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WHITE HOUSE

Jordan's young King Hussien - a visitor today at the White House. Receiving an especially warm welcome from President Nixon - complete with full state honors.

In an exchange of formal greeting - the President referred to the present "explosive situation" in the Mid East. One that can be defused - said he - only by "leadership from within", leadership displaying "the quality of courage the quality of wisdom - and the quality of moderation."

The President further telling Hussein: "We in this country have seen in you these qualities - you have been a man of courage, of wisdom, of moderation." And he added his hope that the two of them - "serarching together - would be able "to find new avenues of understanding."

In reply - the young King offered his own pledge - to seek a "just and honorable peace" in the Mid-East. On a more personal note - he also recalled that he had first met the then Vice-President in Nineteen Fifty-Nine. "I am proud of

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the fact that you are my friend", said Hussein. Adding that perhaps now relations between the U.S. and Jordan -will "grow stronger than they ever were."

NEW YORK FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

At the same time in New York - the "Big Four" ambassadors to the United Nations were getting together a second time; still searching for an acceptable compromise - whereby the U.N. might reasert itself in the Mid-East crisis.

Meanwhile, there was a five hour duel between Egyptian and Israeli artillery - across the Suez Canal. Jerusalem promptly blaming Cairo - for up the exchange; calling it an attempt to heat up the Canal front - in hopes of asserting undue "influence" on New York - also Washington.

AWABA

Also there is a report of an Israeli jet attack - on Jordan's port city of Aquaba on an arm of the Red Sea. Jerusalem calling this - a reprisal raid, in retaliation for a pre-dawn Arab commando rocket attack - on the nearby Israeli port of Elath. Elath and Aqaba are side by side at the head of the Gulf of Aqaba.

PARIS

On the peace front - Paris - the war of words continues. With a Viet Cong spokesman the second straight day denouncing South Vietnamese President Thieu's latest peace offer; calling Thieu himself a traitor - and his plan not only reactionary but also insolent. That - from the Communist side.

VIET NAM

On the fighting front in Viet Nam the shooting war goes on, with a Big U.S. sweep across the plain southwest of Da Nang. In one bunker complex U.S. Marines wiped out thirty-five Viet Cong as agaisnt no losses of their own.

This was the only ground action reported in Viet Nam, and we hear of a cutback in enemy rocket attacks - simultanous with the fifty per cent reduction in U.S.B-52 raids. Is this actual de-escalation - or merely a lull?

KANNAPOLIS FOLLOW VIET NAM

Here at home again - an historic first in the field of Civil Rights. With the Justice Department filing suit today against Cannon Mills of Kannapolis, North Carolina. Charging the firm with discrimination - both in employment and Company-owned housing.

This the first job discrimination suit - since the start of the new Nixon administration. Also, the first government attempt ever - to desegregate Company housing.

HOUSTON

The first human ever to receive an artificial heart dead today at Houston. Haskell Karp - a victim of cardiac arrest. His death following by just a day - the swap of his man-made heart for another God-given heart.

DURHAM

A birthday note next- from Durham, North Corolina; where Radio Station WDNC is celebrating today - its thirty-fifth celebration on the air. Also, thirty-five years - with CBS Radio. So here's to WDNC; many happy returns and all that.

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ROVNO

Dateline - the city of Rovno in the Ukraine. A young Russian by the name of Yuri Karpuhin, - in deep trouble needing money fast, broke his way into a grocery store there rifling the till of nearly four thousand bucks A⁴⁴erican. And he mighthave gotten away with it - except that he got greedy. Walking into the store's giant refrigerator planning to make off with some of the store's meat as well. What happened? He accidentally locked himself in.

It was there the police captured him the next morning still clutching the money in his trembling fingers. And so ends the story of Yuri Karpuhin - who jumped from the frying pan into the fire; or in this case - John Shafer would you say from the refrigerator into the "cooler"?

AGNEW

Less than three months in office - Vice President Spiro Agnew has already discovered the historic limitation of his own job; as he demonstrated today - in a speech to the National Alliance of Business Men.

Topic: Minority Employment. Mr. Agnew telling the assembled business men: "I appreciate your efforts to stimulate minority employment - because, as Vice President, I know what minority employment is."

Lest there remain any doubt - Spiro Agnew adding: "This office esn't exactly the exercise of raw power."