

VIETNAM PARIS

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On the war front - Vietnam - the watching and the waiting continues, the hoping, too with a major lull in enemy ground action - raising the prospects of something ~~is~~ <sup>really</sup> afoot. A feeling ~~is~~ <sup>stepped up by the</sup> North Vietnamese announcement ~~today - disclosing the~~ <sup>of their</sup> planned <sup>to</sup> release of three more American prisoners of war.

Summing up - an American spokesman saying:

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"There is a lull -- ~~as~~ you can tell it "just from the reported action." But what it means - how long will it last - and where it will all lead - that, said he, "we ~~are~~ don't know."

~~Meanwhile~~ <sup>Meanwhile</sup> ~~at the same time~~ in Paris <sup>there was</sup> another session of Vietnam peace talks, <sup>that</sup> on the surface ~~at least~~ <sup>seemed to be</sup> getting nowhere as far as a cease-fire is concerned. However, Henry Cabot Lodge publicly <sup>did</sup> thank ~~ing~~ the Communists - for their decision to ~~submit~~ release those three P O W's.

Further expressing his hope "that this action will

*lead to more general prisoner releases - as well  
"other humanitarian acts."*

## KEY BISCA YNE

### *The Florida White House at Key Biscayne*

*where President Nixon is spending the holiday weekend - a bee-hive of activity today. News developments including, first and foremost - a special Presidential message to that Geneva disarmament Conference;*  
*Asserting that "the specter of chemical and biological warfare - arouses horror and revulsion throughout the world." The President, therefore, pledging the U S to an all-out effort - to achieve "reliable arms controls" in this area.*

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*Still in the field of foreign affairs - the President also ended months of speculation. Announcing his decision not - repeat - not to assign a full time envoy to the Vatican; but rather to send a personal representative from time to time - to confer with Pope Paul. Indeed, this same message relayed to the Pontiff today - by just such a man - Special White House*

assistant Peter Flanagan.

Turning to domestic affairs - an announcement especially appropriate to Fourth of July eve. The President appointing a new seventeen member -- American Revolution bi-Centennial Commission. With its assigned task - that of planning the nation's two hundredth birthday seven years hence. And its ultimate goal - said the President - to launch our third ~~cent~~ century with a new "spirit of seventy-six."

CAPE KENNEDY

At Cape Kennedy - another key test today.

The three ~~the~~ Apollo Eleven astronauts making believe it was already July Sixteenth. Boarding their space capsule, flicking switches, monitoring instruments; just as if they were actually embarking - on man's first moon landing mission.

~~This final manned rehearsal taking, in all, more than ~~two~~ two-and-a-half hours. Successful in every detail - ending in mock blast-off at nine-thirty-two A.m. - exactly as planned. Apollo launch control center later reporting - "the test went very well."~~

Next stop for the three Moon men - Houston, Texas; where they will spend the holiday weekend with their families and also hold their first and last pre-flight news conference.

SANTO DOMINGO

Governor Rockefeller's visit to <sup>the city of</sup> Santo

Domingo in the Dominican Republic <sup>as you may have heard was</sup> - <sup>marred today</sup>

by a couple of shooting incidents. The first - in the heart  
of <sup>the</sup> city, <sup>the</sup> central plaza Independencia. The second about  
eight miles from the Governor's hotel. According to  
<sup>present</sup> ~~best available~~ information - leaving <sup>a number</sup> ~~at least four~~ dead  
and several wounded. Dominican President Joaquin  
Balaguer later saying the incidents were caused -  
partly by the nervousness of police and troops in  
reaction to provocation.

In any event - <sup>Gov. Rockefeller was</sup> carrying on with his  
mission, driving unharmed through the streets of  
~~Santo Domingo~~ <sup>the city once known for a few years as Trujillo,</sup> enroute to the Presidential  
Palace. There concluding his high level talks - with  
Dominican officials.

<sup>the tropical island</sup>  
Next stop <sup>Jamaica</sup> which is almost  
as beautiful as Ceylon - but without Ceylon's,  
elephants, tigers, spectacular temples and so on.

NEW YORK

Here's one - well, it's something to think about. A brief item that comes today - from the "keep America beautiful organization" ~~is~~ with headquarters in New York. <sup>It</sup> Predict<sup>s</sup>~~ing~~ that Americans will probably scatter across the land this Fourth of July weekend - about four hundred thousand cubic yards of trash and litter. Enough to cover every major league baseball park in the country - to a depth of four feet.

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~~All of ~~it~~ which suggests a moral. If you want to play ball with the rest of us - make to go, not litter.~~

CHICAGO

~~This next~~ From Chicago, The story of a group travel plan - a bit different from what you might expect. The group in question - consisting of twenty-four former patients at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. ~~Handicapped persons who have learned to live with their ailments~~ <sup>persons hit by</sup> such as stroke, polio, multiple sclerosis, spinal injury and so on; planning to ~~leave~~ leave tomorrow - on a two week tour to London, Paris and Amsterdam.

Arthur Rubin,  
The man who thought it up - ~~the~~ Rehabilitation ~~Institute's Recreation~~ Director, ~~One Arthur Rubin~~ who scoffs at the ~~general~~ notion - "that a wheel chair rider should stay in his own block." ~~That's old fashioned~~ says he; ~~saying that~~ "with a little energy and foresight almost any handicapped person can travel almost anywhere, <sup>go with you -</sup> even to Timbuctoo or ~~Katmandu~~ Katmandu, Warren.

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CAMARTHEN-FISHGUARD-LONDON

The New Prince of Wales - on tour again  
today, ~~in that part of the world~~ <sup>among his fellow Celts</sup> Stopping at Camarthen -  
where thousands of swooning teen-agers shouted:  
"Charles! - Oh, Charles"! Travelling on to Fishguard -  
where he bowled over a couple of ~~pretty~~ pretty Girl  
Scouts. For starters - asking the bonny lassies:  
Can you tie any knots?

Meanwhile, in London - pretty Patricia  
Nixon was meeting the press, <sup>where</sup> The subject of a possible  
wedding knot <sup>came</sup> ~~coming~~ quickly to the fore. To this  
- Tricia replying: ~~well,~~ "Let me just say that  
Prince Charles is my sister's age." In other words,  
twenty - as compared with Tricia's twenty-three. <sup>And so</sup>  
~~Next question - Is age a barrier to love? And Tricia's~~  
~~answer - Not if you're in love with someone, and so the~~  
<sup>the</sup> President's daughter and Britain's Prince Charming <sup>today</sup>  
<sup>were</sup> like two ships passing in the night.