied Quneitra. Damascus later reporting that one of the Israeli planes - was shot down by anti-aircraft fire. Cairo was also telling of another Egyptian commando strike - into the occupied Sinai; the Arab raiders said to have ambushed an Israeli armored patrol - near El Qantara, on the east of the Canal,

EDGARTOWN

case of Mary Jo Kopechne and Senator Edward Kennedy.

A grand jury concluding it's investigation of the girl's death today thereupon agreeing there will be "no presentments which means, in laymanks terms - there will be no prosecution.

District Attorney Edmund Dinis later announcing: "This is the end of the investigation into the death of Mary Jo Kopechne - the case is closed."

KENNE DY - FOLLOW EDGARTOWN

Later on - in Washington - Senator Kennedy said he was "obviously very much satisfied," with the outcome. "It's been a very difficul time - and a great tragedy," - said he.

As for his own political future - the Senator said
he expects to run for re-election to the Senate this fall.
He added though "I will not be a candidate for President in
18 1972 - absolutely not!"

WASHINGTON

a tentative hundred word warning - for inclusion, henceforth, in every package of oral contraceptives; a warning that far more brief and far less detailed - than that originally proposed; does but it serves the purpose - says Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Robert Finch; to wit - advising extreme caution. Finch further called the compromise statement - an attempt to strike "a delicate balance" between fact and fear.

CAPF KENNEDY

At Cape Kennedy - the three Apollo 13 astronauts

What is to be
today continued their preparations for America's toughest

moon mission. Jim Lovell, Tom Mattingly and Fred Haise rehearsing moon orbit and landing procedures; wearing full

pressure suits - just as if it were real; which they still
hope it will be - as of this Saturday.

Whether the flight will be postponed though - that

will depend on the

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This they are doing now in an

the three astronauts, today, attemptime to determine - yes or

no - on that German measles scare. The decision to be announced

some time tomorrow.

A new book just out this week - "The Hunt for the Czar" by prize winning authorist-journalist Guy Richards; in effect, a compelling detective story - on a broad that international scale; compelling to the startling conclusion that Nicholas and Alexandra of Czarist Russia and all their children - were not, repeat, were not murdered by the Bolsheviks, back in 1918; but rather were spared by top Soviet leaders - apparently in a rare fit of compassion.

Next question then: what exactly did happen to the royal family? Where did they all go? In response to which, author Richards says they were secretly smuggled to safety in Poland - with the help for of two U. S. secret agents, surprisingly enough. Indeed, the five children are still alive - living in various corners of the globe - we are told. Richards contends, what's more, that Folish double agent Michael Golieniewski - who finally blew the whistle

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on Soviet super spy Kim Philby - was, in reality,
Nicholas and Alexandra&s only son, the Czarevitch Alexei.

"The Hunt for the Czar" by Guy Richards - fascinating.

Dr. Wayne Sands of the Des Moines, Iowa a prominent psychiatrist - the key witness today in a
Washingtone court hearing. Dr. Sands - testifying in
behalf of the professional air traffic controllers
organization; attempting to justify the controllers current
"sick out" - on the grounds that they really are too sick
or too tired to work.

For example, the doctor asserting that an estimated definite)

fifty to sixty per cent of all controllers are in need of psychiatric help; not to mention an abnormally high number who also suffer from ulcers, high blood pressure and diabetes. Dr. Sands adding that air controlling involves more stress than any other profession he has yet encountered.

From London - a report today heralding the end of the Beattles. Head Beattle Paul McCartney announcing plans for a series of ventures - expected to keep him from working with the rest of the group indefinitely. A business associate adding: "It is now highly unlikely - that they will ever even record together again."

Reason for the final breakup - we are told - fif the fact that the other three Beattles have all branched out in widely different directions; whereas Paul has remained essentially - a singer, musician and composer. Or as one friend put it; "he just couldn't sit around on his duff - waitingfm for them."

if you leget of your duff!

COLUMBUS

Here's one - from Columbus, Ohio; a postscript on a story # that originally broke a couple of weeks ago.

You may recall a pretty young Dee Hudson of Columbus collecting the fifteen-thousand to the soft drink bottles;
cashingthem in at two cents apiece - to finance a vacation in
Hawaii, there joining her hometown sweetheart - Sergeant Mark
Hannan - who was starting a brief rest and recreation leave from
Vietnam. Will the professor now play Hearts and Flowers
on the prano!

Anyway, the lovely Dee has just returned home - a miss

no longer. She's now Mrs. Mark Hannan - the couple having been — with Daisfie Garden of Eden. So patter I married in Hawaii, and an aloha, heyerto you - Mrs. Mean Mrs. Hannan — and aloha and s-l-u-t-to all ayan! from WBBM Phieago.

TALLAHASSEE FOLLOW SENATE

Judge Carswell's reaction to this - about the

same as that of Federal Judge Clement Haynsworth - who

earlier suffered a similar fate. At a news conference in

Tallahassee - the Judge saying he was "not bitter." Indeed,

"it's a relief" - said he - to have it all finally over and

done with. He added though: "It's always disappointing not

to win - especially when so many of your friends have

expressed confidence in you."

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW TALLAHASSEE

Back in Washington - the White House later

reported that President Nixon - was, "of course,

disappointed at the outcome in the Senate." As for a new

nomination - that will come "in due course" - said White

House Press Secretary Ron Ziegler. Adding that whomever the President chooses next time - he will also be a "strict constructionist."

Incidentally, the President has asked Judge

Carswell to remain on the bench - despite his

disappointment. Carswell, for his part, assured the

That

President he will.

DAK SEANG

In Vietnam - that beleaguered Green Beret camp
at Dak Seang still stands. U.S. and South Vietnamese
defenders - continuing to beat back a horde of attacking
Viet Cong. At last report - the toll of enemy dead coming
to nearly thirteen hundred. U.S. headquarters saying it's
"past the crucial period."

BAHR AL-BAKAR

In the Middle East - Israeli jets again thundered

the attack today over Egypt. However, Cairo later

charged that the target they hit - was actually a school;

specifically, the Bahr Al-Bakar school in the Nile Delta
the northeast of Cairo. Egyptian officials further called

it - another Israeli "massacre;" alleging that thirty

children were killed - as well as one adult. Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV FOLLOW BAHR AL-BAKAR

Next up = Israel's Moshe Dayan; in Tel Aviv,

Laich
asserting that "the Israeli Air Force 4 attacked only

military targets." And he added: "If the Egyptians install

classrooms inside a military installations - this in my

paid he,
opinion, "is highly irresponsible."

STATE FOLLOW TEL AVIV

Now this: The U.S. State Department in

Washington - taking note of the reports coming from Cairo.

A spokesman saying: "If these reports are confirmed
this incident would be another deflorable and saddening

consequence - of the continuing disregard for U.N. cease

fire resolutions." And he added: "Once again, we appeal

to all concerned to adhere scrupulously to these resolutions

- in order to preclude further tragic deaths and injury

to innocent civilians."

WASHINGTON

Washington again - the Justice Department
announced today the filing of a so-called "friend of the
court" motion; a motion suggesting ever-so-politely - that
a Federal court may have abused its powers. This by
invoking an "extreme" busing rememdy - to achieve total
school desegregation in Charlotte, North Carolina. In
effect, the government thus following through - on
President Nixon's recent school desegregation statement.

Reverse side - a report today that the number of black children in integrated schools - has doubled in the past year. Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Robert Finch adding: "We think we can double it again" - by next year. This - said he - by means of the Administration's stepped-up program - to gain voluntary compliance with Federal law.

CAPE KENNEDY

At Cape Kennedy - another unexpected twist today. Space agency officials saying they were considering the possibility - of substituting a back-up man for Apollo-Thirteen astronaut Tom Mattingly. And the reason, of course - Mattingly's susceptibility to measles, which is currently threatening a one-month delay - in this next tough moon mission.

The man who would fill the gap, in such an event -back-up Command Pilot John Swigert; who is said to appear immune to measles - and also said to be "fairly well prepared" for the mission. If he should take over though - it would mark the first such switch in U.S. space history.

Osaka, Japan - the site of Expo Seventy - as

you fout know. Also the scene of a series of

tremnedous chain reaction-type explosions today; these

occurring in a crowded residential and shopping district

of Osaba
way across town killing more than ninety - injuring more

than a hundred and twenty.

The first biast and the biggest of all - at a construction site for a new subway; where a gas company work crew - was attempting to repair a damaged gas main.

Indeed, The victims mostly eurious bystanders - who were just standing around watching.

SANTA BARBARA

At Santa Barbara, California - a meeting today billed as the nation's "Second National Conference on Weather Modification." Principal speaker - Dr. Myron Tribus, an Assistant Secretary of Commerce; who said that weather modification could and should be undertaken - now - on a regular basis - to control mountain snowpack and tropical rainfall right around the globe.

Dr. Tribus went on to explain that cloud seeding has proved much more effective than most people realize - changing rain and snow patterns. He added that the day is coming soon - when we will also be able to moderate hurricanes, reduce hail, suppress lightning; even trigger rain in temperate zones - while at the same time tempering storms in lake and coastal zones.

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BALTIMORE

This next - from Baltimore; the story of a group of high school students - who invaded the local zoo; chanting over and over - "we want an orycter-o-pudory-cter-o-pus-afer - we want an orycter-o-pudory-cter-o-pus-afer."

And what's that? Why, it's an aardvark - at least,

who anythe have me

the Latin name for same. And it seems that everybody, here

has an aardvark - except the Baltimore zoo; which promises

to try

to

however, it would get one of those orycter-o-pudory
cter-o-pus-afers - or may be two - just as soon as it completed.

A new "double standard" in the courtroom - is reported today from Brussels. The Belgians planning to initiate a sliding scale of fines - based on a sort of "pay-as-you-can" plan. Specifying, for example, that a poor man who gets drunk and insults a policeman - is liable to a fine of about Sixteen Bucks-American; whereas a rich man who committee the same offense - would be liable to a fine of Three Hundred and Twenty Bucks. In other words - twenty times as muck.

This - similar to a system which is already operating in the Scandinavian countries. - we enertain And The only problem - it seems - in deciding who's rich and who's poor. However, The Belgians have hit on a novel solution to that - they'll simply ask the tax inspectors.

And A-lu-t-M.