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SAIGON-HANOI

In the quest for peace in Vietnam - round and round we go. Saigon vowing today to resist any proposed peace agreement - "that offers South Vietnam on a plate to the Communists." Whereupon a broadcast from Hanoi - urging the U.S. to end its "procrastinating attitude"; adding if there is any attempt to alter points already agreed on - "the agreement can never be signed."

While here at home - President Nixon conferring with Henry Kissinger. The White House later refusing comment - except to say, as it has before - that we will not be "stampeded" into any agreement.

MEKONG DELTA FOLLOW SAIGON-HANOI

*In the meantime, the fighting continues -and the
dying, too. A giant U.S. helicopter - crashing today
in the Mekong Delta. Of the twenty-seven who were killed -
"most" said to be Americans.*

WHITE HOUSE

From the White House today - another paid radio talk by President Nixon; spelling out some of the steps he has taken - in attempting to turn an urban crisis into, quote, "an urban opportunity."

"Our average expenditures for community development and housing" - said the President - "have been One Billion a year higher in this Administration than in the previous four years; Federally assisted housing for low and moderate income families - has increased more than fourfold; we have spent more than two-and-a-half times as much on fighting crime - and eleven times as much fighting drug abuse."

The President also saying: "For every one dollar spent to fight pollution four years ago - we have budgeted Three-and-a-Half this year." And "today, for the first time" - he continued - "the air in our cities is getting cleaner and not dirtier; we are beginning to win the battle - to clean our lakes and rivers."

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The President further noting: "Before we came into office, the most the Federal government had made available for mass transit in any one year - was One Hundred and Seventy-Five Million;" where this year - the figure will hit "a full One Billion."

The President adding: "As we approach our nation's Two Hundredth Anniversary - there is a sense that the graph of urban history is climbing again;" that "the pendulum is swinging" at last - "in a new direction."

HIJACKING FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

On another front - President Nixon signed today the so-called Montreal Sabotage Convention. This - an attempt at curbing air piracy; calling for extradition ⁺ of prosecution of persons who commit sabotage - against international civil aviation.

The President saying in an accompanying statement:

"A civilized society cannot tolerate terrorism." Adding that "any action which makes a diplomat, a government official or an innocent citizen a pawn in a politically-motivated dispute - undermines the safety of every other person."

NEW YORK FOLLOW HIJACKING

On the Democratic side - George McGovern put in another appearance today - on the "Today" show on TV. There ~~restating~~ ^{restating} his intention, if elected, to cut off aid to South Vietnam - come what may in the way of a peace agreement.

In support of his stand, McGovern then comparing South Vietnam's President Thieu - with the Axis leaders of World War Two. Asserting: "We didn't offer any aid to Hitler - and didn't offer any aid to the Tojo government in Japan."

McGovern also said he expects to win the election - by carrying the West Coast, the Eastern Seaboard "down to about Virginia," and the Great Lakes region. The Senator adding that he was encouraged - by an apparent six per cent error in the pre-election polls up in Canada. Observing that here - it's a "much more volatile situation."

MIAMI

At Miami - a verdict of guilty today - in a case involving one of the key figures in that Watergate bugging incident. Bernard L. Barker - an ex-CIA agent - convicted of fraudulently notarizing a Twenty-Five Thousand-Dollar check; a check that was sent in as a contribution - to the President's re-election campaign.

However, the crime in question - a simple misdemeanor. And thus Barker's sentence was set at sixty days, sentence suspended - on condition only that he now surrender his notary license.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "BEVERLY MIMS"

*Next - Lowell Thomas; with his subject tonight -
one of those who "also serves." Lowell...*

SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "BEVERLY MIMS"

Thank you, Lowell. A final story - in a moment.

EZRA POUND

Ezra Pound died today. The American poet - rushed to a hospital in Venice and died just two days after his eighty-seventh birthday. Pound was profoundly influential in modern English literature - there isn't a major writer or POET that didn't learn from him. But he became controversial during World War Two - when he broadcast what some said were pro fascist radio programs from Italy. He was captured - tried for treason - found psychologically unfit to stand trial - and spent thirteen years in a MENTAL hospital - then when released lived the rest of his life in exile. "As for literature" - Pound once wrote - "It gives no man a sinecure - and NO ONE knows, at sight, a masterpiece. And give up verse, my boy - there's nothing in it." For Lowell Thomas - this is Charles Osgood. Good Night.