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Washington, Moscow, London - a hopeful ~~a giant~~ step  
today in the direction of worldwide disarmament. The  
U.S., Russia and Britain - as well as fifty-seven other  
nations - signing a new treaty banning nuclear weapons  
from <sup>the</sup> ocean floor.

In Moscow - Soviet Premier Kosygin calling  
the pact - a key move "toward the complete  
demilitarization of the seabed," <sup>— all over the globe.</sup> In Washington -  
President Nixon expressing hope that this will pave  
the way - "sometime in the future - for the final great  
step - the control of all nuclear arms on earth."

SAIGON

From Saigon - another casualty; ~~today~~; setting the number of American combat dead the past week - at twenty-four; lowest figure <sup>of what it was</sup> since the start of the year. This followed by a report from the Pentagon - which says the American toll is currently running at one-eighth that of Ninety Sixty-Eight, the peak war year. ~~It~~ is also one-third ~~that of every~~ last year. ~~we are told.~~

Meanwhile, South Vietnamese troops ~~are~~ were continuing <sup>their</sup> push <sup>into</sup> ~~ahead today in~~ Laos, <sup>and</sup> ~~at last reports,~~ closing in from three sides ~~are~~ on a suspected Communist base ~~at Seponz~~ in Laos. <sup>said to</sup> ~~This said to~~ serve as a key transfer point ~~are~~ on the enemy's Ho Chi Min supply trail. Battlefield observers <sup>say</sup> ~~saying~~ a major clash <sup>may</sup> ~~could~~ be in the offing.

## PARIS

At the peace table in Paris - another exercise in futility today. America's David Bruce later telling reporters "The other side announced even in advance - that they intended not negotiations but polemics, ~~instead~~<sup>3</sup>." And he added: "That's what we got from them."

~~David~~ Bruce then going on to say: "Whenever Hanoi tries to condemn our side's actions in regard to Laos and Cambodia - without even mentioning the massive and longstanding North Vietnamese presence there - they are engaging in pure hypocrisy." And he further said: "The fighting and killing in Indochina go on" - for one reason and one reason alone; the fact that "Hanoi refuses to accept a cease-fire - and refuses to negotiate seriously."

In spite of all this - the war in Vietnam will end  
someday - they all do. And so a new job - for former  
Treasury Secretary David <sup>Kennedy</sup> ~~Secretary~~; who was sworn in as a  
U.S. Ambassador-at-Large - in ceremonies today at the  
White House. His first assignment - to make an extended  
tour of South Vietnam. President Nixon saying: "The next  
primary problem in South Vietnam" - will be the development  
of a viable post-war economy. And he added that "there is  
nobody in our government - better qualified" to serve as an  
adviser on this.

**CONNALLY FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE**

*A few minutes later - there came a second White House swearing-in ceremony. Former Texas Governor John Connally - taking ~~the~~ oath of office as the new Treasury Secretary. <sup>so</sup> ~~Succeeding, of course~~ to David Kennedy. Whereupon he promptly made -- his first public statement as a Cabinet member. ~~John~~ Connally saying: "Mr. President, will you permit me one big sigh - I finally made it - today I go on the payroll."*

## ECONOMY

*From the prestigious U.S. Business Council - an economic forecast today; coming to the conclusion that U.S. business and industry - will continue to show a gradual improvement through the remainder of Nineteen Seventy-One.*

*This based, in part, on an observation - that inflation "continues to be one of the thorns in the economy;" but will probably average about four percent next year - as compared with five point five percent in Nineteen Seventy. The report adds that any new increase in unemployment - will be "slight and temporary;" with the overall figure - probably dropping at least half a percent by the end of the year.*

MIDDLE EAST

Turning to the Middle East, Israeli newspapers ~~are~~ reporting ~~today~~ that Gunnar Jarring has finally put forward his own peace plan. The special UN mediator - said to be calling for Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territory; ~~at~~, that is <sup>all</sup> - <sub>1</sub> except the Gaza strip. Other details - still a secret - we are told.

~~However,~~ <sup>A</sup> UN spokesman in New York - refusing <sup>ed</sup> either to confirm or deny these reports, saying only: "We never comment on any aspect of Ambassador Jarring's mission, including news stories, which appear almost every day."

KENT

Here's one - a statistical notice from <sup>Kent</sup> State  
University - where those four students were shot ~~to~~  
~~death~~ last year. School officials reporting ~~today~~  
a forty-five percent drop in freshman applications for  
next fall.

Chancellor John Millet citing the present state  
of the economy - as perhaps one reason. But in light  
of "the events of a year ago" <sup>said he,</sup> - also, that Grand Jury  
report citing over-permissiveness - "I may well be" -  
<sup>the Kent State Chancellor</sup>  
said ~~that~~ "that some parents would prefer to have their  
sons and daughters go elsewhere."

# DEATH VALLEY

Did you ever hear of a "desert mockingbird" -  
or maybe a "<sup>Rocky</sup> Mountain canary"? If you did, then you know  
they are both one and the same - namely, a ~~donkey or a~~  
burro; whose world renown theme song - is a sonorous  
"Aw-ee - Aw-ee - Aw-ee!"  
and mellifious; "~~hee-haw~~".

Now comes a report that thousands ~~and thousands~~  
of burros - are running wild out West, especially in  
Death Valley. These the descendents of Jack<sup>and</sup> Jenny -  
originally abandoned by prospectors years ago when the  
gold fever turned to cold; and they are growing in number  
- we are told - to the point where they <sup>now</sup> ~~currently~~  
threaten to "take over;" ~~the whole area.~~

One proposed solution; to round up some of  
these burros from time to time - and <sup>train</sup> ~~sell~~ them, <sup>I use</sup> ~~as pets.~~  
to be an expert at this. We - in my mining camp days -  
used to capture them and <sup>train</sup> ~~tamp~~ them.  
~~Only trouble - the~~ protectionists argue that burros have  
been carrying man's burden - since time immemorable.  
and therefore these should be allowed to roam.  
~~And they add, in effect - "Enough's enough."~~

PAGO PAGO

For the men of Apollo 14 - a brief trip today

by helicopter; from the recovery carrier NEW ORLEANS  
to the American Samoa

~~to an~~ airfield at Pago Pago; ~~American Samoa~~, where

they were welcomed by hundreds of ~~applauding~~ <sup>cheering</sup> Samoans -

~~including~~ <sup>including</sup> ~~also, seven~~ hula skirted ~~dancing~~ <sup>who did their</sup> girls ~~welcomed~~ <sup>thing</sup> from

~~since~~ <sup>since</sup> the boys from the Moon were  
afar ~~though~~ <sup>though</sup> they're still in quarantine, ~~you know~~.  
and the Pago Pago girls were not in quarantine with  
the lunar men! The three ~~men~~ <sup>in</sup> and their germ proof van were

later placed aboard a jet for home. Next stop - <sup>Warren</sup> Houston.

Where they'll be greeted by their wives. No dancing  
girls!

LIVERPOOL

At Liverpool, England - an attempt today to rewrite the fairy tale - "SNOWWHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS." This - by the Liverpool Chapter of Women's Lib; which says that no self respecting girl - would ever let herself be carried off by a fairy prince - would ever agree to spend the rest of her life serving as a sex object in the palace boudoir.

In the new version, therefore - Snowwhite still bites the poison apple and passes out; but then she is saved by the hunter - who hates to see all that intellectual potential going down the drain. And later when the prince comes along - he takes one look at SnowWhite - and presto! - he hands in his sceptre. The happy couple spending the rest of their days - working shoulder to shoulder with the dwarfs down in their mines.

~~Warren, you dig! Or have the ladies gone~~

~~this time - too far?~~