

TURKEY

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Good evening everybody.

Four American airmen were released unharmed in Turkey late today - after being held since Thursday by anti-government terrorists. Their kidnappers had threatened to kill the Americans unless Four-Hundred thousand dollars ransom was paid by Saturday. But now they are back in their billets in Ankara - all four in good condition. U.S. Ambassador William Handley says he is happy that reason has prevailed and a senseless tragedy has been averted. Secretary of State Rogers issued a statement in Washington, expressing "great satisfaction with the vigorous and extraordinary efforts of the Turkish government in connection with the case"

ANKARA

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In an unrelated case,
~~Overseas again - at Ankara~~ Turkey's Supreme
handed down
Court ~~also rendered~~ today an important verdict. Ruling that
~~these~~ two Lithuanians - a father and ~~his~~ son - who hijacked
a Soviet airliner last fall - are subject to extradition back
Soviet
to Russia. This tantamount to a death sentence - ~~was rendered~~;
inasmuch as the pair killed a stewardess - and Soviet officials
have ~~since~~ demanded "appropriate" punishment.

However, Turkey's Foreign Office - quick to point
out that Turkey has no extradition treaty with the Soviet
Union. Adding, in the final analysis, "it will be up to the
government / whether to hand over the hijackers to Russia or
not."

Red China's Premier Chou En-Lai - has paid a surprise visit to Communist North Vietnam. The Chinese leader quoted as telling the North Vietnamese - that "China and Vietnam are tightly united like lips and teeth." Adding that the Chinese people will "resolutely support the resistance war of the Vietnamese people - until total victory." Also, that Red China has made adequate preparations for continued US war efforts in Southeast Asia. Exactly what that means is a matter of speculation.

Communist truck traffic in Laos, just beyond the reach of that present Allied thrust - is said to have increased sharply. However, the Communist traffic - heading North rather than South; which could indicate - preparations for a possible Communist counteroffensive in Laos. Allied sources admitting though - as yet, they really don't know.

Here at home - a defense ~~to~~^{the} of ~~that~~ South Vietnamese incursion into Laos. / Secretary of State ~~Walters~~ Rogers telling a VFW conference: "There was no reason - legally or morally - why the North Vietnamese should have had safe haven" inside Laos.

Rogers also suggested, ~~Walters~~ by inference, { that he would not oppose - ~~even~~ a South Vietnamese invasion of ~~Communist~~ North Vietnam. / The Secretary saying there is "no reason why the South Vietnamese - as strong as they are, - should be under any restrictions militarily." And he added: "If you conduct a war in which the only action you can take is defensive - then you" place ~~Walters~~ yourself "at the mercy of the enemy."

CAIRO FOLLOW ANKARA

~~Turning South and West -~~ All quiet today ~~on the~~
in + Middle East,
~~Mideast front.~~ Both the Arabs and Israelis - continuing to
observe the terms of their truce agreement; even though it
expired officially ~~- as of last midnight~~ *yesterday* The Kremlin
reportedly telling Cairo: "Don't shoot - at least, not yet."
The Israelis - reacting accordingly. /

But how long will it last? / That's the big question.
Indeed, Egypt invoking tonight / a partial blackout in the city
of Cairo. / And ~~what~~ with both sides on full alert - at least
one Western diplomat is quoted as saying: "Anything could
set it off now / the sonic boom of a passing plane / or an
accidental gunshot / anything."

KARACHI FOLLOW CALCUTTA

The death toll from political violence in East Pakistan - now estimated at nearly Two-Hundred. That's according to an official broadcast originating at Karachi in West Pakistan. Unofficially though, on-scene observers placing the count - at more like three hundred; adding that it could go - much higher.

Both Britain and West Germany have indicated concern over the possibility of civil war in Pakistan.

CALCUTTA

At Calcutta in India's West Bengal state - another two deaths today; raising the overall toll to seventy-four - with two days yet to go in India's ten-day national polling process.

Along the way, India's ruling Congress Party - accused of permitting a "reign of terror." This according to a Congress Party splinter group - which calls itself the Bangla Congress. Observers noting, however, that India's Marxist Communist Party - has been accused of committing much of the violence; ~~although~~ ~~the~~ the Marxists themselves complain of constant attacks - from ~~the~~ ~~Naxalites~~ India's version of the Red Guards.

SUPREME COURT

~~Elsewhere in Washington - another Monday - another~~

Monday Decision Day

~~big decision today~~ at the U.S. Supreme Court. Including a

refusal to grant conscientious objector status - to a man

opposed to a specific war, such as Vietnam. Justice Thurgood

Marshall ~~asserting~~ ^{saying} that the Selective Service Law -

exempts only persons "who oppose participation in all war."

The High Court also let stand - a lower court ruling

that the film - "I Am Curious (Yellow)" - is obscene. This

by virtue of a tie vote - four-to-four; with Justice William

Douglas / disqualifying himself.

In still another case - the Supreme Court barring

job promotion tests - based on questions unrelated to the

work to be performed. / One such question asking whether the

words "adopt" and "adept" - have similar or contradictory

meanings, or neither. / And ^{then} ~~thus~~ held to be a violation - of the

Nineteen-Sixty-Four Civil Rights Act.

CAPITOL HILL

On Capitol Hill - an attempt today to take advantage of the old adage - that "money talks." The Senate offering a reward of One Hundred Thousand Dollars - for information leading to the arrest and conviction of whoever it was that bombed the Capitol last week.

This by the authority of ~~the~~ Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield - and his Republican counterpart, Hugh Scott; who said the reward money - ~~had come from a wealthy donor~~ had come from a wealthy donor as yet unnamed. ~~They~~ They also announced that the Capitol police force - will now become ~~a~~ fully professionalized; ~~which~~ which means, - no more patronage.

WHITE HOUSE

20th and At 30

At The White House - a ceremony today honoring Mr.

and Mrs. Gerritt Boerema of Hyde County, North Carolina -

as National Farm Family of the Year. President Nixon noting

that the Boerema's came to the U.S. from Holland - back in

Nineteen-Forty-Nine; ~~that~~ they later started a dairy farm -

on rented land - with only seven cows; ^{but} ~~whereas~~ they now own

a modern dairy farm of a hundred and seventy-six acres - with

a hundred and ten cows. / The President telling Mr. and Mrs.

Boerema: "You took very little - and made a great deal of it."

More news in a moment.

NEW YORK

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Here in New York - a traditional motorcade today
for the men of Apollo-Fourteen; who were cheered by thousands
en route to City Hall - where they received the city's Gold
Medal, the highest honor New York can bestow. Astronauts
Alan Shepard, Ed Mitchell and Stuart Roosa scheduled to wind
up their New York visit - by attending that big heavyweight
championship fight ^{later to evening} ~~later on tonight.~~



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FIGHT FOLLOW NEW YORK

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~~Speaking of which~~ - the formal weigh-in today, ^{Ceremony}

World heavyweight champion Joe Frazier - tipping the scales at two-oh-five-and-a-half. Ex-champ ~~Cassius Clay~~ ^{known} as Muhammad Ali - two-fifteen. For both fighters - the heaviest of their lives.

As for last-minute comment - Joe Frazier saying:

^{Ali}
"I'm in the best of shape and ready to go." ~~Cassius Clay~~ for his part - insisting he's still the rightful titleholder.

^{Tonight}
And he added: "I'm going to straighten it all out ~~tonight~~"

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