

*The House of Assembly of Papua, New Guinea - in special session today at Port Moresby; voted unanimously to declare itself a free and independent nation - as of September Sixteen. This with the approval of Australia which has been steering the two eastern halves of the world's largest island into combined statehood.*

*The new nation has already decided - however, it will remain a part of the British commonwealth. Australia also pledging to maintain its defense forces in Papua, New Guinea as long as needed; and to provide the framework - through which the new state can develop its own diplomatic system.*

*Papua, New Guinea - from Stone Age to Space Age, in less than a decade.*

*And now...*

WASHINGTON

Governor Wallace of Alabama - the main speaker today at that small business mens convention in Washington; coming about as close as he possibly could - to declaring himself a candidate for the ~~Democratic~~ Democratic nomination for President next year.

~~Wallace saying: "My intention is that I am going to be involved in seventy-six" adding, "in due time" "I do intend to make a more formal announcement that will carry the message."~~

WHITE HOUSE

In the same vein, an announcement today  
that President Ford will <sup>Officially</sup> ~~formally declare himself~~  
~~a candidate~~ for re-election -- no later than Friday.

The White House also saying that Army Secretary

Howard Callaway - will become his campaign chairman  
some time next month.

HOUSE

On Capitol Hill - a meeting last night and another today - between Freshman House Democrats and House Speaker Carl Albert. The "young Turks" demanding a greater say - in party strategy; also, blaming what they called a "lack of leadership" - for the Democrat's failure to over-ride a number of recent vetoes.

Albert's reaction ~~to this~~ - a brief ~~statement~~ statement saying that ~~the~~ <sup>2</sup> Fresh<sup>5</sup>men may have "some points" but they don't want a speaker, said he - "they want a bouncer."



KUALA LUMPUR

From Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia comes a story today - telling of an attack on a Thai Malaysian border survey team. The Communists said to have killed ~~seven~~ seventeen; ~~in all~~ ~~thereby~~ scoring their biggest victory since they were all but wiped out in that area - a dozen years ago.

BANGKOK

~~At the same time - in Bangkok - an announcement~~  
~~today that the~~ U S plans <sup>are</sup> to withdraw eighty-seven more  
combat planes from ~~the~~ Thailand, <sup>at once.</sup> ~~by the end of the month.~~

~~Thai officials adding that the latest pull-out will also~~  
~~lead to the~~ <sup>also</sup> dismantling <sup>be</sup> - of Nakorn Phanom airbase,  
~~which~~ once ~~served as~~ U S Air ~~Force~~ headquarters <sup>for</sup>  
~~in~~ all Southeast Asia.

## RIYADH

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The man who assassinated King Feisal of Saudi Arabia three months ago - was publicly beheaded today) ~~today~~ at Riyadh. The ritual execution taking place in a crowded square in front of Saudi Arabia's Al Hokm Palace - the palace of justice. The condemned man - Prince Feisal Bin Musaek, who was the King's half nephew, <sup>was</sup> bound and blind-folded, and he said not a word; ~~meekly~~ meekly placing his head on the chopping block - where his retribution was swift, savage and final.

AUGUSTA

Augusta, Maine - the signing today of a bill ~~making~~ making possession of a small amount of marijuana - a civil ~~act~~ rather than a criminal offense. Maine thus becoming the second state in the nation in effect, to decriminalize marijuana at least in part.



MENLO PARK

The development of an amazing new forge proof pen - is reported today from the Stanford ~~Research~~ Research institute in California. Dr. Hewitt Crane saying his new pen, when hooked into a computer causes a whistle to blow whenever its used by any unauthorized person. Dr. Crane adding it thereby "clearly separates - the good guys from the forgers."

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And now -

OKLAHOMA CITY

Over the past few years, Oklahoma State Senator E. Melvin Porter has been waging a one-man campaign -- to banish the locks on rest rooms in public buildings. Porter's determination finally paying off; - but, the county court house at Oklahoma City <sup>was</sup> a bit slow in removing its ~~own~~ locks and so <sup>State</sup> Senator Porter showed <sup>ed</sup> up at the court house ~~at~~ bright and early with a locksmith ready - as he put it, to "beat 'em down with a sledge hammer."

Luckily though the locks had been removed over night. The mens room also given a new sign - proclaiming it - henceforth - "porter's potty."

and - CBS