

HAVANA

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*From the government of Cuba - by way of Radio*

*Havana - an offer today to negotiate a "broad agreement"*

*with the U.S. - to halt air hijackings. The Cuban statement*

*noting that such an agreement - would be "in the mutual*

*interest of both countries." Adding that the whole question*

*could be settled quickly - if the U.S. would only agree to*

*reciprocal terms.*

**STATE FOLLOW HAVANA**

*Here at home - a quick response. The U.S. State Department - observing that similar negotiations in the past have come to naught. A spokesman adding, however: "We do have the impression - that there may now be a basis for reopening discussions." And - he continued - "we intend to explore this impression."*

## CAMP DAVID

On the peace front - a temporary lull today; pending the convening of another and possibly final round - of secret negotiations. Reports from both Washington and Paris saying the talks could begin - perhaps as early as this weekend.

In the meantime - President Nixon remains at Camp David; <sup>and</sup> from there - we are told - <sup>he has been</sup> conferring by phone today with Dr. Kissinger. The President also met with <sup>Vice Pres.</sup> Spiro Agnew - for the first time since the election; discussing ways and means of streamlining the Federal bureaucracy + during his second term in office. The Vice President, <sup>has been</sup> ~~as you know,~~ chief White House contact - with state and local governments.

## CAPE KENNEDY

*Cape Kennedy - the three Apollo-Seventeen astronauts were placed in medical quarantine today - pending blast-off December Sixth. Except for continuing brush-ups - this also marking the end of the astronauts' official training program. And - about time. Mission Commander Gene Cernan saying: "As far as I'm concerned - we're ready to fly now."*

## WASHINGTON

*Washington again - the start of Congressional hearings on the future of wage and price controls. Lead-off witness - Chairman C. Jackson Grayson of the President's Price Commission; stating that current wage and price controls - have had a "significant impact" in curbing inflation; but whether they should be extended beyond next April - said he - that's for the President to decide.*

*Grayson also conceded that food prices present a special problem - since many items are still free to fluctuate. Nevertheless, he rejected again the idea of blanket controls - on all food products. "We backed away from that" said he - "because we know what happens when you start down that road; you get shortages pretty soon and a black market" - "and then"- he went on - "rationing is right around the corner."*

## SPOKANE

*At Spokane, Washington - another case of Indian backlash. The tribal councils of the Spokane, Coeur D'Alene and Kalispell Indians - sending a joint resolution to the U.S. Department of the Interior; demanding the prosecution of all those who took part - in that takeover last week at the Bureau of Indian Affairs.*

*"If the Indians involved had come to one of our reservations" - said <sup>the</sup> three tribes - "they would have been subject to due process from our own courts." The resolution also demanding a full accounting - of all records that were seized during the takeover.*

## TALKS FOLLOW SPOKANE

Meanwhile, in Washington, a breakdown in the talks -  
between Indian dissidents and a special "White House task  
force. The latter refusing to continue - pending the return  
of all stolen documents.

A spokesman for the task force further noting that the  
FBI - is still continuing its investigation of the takeover,  
Adding that the talks cannot resume - ~~said to~~ "until  
criminal questions involving the <sup>disruption</sup> ~~takeover~~ are resolved."



## **NEW DELHI**

*Yesterday - at India's Delhi University - a demonstration by dissident engineering students. Police were called to break it up - and this leading to a second demonstration today over charges of police brutality. Some three hundred students - attempting to occupy a Vice Chancellor's office. When that failed - seizing a city bus and smashing it into a horse-drawn wagon. The crash killing two women - and seriously injuring three other persons.*



## BURLEY

Atop the biggest hotel in Burley, Idaho - a big, thirty-foot marquee. And the message it bears today: "Eat more lamb - two hundred thousand coyotes can't be wrong."

Explanation - inside. That's where the Idaho Wool Growers Association - is holding its eightieth annual convention. Association President R.J. Rich charging that Federal officials have passed laws and issued orders - based on "a lack of knowledge of the facts and a great tide of emotionalism." These laws - said he - providing for the protection of predators - "instead of the protection of lambs, calves and game animals."

The President of the National Wool Growers Association - also there. Vern Vivion telling his fellow sheepmen: "The predator problem - is putting us out of business." And this - said he - at a time when the whole world is on the verge of a wool shortage.

## OTTAWA

From up North at Ottawa - a status report on the new Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The Mounties now numbering about ten thousand men - as compared with an original complement of only a hundred and fifty. The new breed - serving as a modern nationwide police force. They even look different.

Their brilliant red tunics, for example - now reserved strictly for full-dress occasions. Traditional boots and britches have also been replaced - by blue trousers and black shoes. And no more spurs. They kept catching on things - such as gas pedals and the like; causing at least one accident - before they were finally banned.

Anyway, the Mounties <sup>are not</sup> ~~have long since forsaken their~~ ~~sturdy steeds.~~ ~~They're mounted~~ <sup>as they were. Today they are in</sup> ~~mainly now~~ ~~on~~ fast cars, amphibious airplanes, patrol boats and helicopters. And even their legendary dog-sled patrols <sup>- alas -</sup> ~~have~~ been taken over by snowmobiles.

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***Some things never change though. And the Mounties  
tell us they still - always get their man.***

## VATICAN

*From Pope Paul - at his general weekly audience - a warning today that the Devil exists. "He is the enemy number one" - said the Pope; "he is the tempter par excellence - the hidden enemy who sows errors and misfortune in human history - a dark and enemy agent;" in short - the Pope continued - "a live, spiritual, perverted and perverting thing."*

*The Pontiff also cautioned - that his words should not be treated as "unreal or superstitious." One of the church's greatest needs - said he - is a "defense against that evil which we call the Devil."*

*Look out, Bill. Don't look back, maybe someone is following you!*

## TORREPACHECO

*This next - from Torrepacheco, Spain; a story about the oldest woman in Spain's Murcia Province - Senora Gregoria Martinez; who - at age a hundred-and-ten - has just been paid her first visit by a doctor. He treated her for a cold.*

*Senora Martinez later observing, a bit sadly: "I must be getting old." And s-l-*