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MIAMI BEACH

A little over a year ago - you may recall - at a meeting of the AFL-CIO Executive council in Miami Beach - there was a hostile reception for President Nixon; with AFL-CIO President George Meany - said to have been one of the chief offenders.

Ah, but today in the same setting - all was changed. George Meany was actually waiting at the curb to welcome the President - when he pulled up in his limosine. The President later receiving a standing ovation from the full executive council - when he entered their meeting room and again when he left.

In between - the President spelling out his Phase Three Economic Program and calling for labor support - to help make it work. Also, thanking the labor leaders for their support on foreign policy; which was "indispensable - said he - in achieving quote "peace with honor in Vietnam."

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**As he returned to his car - the President drawing official
cheers from spectators; along with cries such as - "Thank
you for bringing the boys home - and "God bless you, Mr.
President." Quite a change! Quite a change!**

CLARK

For the latest group of returned American POW's - at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines - a whirlwind of official processing today; including medical and dental check-ups - refresher courses on life in the U.S. plus gobs and gobs of ice cream. Also along the way - a few brief interviews with newsmen.

Air Force Major Ray Jensen of Sandy, Utah, saying: "I feel that I have spent six years in hell - but now I have been resurrected and I'm going to start a new life." Air Force Captain Kevin McCanus of Falls Church, Virginia, recalling he had been married only four days - when he was summoned to duty. "She's never cooked me a cup of coffee" - he said of his wife. "But I've talked to her" - he continued - "and she hasn't changed! That's what really counts!"

Air Force Captain Herbert Raingdorf of Elba, Alabama, saying: "The nurses in mini-skirts - that's what told me I was really here." Air Force Captain Michael Lane, a

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bachelor was discussing the girl of his dreams. "You know"
- said he - "nice figure, cute face - not a Hollywood type,
preferably blond and athletic." The Captain adding: "If you
see her - "tell her to call me."

DALLAS FOLLOW CLARK

With the prisoners coming home - now it can be told. Texas Millionaire H. Ross Perot telling today Dallas - how he formed a private spy network in Communist North Vietnam. "We paid a hundred dollars" - said he - "for a picture that showed the head and shoulders of a prisoner; another hundred dollars for a shot that started from the toes and went up; and an additional three hundred - for pictures of those prisoners we hadn't heard about."

Perot also saying that his own trip to Vietnam - a few years back - had yielded concrete results. "Early in 1970" - said he - "they took the keys away from the guards to stop individual harrassment; they put the prisoners on a proper diet; gave them proper medical attention and released them from solitary confinement."

Perot adding that U.S. officials were fully aware of his spy network. "We told the government" - said he - "if we're doing anything that is not in the national interest - just whisper it once lightly in our ear and we'll stop."

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So here's to Ross Perot the Naval Academy graduate who became a computer wizard, and went all out on his own to help solve the POW problem.

NEW DELHI

Barring the unexpected, Daniel Patrick Moynihan will be arriving in New Delhi - in less than twenty-four hours from now; there to take up his official duties as new U.S. Ambassador to India; a job perhaps made a little easier today - by India's President V. V. Giri. This in a speech to an opening session - of the Indian parliament. President Giri saying: "It is our earnest desire - to improve understanding and cooperation with the United States." Giri also expressing hope that the cease fire in Vietnam - "will lead to a durable peace;" that "peace and order will come to the neighboring states - of Laos, and Cambodia," as well.

ILE D'YEU

The windswept Ile d'Yeu off the West Coast of France - final resting place of the late Phillippe Petain, or so it was thought. Now comes a report - that someone has stolen his coffin.

Marshall Petain, a French national hero in World War One; but the head of the Vichy regime - a collaborator with the Nazis - during World War Two. He died in exile; and who would want his body, hard to say. Officials noting, however, that Petain often expressed a desire - to be buried along side his "poilus", the nickname for French trench-soldiers. A spokesman adding: "This seems to be a highly political affair."

WARSAW

Today in Warsaw and throughout Poland a series of celebrations; including parties - festivals - the awarding of special scholarships - and the dedication of a new scientific center; all marking the five hundredth anniversary of the birth date of Nikolai Kopernik - better known as the legendary Kopernicus.

The son of a rich merchant - Kopernicus was a practicing physician for many years. He was also trained as a lawyer, also studied painting with Italian masters and was even an expert economist. In the latter capacity he was the first to come up with the theory - that "Bad money drives out good money."

In his early thirties Kopernicus began to concentrate on astronomy. At age thirty-four, in defiance of church teachings, he formulated his famed thesis "on the revolution of "celestial orbs;" placing the sun at the center of the swirling planets, instead of the earth; thereby ushering in - the so-called "Kopernican Revolution."

It might be noted - Kopernicus was also an expert at keeping out of trouble; and thus he refused to publish his epic work - 'til he knew he was dying; receiving his first copy - as he lay on his death bed at age seventy. He read the first page - so the story goes - smiled - and within the hour was dead. The great Kopernicus, Master of the Universe.

TEL AVIV

In the Middle East - at Tel Aviv - a declaration of war today; with the Israeli Air Force - on standby alert. The government of Israel vowing to fight to the death - an oncoming plague of locusts. The locusts in question - currently centered in the Tedda Red Sea area in Saudi Arabia. Once they have gorged themselves there - they are expected to head north as they always do; across the Sinai Peninsula - and on into Israel. This time - the Israelis are ready and waiting.

A government spokesman saying: "In the past, we weren't - able to do anything when the locusts started crossing the Sinai - because the Egyptians were in the Sinai!" "But now" - he added - "it's a different story." The Israelis are planning to spray the locusts with vast quantities of DDT.

CHICAGO

Chicago - a verdict of guilty today - in the trial of Otto Kerner. The former Illinois Governor - who later became a Federal Appeals Judge. He's convicted of conspiracy, bribery, mail fraud, income tax evasion, perjury, and falsifying tax returns; all in connection with the fixing of horse racing data - while he was serving as Governor. Kerner becoming the first Appeals Court Judge in U.S. history - to be tried and convicted of a major crime.

His co-defendant - former Illinois State Revenue Director Theodore Isaacs - also found guilty as charged. Kerner now facing a sentence - of up to eighty-three years in prison; Isaacs - up to seventy-three years.

WASHINGTON

The founder of the National Organization for Woman - main speaker today at a NOW convention in Washington.

Betty Friedan telling her sister women's libbers; "We have come through stage one of the sexual revolution - we have broken the barrier of sex discrimination!" Adding, indeed: "There is nothing we cannot do." There were a number of votes. One to legalize prostitution; which passed overwhelmingly. Betty Friedan, therefore, urging feminists to begin to cooperate again with men. "We are now strong enough ourselves" - said she - "to see men now as bread winners, not as sex objects, not as enemies; but as human beings - brothers." "We will make it possible in this way"- she continued - John - "for men and women to make love, not war;" says Betty the Womenslibber.

GIBRALTAR

The subject of this next - "Global Tectonics;" a new name - for the study of the earth's changing crust. Said crust - said to consist of a crazy-quilt of great rafts or "plates" these said to be shifting about on the order of huge ice flows on a giant frozen sea.

And now for the latest news - from "Global Tectonics!" The scientists telling us "Los Angeles is slowly slipping away; also, the Atlantic is widening - the Pacific is narrowing - the Alps are growing taller - even the Rock of Gibraltar is getting fidgety. And that's the solid truth - so they tell us.