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In the midst of deepening crisis in the Middle East - the White House today ordered a special alert; readying U.S. paratroopers, medics and airmen - as well as U.S. naval and marine forces - for possible intervention in strife-torn Jordan. This - we are told - to rescue stranded Americans. The White House calling the situation - "very serious, complicated and very fluid."

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~~In addition,~~ <sup>is</sup> The U.S. State Department <sup>is</sup> disputing serious claims - that battle units entering Jordan from Syria were made up entirely of Palestinian guerrillas. A State Department spokesman saying: "I have no doubt - that Syrian government armed forces are involved."

Meanwhile, Jordan's tough, young King Hussein - ordering his troops in control of Amman to stop shooting. This in an apparent attempt to end the fighting in the Jordanian capital - and thus avoid a final blood letting with pockets of die-hard guerrillas. ~~However,~~ The King's order -

presumably, ~~including~~ <sup>did not have to do with</sup> Jordanian forces out in the countryside,

~~And~~ Where - at last report - <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ battle was still going <sup>on.</sup> ~~strong.~~

## MOON

All but eclipsed by the current troubles here on earth - another major accomplishment in the deep void of space. Russia's unmanned Lunar Sixteen - which soft-landed on the moon yesterday - today scooped<sup>ed</sup> up samples of lunar rock and soil<sup>and</sup> later achiev<sup>ed</sup> lift-off - the first ever by an unmanned craft from the surface of a celestial body. The Lunar Sixteen said to be heading home tonight - capping a fourteen month comeback effort by the Soviet Lunar Exploration Program.

Dr. George Low of the U.S. Space Program calling the Russian <sup>feat</sup>~~feat~~ - a major engineering and scientific achievement. Adding that the U.S. wishes Russia all success - "in completing this exciting mission."

In the war news from Southeast Asia - a change of command today in Cambodia; with a new general assigned to take charge of ~~the~~ Cambodian task force ~~which~~ <sup>that</sup> has been stalled for two weeks now north <sup>of</sup> Phnom Penh.

Cambodia's Prime Minister - Lom Nol also borrowing a U.S. helicopter; flying up to the battle zone - to get a first hand look at the situation. Lom Nol apparently hoping to inspire his troops, - ~~to~~ <sup>them</sup> get rolling again.

NEW YORK

~~Facing~~<sup>OK</sup> the domestic front - New York's ~~its~~

Morgan Guaranty Trust Company today dropped its prime interest rate ~~of~~ half a point, down to seven and a half percent.

This<sup>was</sup> followed by a similar cut <sup>Major</sup> on the part of another ~~bank~~

New York bank - Chemical of New York<sup>All this</sup> in a matter of

hours ~~and~~ leading to a flood of like reductions from coast to

coast. A spokesman for Morgan Guaranty calling its action

- a "response to market conditions and monetary policies;"

which is merely another way of saying - the money supply

is finally loosening up a bit.

*The White House again - President Nixon today selected General Benjamin Davis - as the man to head the administration's new airliner anti-hijacking program. General Davis - at his retirement from the Air Force in Nineteen Sixty-Eight - the highest ranking Negro in the U. S. armed forces, <sup>and</sup> More recently ~~the~~ public safety director of his hometown - Cleveland, Ohio. Now to head a vast force of "sky marshals" - drawn from the Federal Aviation Administration as well as several other federal agencies.*

## BUFFALO

At Buffalo, New York <sup>-a</sup> landmark decision today  
in the first case of mercury pollution ever brought to  
trial. The Olin Corporation agreeing to limit to less than  
half a pound per day - its future discharge of mercury into  
the Niagara River. U.S. Attorney Kenneth Schroeder calling  
this - a "major victory" - one that will serve as a "pace-  
maker" - said he - in pending mercury pollution cases clear  
across the country. Scientists agreeing that half a pound  
per day - would pose no imminent danger to drinking water;  
~~as opposed to the company's previous mercury discharge -~~  
~~up to twenty-four pounds a day.~~

From Yale University comes a report ~~today~~ - on a recent study of so-called psychosomatic illnesses. Dr. Chase Kimball coming to the conclusion that all illnesses - are both psychological, meaning ~~of~~ the mind - and somatic, meaning ~~of~~ the body. The doctor citing as prime examples - peptic ulcer, rheumatoid arthritis and bronchial asthma. All of which "has psychological aspects - said he - "that influence their cause, precipitation, manifestation, course and outcome."

Dr. Kimball adds that the problem becomes even more acute - in the treatment of serious, possibly fatal diseases such as heart trouble, stroke and so on; for here - said he - the doctor's ability to meet his patient's physical and ~~psychological~~ psychological needs - is often the difference between life and death.



ROME

In the "Eternal City" - ~~Rome~~ - a ceremony this past weekend - marking Italy's One Hundredth Anniversary as an independent, unified nation; a <sup>feat</sup> ~~fact~~ accomplished back in Eighteen Seventy - when Italian troops - in a brief, bitter battle finally seized control of Rome from Pope Pius the Ninth.

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Showing how times have changed ~~though~~ - the present Pope - Paul the Sixth - offering a noonday blessing  $\wedge$  in behalf of the descendents of those who once breached the Papal defenses. The Pontiff, you ~~may~~ recall, <sup>is</sup> frequently quoted as saying that the loss of earthly power - made it possible for the Church to concentrate on its spiritual mission. Indeed, the Pope's special prayer in observance of the Centennial celebration - quoted ~~from~~ <sup>ed</sup> from the Bible, ~~which~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~is~~ familiar:-  
~~Render~~ "Render therefore unto Caesar - the things which are Caesar's."

~~This next~~ - From Atlanta, Georgia, <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ story of a crime ~~that was~~ solved 4 before it was even reported. Police, acting on a tip, picking up three youths - who were carrying thick wads of cash - too thick. The trio finally admitting they stole the money - during a burglary the middle of last week. The total loot coming to more than twenty thousand bucks - mostly in twenties.

At this point - police checking with the elderly couple - said to be the burglary victims. Man and wife admitting - yes, it was their money, it had been stolen.

Whereupon the police asked: "Well why didn't you report it?" The couple answering <sup>Warren that</sup> ~~they~~ were just "too embarrassed."

~~Warren would you call that "an embarrassment of riches?"~~

## DUESSELDORF

From a spy trial at Duesseldorf, West Germany - comes an incredible story ~~of a~~ <sup>of a</sup> Confessed Soviet agent, Manfred Ramminger - telling how he succeeded in stealing - from a German base - a U.S. made Side-Winder missile. Ramminger saying he and two accomplices - simply kicked out the rear window of their car; sticking the nose of the missile inside - and driving off with the tail sticking outside.

Chief Judge Franz Weber - ~~who was clearly~~ shocked by Ramminger's testimony - ~~then~~ <sup>asked</sup> the witness: "You mean to say - you traveled across Germany this way?" "Oh, no," - said Ramminger; ~~adding~~ "First we hung a red flag from the rocket - so it wouldn't be a traffic hazard."