

COMECON

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~~Moscow expects~~ This weekend ^{Moscow—the Kremlin, will} ~~the publication~~

^{announce} of a twenty year plan, ^{one they hope will} ~~that would~~ coordinate the

economy activities of seven Communist countries

in eastern Europe, and one in Asia - Outer Mongolia.

European countries taking part ^{to} include Russia,

Poland, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary,

Romania, and Bulgaria. Together they form the

Council for mutual economic aid ^{known as} ~~and~~ Comecon. These

countries, we're told, have agreed on detailed

plans for economic cooperation, division of labor,

~~and~~ an international bank of investments and creation

of special currency convertible within the member

countries.

MID EAST

Reports from Cairo and elsewhere indicate strains may be developing in Egypt's ~~new~~ relations with the Soviet Union. Diplomatic sources say Egyptian President Sadat has made it clear to the Russians that accepting Soviet aid and friendship is one thing - and turning Egypt into a Communist state is another. There are reports also of an anti-Communist campaign in Cairo - the ~~arrest~~ arrest of two prominent Egyptians known to be pro-Communist in their views. And in neighboring Sudan, President Numeiry pushed the current anti-Communist campaign theme even further - accusing Russia of being imperialistic. ^{He's} ~~was~~ vowing to ~~eradicate~~ eradicate Communism from his country.

NIXON

A White House council estimates the cost of cleaning up the nation's environmental and pollution problems would be about a hundred ~~five~~ billion dollars over a six year period. And, the report adds, manufacturing firms should pay for ^{(polluting the} ~~polluting the~~ environment ~~the nation~~ -- just as they pay their bills for gas and electricity. President Nixon, however, in a letter accompanying this report - cautioned ^S congress against imposing pollution controls that would be overly strict ^{quote:-} "to the point of ^λ "bankrupting the very same tax-paying enterprises which must pay for the social advances ~~the~~ the nation seeks."

The President flew to New England today stopping first in ~~Mass~~ Manchester, New Hampshire where he was greeted by an enthusiastic crowd of ten thousand ^{or so} _λ at the airport. After driving to nearby Nashua, he flew on to Maine for a weekend of relaxation on Minot Island in Penobscot Bay.

APOLLO

The Apollo astronauts - now past the half way mark as they head for that ~~own~~ home coming in the Pacific Ocean tomorrow afternoon - looked back over their shoulders today to get mans' closest view of a spectacular eclipse of the Moon. They beamed to earth color television pictures of the eclipse as their ship Endeavor sped through space at about three thousand miles an hour. When it enters the earth's atmosphere tomorrow the speed will be twenty-five thousand miles an hour. The weather forecast is good, ^{that is} for the Pacific area some three hundred miles north of Hawaii, where recovery ships and planes are waiting to pick up the space voyagers and their highly prized ~~own~~ cargo of Moon rock ^s ~~samples~~.

ECONOMY

~~THE~~ Unemployment rose only ~~slightly~~ slightly during July but a White House spokesman called ^S it - good news, ~~the~~ ~~news~~ indicating a slow down in the jobless rate. In ~~our~~ New York the stock market -- in a very light turn over -- scored a small gain - perhaps because of the milder than usual unemployment report. ~~Even though, just as~~

~~Congress recessed until after Labor Day House Speaker Carl Albert, a Democrat served notice that his party would push for wage and price guidelines, come September an approach opposed by President Nixon. Said Speaker Albert - "the Administration's do-nothing game plan simply has to be abandoned."~~

A new surge of enemy action in South Vietnam - with a Communist ~~big~~ land mine exploding on a seldom used dirt road near Da Nang -- killing twenty civilians - injuring sixteen others. Two American ~~aircraft~~ aircraft also shot down - one in Laos.

The U S command in Saigon says the last of American paratroopers are now leaving Vietnam -- as our troop level there goes below the two hundred twenty thousand mark. ~~And in Washington, Alaska Senator Mike Gravel contends that the Pentagon is breaking the law by having five hundred thousand more than men in uniform than the number authorized by Congress.~~

HOLD UPS

Police in West Germany were busy today - with five bank holdups taking place in ~~various~~ ^{various} ~~scattered~~ parts of the country. In rapid succession - banks were held up in West Berlin - Frankfurt; ~~two~~ two towns in northern Germany - and one in the southwest. More than fifty-eight thousand dollars taken all together. Police blame the sudden rash of robberies on the wide television coverage given a ~~documentary~~ bank holdup staged in Munich two days ago. - robbers wanting prime time on TV I guess.

ISLAND

Have you ever spent a weekend on Dog Island?

Chances are you haven't- unless you were once a river ~~pirate~~ pirate down near Paducah, Kentucky, where the Ohio River serves as a ~~boundary~~ boundary between Illinois and Kentucky. Dog island - a one hundred thirty acre parcel of land - is located about twelve miles up stream from Paducah and for a long time it was ^{in a way a} ~~a kind of~~ geographical orphan - with hardly anybody giving it a second glance.

Today it has an eighty-three million dollar price tag - with Kentucky and Illinois both making territorial claims. All this because the army corps of engineers has designated Dog Island for ~~as~~ a lock and dam project that would improve navigation on the river. Illinois officials claim it was once connected by dry land to the Illinois shore - making it more of a peninsula than an island. The Kentuckians

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say Davy Crockett once used it - and ^{that} he didn't
come from Illinois.

TENNIS

The number of tennis players in the U S has grown to more than ten million - and converts to the game are growing in ~~other~~ other countries as well. In fact the situation may be getting out of hand - ~~says National Geographic~~ because there ~~are~~ ^{are} seldom enough tennis courts to go around. Now we hear of a familiar solution - it calls for fumbling for change at a meter - a tennis net meter - that operates just like a parking meter. You drop in a coin and sixty minutes later ^(the) tennis net collapses -- ^{for} you're playing time is over. You don't even have to jump the net to congratulate your opponent. Drop ~~in another coin - and if you have one - and the net rises into place automatically~~ - and you ~~start~~ ^{start} ~~sirving~~ ^{sirving} ~~aces again. That is~~ ^{aces again. That is} ~~game continues~~ ^{game continues} Warren, ^{(if your name is Goolagong,} ~~would you call this some~~ ^{would you call this some} ~~kind of racket?~~ ^{kind of racket?}

EYEBALLS - ENDING

^{The} ~~My~~ National Geographic ^{sends us} ~~friends come up with~~
some ~~quite~~ ^{unusual} ~~extraordinary~~ oddities. ^{For instance} How about this one?

In one year 380,353 umbrellas, 256,031 pairs of
glasses, and 170,189 shoes were left behind by
passengers on Japanese trains. Japan National Airways,
Warren, also collected a large quantity of false teeth
and artificial eyeballs that had been left on ~~the~~ trains.