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NIXON

*President Nixon - casting aside a full work schedule for the rest of the holiday weekend - flew to New York City today to spend a few days with his family - theater-going, Christmas shopping, dining out - and having a good time - we hope. The White House calls the visit purely "private" - a family weekend. None-the-less communications were kept open to permit the President to exchange messages with Henry Kissinger over at the peace talks in Paris. The President is at the Waldorf, with his wife, Pat, - their daughters, Julie and Tricia, and Tricia's husband Edward Cox - also Bebe Rebozo, the President's Florida friend.*

## VIETNAM

White House News Secretary Ron Ziegler refused today to comment on Saigon reports that the ~~Paris~~ peace talks have bogged down. Nor would he comment on the question as to whether Henry Kissinger is running into ~~some~~ unexpected difficulties in nailing down that nine point cease fire agreement ~~announced~~ announced a month ago. Kissinger held another secret session today with Hanoi's negotiators and <sup>still</sup> another -- the sixth -- is scheduled for tomorrow. Meanwhile, both the South Vietnamese and the Viet Cong are expressing growing irritation over the delay.

A Navy Corsair fighter-bomber crashed into the South China Sea - the eighth U S aircraft lost since Monday. The crash came after the damaged plane failed in an attempt to land aboard an aircraft carrier. The ~~pilot~~ pilot was rescued. American B-52s

*flew fourteen bombing missions over the North and South, while on the ground Communist artillery continued to batter government positions in Quang Tri Province.*

## FOREIGN

*Soviet Communist party secretary Leonid Brezhnev will visit the United States next April. Let's see, Khrushchev was here in Nineteen Fifty Nine and five years ago Premier Kosygin met President Johnson in Glasboro, New Jersey. When he comes the sixty-five year old Brezhnev will be reciprocating for President Nixon's visit to Moscow last May. During his stay he will be accorded all the honors due a chief of state, of course. By the way Finland today - established formal diplomatic relations with both ~~the~~ East and West Germany - the first western nation to recognize Communist East Germany. Sweden is expected to do the same soon - and then Denmark and Norway.*

## HOSTAGE

*On this the day after Thanksgiving, thirty one year old Jerry Sanford of Dade City, Florida has much to be thankful for - including the mere fact that he's alive. Last night, while he and his family were at home watching television there was a knock on the front door and Sanford opened it - to be greeted by a gun-toting escaped convict who forced him into an auto. Sanford took the drivers seat and began a wild-ride north on Florida's Interstate Seventy-Five. First, the convict exchanged gunfire with a highway patrol car that gave chase, and then the patrol car rammed the fleeing auto to a stop - with the convict sustaining a wound in his left shoulder. His hostage - Jerry Sanford grabbed the convict's gun and tossed it out the window, only to look down the blade of a knife that suddenly appeared in the convict's hand. But the patrolman disarmed him - and Sanford went back home to finish watching that TV movie - something about a chase.*

## STEWARDESS

*In Frankfurt, Germany an unidentified gunman reported to have an East European acent - is holding a stewardess hostage at gunpoint aboard an Air Canada plane - parked at the Airport. Police say the gunman has given them twenty-four hours to hand over a Czech national who allegedly shot and killed a Czech pilot in a plane hi-jacking to Germany from Prague last June. Otherwise, say the police, the gunman threatens to set off a dynamite charge aboard the plane. At the moment only the gunman and the stewardess are aboard.*

*Wild Line -*

*And now here's the latest on that hi-jacking and ~~hostage~~ hostage at the airport in Frankfort Germany.*