

Thurs. Feb. 7-74.

KANSAS CITY

After today's apparent settlement of the nationwide independent truckers strike, with federal officials agreeing to guarantee the truckers all the fuel they need; also, agreeing to monitor supplies and prices of diesel fuel; also with Congress approving emergency legislation to allow the truckers to pass on increased fuel costs, a few hours later the issue was again in doubt.

At Kansas City, Kansas there was a meeting to consider the Washington agreement. Whereupon some three hundred striking drivers turned it down; a spokesman for a group of West Texas truckers saying the drivers will insist on a fuel cost roll back. Said he: "That's why we stopped in the first place." Adding: "I don't think we're going to turn a wheel until we get it."

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WHITE HOUSE

~~The White House~~ President Nixon today formally signed and then sent to Congress - an international economic report, <sup>in which he noted</sup> ~~The President noting~~ that food and oil ~~shortages~~ shortages are presently the world's most pressing problems. Adding that these problems "are of such enormity - there may be a temptation to delay further progress toward trade and monetary reform." Stressing, however, that "nothing - could be more foolish." ~~foolish for foolish.~~

"It is particularly important", <sup>said</sup> the President ~~went on~~ ~~went on~~ that we launch a "multi-national effort to remove trade barriers; so ~~that~~ individual nations - are not tempted to 'go it alone'."

BERKELEY

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In the kidnapping of Patricia Hearst at Berkeley  
*there was*  
California  $\lambda$  an indication today that the young victim  
is ~~alive~~ alive and well. This in a letter sent to a local  
radio station. The letter going on to say that ~~Miss~~  
Miss Hearst's abductors were members of the so-called  
Symbionese liberation army; a group which earlier  
claimed responsibility - for the ~~recent~~ killing of the  
Oakland Superintendent of Schools. ~~The letter is also~~  
~~said to indicate - that "further communications will~~  
~~be made."~~

## **EARTH ORBIT**

*Some two hundred and seventy miles up -  
astronauts Jerry Carr, Ed Gibson and Bill Pogue  
today were buttoning up their Sky Lab Space Station,  
getting ready to return to earth - after nearly twelve  
weeks in orbit. Their splash down in the Pacific -  
set for eleven-seventeen tomorrow morning.*

PANAMA CITY

Secretary of State ~~Henry~~ Kissinger ~~4~~ flew today to Panama City, ~~there~~ <sup>today</sup> to sign a declaration ~~4~~ clearing the way for a new Panama Canal treaty; one that will lead eventually - to Panamanian sovereignty over the Canal Zone. This is also an attempt - we are told - to show "our willingness to engage in a new dialogue with Latin America and to move ahead on solving ~~our~~ common problems."



LONDON

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Britain's Prime Minister Heath was laying his future on the line today - calling for a new general ~~an~~ election <sup>on</sup> February twenty-eight. This to serve as a referendum - on the government's present ~~is~~ dispute with British coal miners.

Heath also urging the miners to delay for the time being - an all-out strike scheduled for midnight Saturday.

~~Miners' leader Joe Gormly - saying he's agreeable; but the final decision - to come at a union executive meeting set for tomorrow.~~

SEOUL

Six South Korean clergymen being tried by a  
military tribunal in Seoul - ~~were~~<sup>are</sup> found ~~guilt~~ guilty as  
~~charged today; guilty~~ of violating a government ban  
- on criticism of the South Korean constitution.

The clergymen ~~quickly~~ sentenced to prison terms -  
~~range~~<sup>of</sup> from ten to fifteen years.

## AMARILLO

*From Amarillo, Texas - a story of a young woman named Sheila Payne; who ~~was~~ always wanted to be a deputy sheriff - a police detective or a patrol woman. But was always turned down; so she finally joined the army - hoping to become an M P; and now - she's made it.*

*Private Sheila Payne completing eight weeks of specialized training - including the use of side arms - judo - the works. Coming through with flying colors - black and blue - but coming through; <sup>Bill</sup> ~~the~~ top graduate in her class - heading soon for Germany.*

## COLUMBUS

Columbus, Ohio - the Ohio senate today approved twenty to twelve - the proposed equal rights amendment to the Constitution. Ohio thus ~~was~~ becoming the thirty-third state to ratify the equal rights measure. ~~The~~ Thirty-three down - ~~and~~ only five more to go.