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WHITE HOUSE

The White House - President Nixon conferred today with General Creighton Abrams - just in from Vietnam. First meeting between the two ~~men~~ - since the President took office. The White House later announcing plans - for a Presidential report to the nation on Wednesday.

^ Topic - we are told - our chances for ending the war. Beyond that, the White House adding only - there will be no announcement of any troop withdrawal.

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Meanwhile, Secretary of State William Rogers was taking off - on a seventeen-day round-the-world trip. One that will take ⁹him first to Saigon - for four days of talks with South Vietnamese President Thieu. All of which would seem to indicate - something's about to pop.

Nevertheless, Rogers later stopping in Los Angeles - en route to the Far East. There issuing a statement - denouncing the new wave of Communist terrorism in Vietnam. Asserting that it raises grave doubt - whether the enemy is really "serious about peace."

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CELVELAND

Conviction at Cleveland. Black Nationalist leader Fred "Ahmed" Evans found guilty as charged today - in the ambush slaying last summer of three Cleveland policemen - also, one civilian. The prisoner immediately sentenced to death in the electric chair - tentatively set for next September.

PEKING

From Peking by way of Hong Kong - news today of an apparent move to ease Sino-Soviet tensions; with the Red Chinese - reportedly agreeing to hold talks with the Russians next month. Purpose - we hear: To discuss long-standing border disputes - which have led to a number of recent clashes between Russian and Chinese troops.

There were
~~by the way,~~ earlier reports from Moscow - telling of another "serious border incident" in the past few days.

As yet though - no details.

FRANKFURT

Retreat at Frankfurt. In the face of West Germany's decision not to revalue the mark - money speculators today forced to reconvert an estimated Six Hundred Million Bucks. In the process - losing "hundreds of million" in marks - according to West German officials. Coincidentally, the U.S. dollar and the British pound - both shooting up on money markets throughout Europe.

WASHINGTON FOLLOW FRANKFURT

Speaking of money - U. S. Treasury Secretary David Kennedy was also doing just that today. Announcing plans to remove all silver - from future U.S. coins. With the idea - said he - to save fast-dwindling reserves of the precious metal.

At the same time - the Treasury Department disclosing plans for a new "non-silver" dollar; one that would possibly bear the likeness - of the late General Eisenhower.

CAPE KENNEDY

In a space simulator at Cape Kennedy - a final practice flight today for the crew of the upcoming Apollo-Ten.

Astronauts Tom Stafford, John Young and Gene Cernan - successfully completing the last run-through of their eight-day lunar orbiting mission.

Next up: A final head-to-toe medical check-up - set for tomorrow; after which the three astronauts - have been promised a little time off. As one space official put it: "We're trying to end up with a rested crew this time."

Meanwhile, back at the pad - the countdown begins at midnight tonight. If all goes well - the Apollo-Ten headed for a trail-blazing moonflight as of this Sunday. Hopefully, clearing the way at last - for ^{*that long-awaited*} a manned landing on the moon.

FRENCH

On the French political scene - an added starter today in the post-DeGaulle Presidential sweepstakes. After weeks of hesitation - Interim President Alain Pohrer finally declaring himself an official candidate. Basing his decision on a number of "straw polls" - said to give him a strong chance against the early front-runner - ex-Premier Georges Pompidou.

Pohrer thereby narrowly beating the filing deadline - which is midnight tomorrow. The actual election - set for June One.

PARIS

Paris ^{again} - a memorable anniversary today - for Dominican Father Charles Boulogne; at age fifty-six - celebrating his first full year of life - on the strength of a transplanted heart. Next to Philip Blaiberg of Capetown, South Africa - the longest-lived of all the heart transplant patients so far.

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DAYTON FOLLOW PARIS

A related item - from Dayton, Ohio; where famed Houston surgeon Dr. Denton Cooley - was commenting on recent criticism of heart transplants. Dismissing as pointless at this time - all the recent alarm about possible long-range side effects. "When we're dealing with fatal diseases" like this - said Dr. Cooley - "we're not saying the patient will live six months or a year - we're just hoping he will live tomorrow.

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TOKYO

Newest in Pacific nightlife - is reported today from Tokyo; where a number of so-called "host clubs" - have sprung up in recent months.

And what's a "host club" - you ask? Well, its a kind of Geisha-house - except in reverse. With its clientele - made up exclusively of women; bored housewives - wayward working girls and so on. All drawn by the attraction of Japanese men - who serve as hosts, gigolos, Geishas or whatever.

Cost of club "membership" - about two bucks an hour, plus refreshments; which is not cheap - by Japanese standards. However, the "host clubs"-reporting a landslide business so far; in part ^{--we are told--} because they guarantee Japanese women for the first time ^{-Warren-} someone who will really listen to them.

YOKOHAMA

At Yokohama, Japan - it was "up anchor" today for a tiny American housewife. Five-four, hundred-and-twelve - pound Mrs. Sharon Sites Adams of San Diego - first woman ever to sail solo from California to Hawaii; now attempting to become the first woman - ever to sail solo from Japan to California.

Mrs. Adams' husband Al - along with an estimated fifteen hundred Japanese - there to see her off. Even a Japanese fire brigade band - playing "Frankie and Johnny" and "Anchors Aweigh." Mrs. Adams responding with a tearful farewell of her own - further noting that she'll be forced to celebrate her thirty-ninth birthday in mid-Pacific. Said she: "I may not bake myself a cake - and I know I'll be lonesome - but I'll do my celebrating when I get to San Diego."