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> JULY 5, 1972 NEWS ROUNDUP

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South Vietnamese troops reportedly penetrated the city limits of North Vietnamese occupied Quang Tri city Tuesday after recapturing two districts towns just South of the provincial capital. Reports reaching Saigon say government troops pushed into the fringes of Quang Tri city. After recapturing a suberb South Vietnamese forces also occupied the town of Hai Lang after several days of fighting. Further South, the North Vietnamese shelled the old imperial capital of Hue for the third straight day. Three civilianswere killed in the attack. Shelling is also reported again on government positions Southwest of Hue. At Loc Ninh, 100 kilometers north of Saigon, South Vietnamese air strikes reportedly killed 100 North Vietnamese following a heavy communist shelling attack. In North Vietnam, American air strikes damaged or destroyed several fuel storage areas and pumping stations near Vinh and Dong Hoi.

A formal pledged by North and South Korea to work for peaceful unification of the divided Korean peninsula has brought favorable reaction in Asia and elsewhere. Japan's foreign minister praised the agreement as an historic achievement saying it will contribute to easing tension throughout Asia. And in the United States, a spokesman for President Nixon said the move could have a favorable impact on the prospects of peace and stability.

In Seoul, South Korea's intelligence agency said Ku Loc Lee who took part in the secret talks with Pyongyang officials was cautiously optimistic. He noted that dialogue itself is not peace and he said all-out effort will be needed to carry the dialogue forward. The surprise agreement was announced Tuesday. It was reached after two months of secret talks. The joint communique pledged the countries to seek peace and reunification which transends differences in ideaology and social systems. The two countries renounced the use of force and said a joint coordinating committee will work out details of reunifying the peninsula which was divided along the 38 parallel at the end of World War II. The agreement also provides for a direct telephone to be set up between the two capitals to deal with any problems.

President Nixon has issued an invitation to all nations and peoples to come to the United States to help celebrate its 200th Independence Anniversary four years from now. He coupled his invitation with a call to all Americans in every walks of life to open their doors and their hearts in welcome. In a nationwide Fourth of July radio broadcast marking America's 196th anniversary, Mr. Nixon said he is extending this invitation to the world for two reasons, America wants to thank the people of every color and creed, political persuasion who helped build this nation and show them the heritage of wonders their countrymen wrought in the new world. Mr. Nixon said a second compelling reason is America's hope of lasting peace among nations. One of the best ways to do this said the President is through people-to-people contact aimed at reducing the fear and ignorance which have divided mankind through the ages.

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Secretary of State William Rogers in Athens and said he hoped to strengthenties between the United States and Greece. Secretary Rogers praised Greece for it role in NATO and its efforts to strengthen relations with Turkey and its Baltic neighbors. And he stressed the United States hoped to see an early return to parliamentary democracy in Greece. Mr. Rogers leaves Athens Wednesday for Bucnarest the next stop on his world tour. Earlier Tuesday as he was leaving Kuwait, Mr. Rogers said the United States and Kuwait have differences of opinion but share a desire for a peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict. He said the United States believes the problem can be settled only by the peoples involved and noted that negotiations have proved useful in Berlin, Korea and South Asia.

President Nixon's special envoy, Jonh Connally, will meet Wednesday with Indian Prime Minister Indira Ghandi at Simla. The site of the recent India-Pakistan summit conference. Mr. Connally met Tuesday with India's Finance and Foreign Ministers after his arrival in New Delhi from Bangladesh. The former Secretary of the Treasury will also visit Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran during his current world tour.

President Giri of India flew to Nicosia from Baghdad where he was welcomed by Iraqi leaders during a brief stop-over. The Indian leader is staying overnight in Nicosia as a guest of Cyprus President Marcarios and will fly to Belgrade Wednesday for an official visit to Yugoslavia. The Indian leader will go to Afghanistan next Monday also for an official visit.

The British pound Tuesday continued to drop on foreign exchange markets. The dollar lost ground on some markets and strengthened on others. Sterling fell to almost \$2.41 on the London market but showed a fractional improvement when the exchange closed. Tuesday rate was the lowest since the pound was freed to float last month. British financial circles feel that if the pound continues to decline the bank of England will have to step in to support it.

French President George Pompidou and W. German Chancellor Willy Brandt say a summit conference of the common market in candidate countries is desirable but they add that a date for such a meeting should be set only after preparatory talks on an agenda. The two leaders spoke to newsmen is Bonn after two days of discussion on European issues. France earlier threatened to cancel a common market summit proposed for October in Paris until some agreements on monetary and political questions arereached.

About 2,000 youths hurling firebombs tried to break through police barricades near the United States Embassy in Manila Tuesday during a Philippine-American friendship day rally. Reports say at least 26 persons were injured in the explosion about 30 meters from the Embassy compound. Seven of the injured were police including Manila Deputy Police Chief James Barber.

Marshall Lon Nol market his inaguration as Cambodia's first elected President by ordering the release of 150 prisoners Tuesday. A central prison official said most of the prisoners had been jailed for colaborating with the enemy.

United States Assistant Secretary of State for Asian Affairs, Marshall Green, conferred Tuesday in Taipei with Prime Minister Chiang Ching-Kuo. Mr. Green is scheduled to leave for Secul Wednesday.

West Germany and Sri Lanka formerly Ceylon, have conluded an initial air service, agreement under the agreement, Air Ceylon will operate its services to Frankfurt. The West German airline Lufthasa will fly its aircraft to Columbo.

Britain will give India an interest free loan of 12-million dollars to buy a 25,000 ton tanker. Britain has agreed to give Indonesia an interest free loan of 17-million dollars to finance construction of electrical facilities and other development projects. British Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas Hume who signed the agreement in Djakarta Tuesday said the loan marks a substantial expansion of Britain's aid program to Indonesia.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

AROUND THE NATION:

The Democratic National Committee asked the Supreme Court to hold a special session to determine whether 151 California delegates committed to Senator George McGovern should be seated at the National Convention. The California delegates, chosen in a winner-take-all primary June 5, were unseated by the Democratic Credentials Committee, but the U.S. Court of Appeals in the District to Columbia ordered them reinstated July 5.

The same Court of Appeals also refused to overturn a Credentials Committee decision unseating an uncommitted slate of 39 Illinois delegates headed by Chicago Mayor Richard Daley.

Senator Mike Gravel of Alaska declared his candidacy for the Democratic Vice Presidential nomination. Senator Gravel told a news conference in Washington he had nearly 200 delegate signatures on a petition to get his candidacy before the convention. The Alaskan said he could run comfortably with any of the presidential candidates.

Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty may be going to the Democratic National Convention without much support for his presidential aspirations, but at least he will have a job to do in Miami Beach -as a disc jockey, the mayor will do a daily broadcast from Miami Beach for a Los Angeles radio station, spinning records, reading news, and interviewing celebrities.

An attempted aircraft hijacking at San Francisco airport July 5 ended with the two hijackers and a passenger dead. The passenger was killed in a crossfire between F.B.I. agents and the bandits. The hijackers were identified as two men, both 28, who had immigrated to the U.S. from Bulgaria during the 1950's they had demanded that they be given 800,000 dollars, parachutes, and be flown to Siberia.

North Vietnamese gunners subjected Hue to its heaviest barrage in months, but more than half of the 127 artillery round which hit the former Imperial Capital were duds, Saigon spokesmen said.

The U.S. Command in Saigon announced that 14 Americans were killed in action in South Vietnam last week. Another 23 U.S. servicemen were wounded and four are listed as missing.

In New Delhi, American Ambassador Kenneth Keating announced his resignation. Ambassador Keating said, "I expect to return to the United States about August 1, and will resign as ambassador prior to the Republican Convention. After that I expect to campaign actively for the re-election of President Nixon."

In Rawalpindi, President Nixon's special envoy, John Connally,

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met for 90 minutes with Pakistani President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. President Bhutto briefed the former Treasury Secretary on his recent meeting at Simla with Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

In Accra, Ghana and the People's Republic of China opened a new phase in their relations with the arrival in the Ghanaian capital of an eight-man Chinese diplomatic staff to reopen a diplomatic mission. Relations between Ghana and China have been suspended since February 1966.

Dow Jones Closing Stock Averages: 30 Indus 942.13 Up 8.66 20 Trans 263.45 Off 0.15 15 Utils 108,45 Up 0.77 65 Stocks 312.89 Up 1.89 Volume 19,520,000 shares.

LAOS (USINFO):

There was no significant military activity reported anywhere in Laos July 4 and 5.

GREEN: KOREAN TALKS GOOD NEWS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Seoul, July 6--Assistant Secretary of State Marshall Green said today the American Government hails the announcement of direct talks between south and north Korea as a "significant, hopeful and encouraging development towards peace...."

At the same time, he said in a Seoul press conference, the United States continues its commitment to South Korean security. "we...share the desire of the Government of the Republic of Korea to make progress in these talks." Green said, "and we believe our policies will be conducive to that end."

The American diplomat arrived here yesterday - one day after the announcement in Seoul and Pyongyang that talks between the divided nations had been underway since May -- on a visit that had been scheduled for several weeks. While here he met with South Korean President Park Chung Hee and other top Rok officials.

"It was an invaluable opportunity for me to learn of these developments from such an authoritative source," Green said. "I don't think I have to tell you gentlemen that this move is regarded as good news" not only in the U.S. but throughout the world. "It was most useful," he added, "for me to have such a high-level, authoritative, lucid and clear explanation of what is involved. And, of course, I will convey this immediately upon my return to our top leaders."

Green said the role of the United Nations in Korea had not been changed by recent developments. He noted that the role of the United Nations had been set forth by the General Assembly "long ago, and it continues." That role, he said, was to continue the help maintain peace and security on the Korean peninsula, and to support the eventual reunification of the country. Green said the South-North talks were a development entirely of Korean origin. Green noted that there was a desire throughout the world and that these desires could have influence events in Korea. But, he said, the South-North talks had been held "entirely at the initiative of Koreans."

THE UNITED STATES AND THE KOREAN AGREEMENT

by Ronald J. Dunlavey

Washington, July 6--Ever since the late 1940's, the United States has had a special relationship with South Korea. Although the Korean war was fought as a United Nations action, more than fifty thousand Americans died in it. Today, American taxpayers still support 40,000 of their troops stationed in South Korea. And American economic assistance has played a critical role in the development of South Korea to the point where it now has one of the largest national growth rates in the world.

Consequently, the announcement Tuesday of a detente between South and North Korea is bound to focus attention on the American reaction -- and to stimulate speculation about future American relations with South Korea and the future of the American military forces there. Not surprisingly, North Korea has already begun to press for the withdrawal of those forces.

There can be little doubt that the United States would like nothing better than to be able to bring home the 40,000 troops remaining in South Korea. It has, as a matter of fact, embarked on a five year program for modernization of South Korea's military establishment which would make that country virtually self-reliant in defense matters. This is one of the most notable applications of what has come to be called "The Nixon Doctrine." Under the terms of that doctrine, as enunciated by President Nison two years ago, the United States will keep its treaty commitments, and provide military and economic assistance where it is requested and appropriate. But -- in the words of Mr. Nixon -- "we shall look to the nation directly threatened to assume the primary responsibility of providing the manpower for its defense." One of the primary aims of the Nixon Doctrine is to reduce American troops involvement abroad.

The South Korean modernization program, however, has some distance to go. Furthermore, the agreement between South and North Korea is so far only a statement of principles, and until these principles are put into concrete form neither Secul nor Washington will abandon vital defense arrangements. It is also being pointed out that American military and economic aid was an important factor in bringing about the present detente. It has given South Korea strength and confidence, and has impressed North Korea with the impossibility of military conquest. There is every reason to believe that continued maintenance of strong defenses for South Korea can contribute also to the success of the negotiations that lie ahead.

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Louis Barris

The seating of delegates will be first order of business in Miami, Florida Monday at the opening session of the Democratic Party's National Convention to nominate its candidate for the U.S. Presidency. There are 21 separate challenges which must be resolved before the convention can proceed to the adoption of a platform and the selection of a Presidential candidate.

Secretary of State William Rogers arrived in Rome from Yugoslavia for talks with Italian Premier Dejulio Andreoti Monday. He will also have an audience with Pope Paul Tuesday. Before leaving Yugoslavia, the American official had a long conversation with President Tito at the Adriatic Island of Ferroni. Earlier in Belgrade, Mr. Rogers met with the Yugoslav Foreign Secretary, and a joint communique said they discussed the situation in the Mediterranean, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. They also reviewed President Nixon's trips to Moscow and Peking as well as President Tito's recent visit to the Soviet Union.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine says a card from an Israeli Embassy in Denmark was found near the site of Saturday's bombing death in Beruit of a prominent Arab Guerrilla leader. A French spokesman said the card read with the compliments of the Embassy of Israel, Copenhagan. The leader was killed when his car exploded after he turned on the ignition. His niece was also killed in the bomb blast.

The provisional wing of the outlawed Irish Republican Army accused British troops of having broken the truce agreement in Northern Ireland and ordered its units to resume militant activities in the province. The move, announced in Dublin, followed a gun battle between British troops and IRA gunmen in Belfast Sunday night in which at least two British soldiers and one civilian were injured.

Reports from South Vietnam say intense fighting continued Sunday in the Northern city of Quang Tri. Government paratroops are now within one kilometer of the city's center, but are said to be meeting stiff resistance from entrenched North Vietnamese forces. Communist mortar and artillery fire apparently is hampering government efforts to push forward.

Pope Paul welcomed a resumption of the Paris-Vietnam Talks as a beam of hope. And he called for a new spirit to make possible a cease-fire negotiated settlement. Speaking to crowds in St. Peter's Square, the Pontif expressed hope that the Talks due to resume Thursday, would finally become conclusive and lead to a truce and peace.

29 B-52's that had been diverted to Okinawa because of bad weather began leaving Kadena Air Base Sunday. Their unexpected arrival

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drew protests from politicians and anti-war activists who object to the use of Japanese territory by American war planes. Japan's Prime Minister Fukuda said however that the temporary stop on Okinawa was inevitable because of bad weather conditions. 1

Four areas of Karachi were put under 24 hours curfew Sunday after several days of riots in which at least four persons were killed. Thousands of Urdu speaking Pakistanis in Karachi and Hyderabad took part in the riots to protest a bill making Sindhi an official language.

Western Central Bankers meeting in Basil, Switzerland Sunday continued their review of the international monetary situation following the recent British decision to float the pound. The bankers of Western Europe the U.S., Canada and Japan are holding informal talks prior to Monday's monthly meeting of the Bank for International Settlement.

A Yugoslavian swimmer won the 18 nautical mile Capri to Naples swimming race for the second consecutive year retaining the title of World Long Distance Swimming Champion. San Smith, the American Army Corporal, won the Wimbelton Tennis Championship in a dramatic five set victory over Romania's tennis champion. Veteran tennis scorers said the match ranked as one of the best finals ever seen at Wimbelton. Smith won the fifth and final set with a score of 7-5.

LAOS (USINFO) July 8:

Renewed fighting erupted July 7 in the Khong Sedone area in Southern Laos. Government units probed and attacked enemy positions north, northwest, and northeast of Khong Sedone in an attempt to sever enemy lines of communication and dislodge enemy units entrenched near the city.

Some ground activity was reported in the Phu Pha Xai Tha Tam Bleung area some eight kilometers northeast of Long Tieng.

No significant military activity was reported from other parts of the Kingdom.

Note: following the above reports, there was no significant military activity reported in Laos as of early July 9.

DEMOCRATS ASSEMBLE FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION

by Richard P. Wilson and Thomas R. Elliston

Miami Beach, Florida, July 7 -- The mood of America's Democratic Party as it was preparing to meet to select its presidential nominee inevitably has been affected by recent unusual and divisive events.

Major party conventions in the United States have always mixed the light with the serious. A montage of cheering partisans, exuberent demonstrations and interminable rhetoric, sometimes extravagant, sometimes tedious, the quadrennial National Convention is one of America's last surviving vestiges of the old town meeting. It is a time for celebration, but also is a time for pondering decisions affecting the nation's future.

But this year in Miami Beach, the county-fair atmosphere is more muted than in the past. Nearly 80 percent of the Democratic delegates have never attended a convention before. Many of these new, grassroots politicians - housewives, the young, members of minority groups, reformers - bring unusual dedication and a grave sense of their responsibilities to the convention hall. The reform spirit has spread to procedures as well as issues. The length of nominating speeches has been curtailed. This year, the emphasis is on progress and accomplishments.

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The events of the ten days preceding the convention, which opens July 10, have further inhibited tendencies toward gaiety. The Democrats have often paved the way for past conventions by exchanging charges and counter-charges between candidates and factions, bitter accusations that not infrequently seemed to shatter any hopes for post-conventions party unity. In that respect 1972 is no different. But this year for the first time the intraparty strife was crucial enough to bring the Federal courts into the political picture.

Controversy is routine in pre-convention politics, but courtroom litigation is not.

The proceeding in Miami Beach's Convention Hall are inextricably linked to the decisions taken by the Convention's Credentials Committee and subsequent judicial opinions.

When the Credentials Committe ruled that the California primary's winner take-all provisions was contrary to the party's reform program and stripped Senator George McGovern of 151 of the delegates he won in California, the front-running candidate's bandwagon was slowed sharply.

When a U.S. Appeals Court reversed the Credentials Committee ruling, McGovern adherents saw their chances for a first-ballot victory revived.

When the U.S. Supreme Court was asked to rule on the question, it marked the first time in history it had been called upon to adjudicate the internal workings of one of the two major national parties.

Coupled with the Credential Committee's action in barring Chicago Major Richard J. Daley and 58 other Illinois delegates from their convention seats for alleged failure to follow reform guidelines in their selection, the skirmishing over the California primary underlined one fact: The Democratic Party in 1972 has formidable schisms to heal before the November presidential contest.

Still, the party has shown great resiliency in the past in closing factional gaps.

U.S. NEVER TARGETED NORTH VIETNAM DIKES

by Marion Joyce

Each year, between July and October, North Vietnam is subjected to flooding, induced by an average of three -- and as many as six -typhoons.

In 1945, 1964, 1968, and 1971, flooding reached disaster proportions, massively eroding the entensive complex of dams and dikes which comprise the nation's flood control and irrigation systems.

Heretofore, flooding has been regarded as a normal act of nature. This year, however, with much of its 1971 flood damage still not repaired, Hanoi is shifting the blame from nature to charging the United States with deliberate aerial attacks on its water control facilities.

President Nixon, State Department spokesmen and Pentagon officials deny any deliberate bombing of dams and dikes, emphasizing that these facilities are not, and have never been, on the list of approved targets in North Vietnam. "We do not even consider them strategic targets," says the U.S. Air Force's Chief of Operations and Planning.

"We have checked those reports (of bombing attacks on water control facilities)," President Nixon told a June 29 news conference. "They have proved to be inaccurate. We have tried to hit only military targets, and we have been hitting military targets. We have orders out not to hit dikes because of the results in terms of civil casualties."

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Some dikes doubling as causeways over which military convoys travel may have been damaged accidentally during attacks on convoys, Defense Secretary Laird points out. Other such facilities adjacent to such military targets as anti aircraft sites also may have been hit by errant aerial missiles, the Defense Department says, but such damage is accidental and minimal compared to the massive erosion caused by the 1971 floods.

North Vietnam is attempting to cover up its inadequate repair of the 1971 damage by accusing the United States of trying to wreck its irrigation and flood control systems, Defense Secretary Laird said.

"I believe," he told a July 6 press conference, "that the North Vietnamese, with their people, are carrying on this campaign in order to relieve themselves of responsibility to their own people for their failure to adequately repair this system."

Hanoi's own public utterances tend to substantiate Mr. Laird's charges. On June 20, the official newspaper /Hanoi Moi/ took the North Vietnamese people to task for not meeting "technical requirements" in flood damage repair.

A number of thin and weakened dikes, which are probably full of termite holes and colonies have not been detected for repair," said the North Vietnamese journal, enjoining "each individual and locality" to joint the dike-building operation because "there is not much time before the torrential rain season."

In some places the editorial continued, "the repair of the dike portions that were damaged by torrential rains in 1971 has not yet met technical requirements."

The 1971 flooding throughout North Vietnam, described by one Hanoi politburo member as "the worst in many years," came after three years of respite from U.S. aerial attacks, U.S. officials point out.

During the 1971 flooding, North Vietnamese official news media gave full credit for flood control and disaster relief to the ruling communist party, and assessed the responsibility for the floowing to nature.

"All of us know," said the September 9, 1971 issue of the official party newspaper, /Nhan Dan/ "that natural calamities and all extraordinary events caused by the weather in the northern part of our country are the result of nature...a sudden change in the weather is no longer completely unexpected. Thanks to our knowledge of meteorology we can satisfactorily organize the struggle against flood and typhoons."

That was 1971. With the 1972 monsoon already under way, North Vietnam still has not completed its repair of last year's damage.

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In addition, of course, Hanoi faces the manpower-consuming task of overcoming the determined U.S. aerial interdiction of its internal communications routes and its rail and road links with China through pin-point bombing.

The "millions of people" who could have been engaged in repair of flood damage, U.S. officials point out, have been engaged in such activities as filling in cratered roads and runways, attempting to repair or bypass knocked-out rail and highway bridges, and fighting fires at military supply depots or fuel dumps.

On June 21, however, /Hanoi Moi published the Hanoi Municipal Administrative Committee instructions to mobilize manpower for a "campaign to resolutely triumph over natural calamities and enemy destruction and to protect dikes and dams" and "take precautionary measures against and fight flash floods and enemy destruction."

The magnitude of the rebuilding task which faced North Vietnam is reflected in a radio report by Ha Ke Ten, chairman of Hanoi's central anti-flood and anti'storm steering committee

It said, in part:

"In some portions, four-fifths of the dikes eroded as much as four meters in height, causing nearly one-meter openings. Hundreds of kilometers of dikes were overflown...the pressure caused by the high water level opened 600 holes, through which dirty water flowed. In addition we found about 100 termitaria (colonies of burrowing insects). Therefore the struggle for defending thousands of kilometers of dikes has been very hard, extremely complex and very strenuous..."

Hanoi's manpower, U.S. officials beleve, could not be stretched to meet all the requirements imposed upon it since last year's floods replanting inundated field; repairing damaged roads, dikes and dams; and waging a full-scale aggressive war in South Vietnam.

Having failed to make good the ravages of the 1971 typhoons, the North Vietnamese anticipate further flooding during the current monsoon season, and now are blaming U.S. bombs instead of nature for their anticipated misfortunes, as Secretary Laird has said.

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Telephone service was retored to mid-town Manhattan, but Democratic Party officials said in New York that a broken water main July 9 may have cost the party 250,000 dollars. Flooded cable vaults cut off service in a large midtown area during the Democrats' 18-hour fund-raising Telethon carried by the American Broadcasting Company. Although the program stayed on the air, telephones receiving pledges of financial support were cut off. However, pledges of 25,000 dollars were received before the lines went dead, officials said.

While the Democrats waged their credentials fight in Miami Beach, Senator Edward Kennedy went sailing off Cape Cod. His wife, Joan, was in Miami Beach where she told newsmen that the Senator is definitely not a presidential candidate.

The moon passed the earth and the sun, casting a shadow of complete darkness in a thin line from Sakhalin island north of Japan across northern Alaska and Canada to just south of the Azores in the Atlantic. U.S. residents, if they bothered to look, witnessed a partial eclipse which was "not very dramatic," in the words of one American astronomer. There was a 14 percent blackout of the sun in San Francisco, 63 percent in Chicago, 90 percent in Boston, and 91 percent in Fairbanks, Alaska.

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

In South Vietnam, the struggle for Quang Tri city continued. North Vietnamese forces launched new artillery and ground attacks in attempts to halt government paratroopers trying to regain possession of the city. The paratroopers began sweeping around the city in a new manoeuvreaimed at eventually bypassing Quang Tri and capturing the town of Dong Ha further north.

Japan's new conservative government said it will "steadily push ahead" with its plans to seek normalization of relations with the People's Republic of China. Chief Cabinet Secretary Susumu Nikaido made the statement in Tokyo on behalf of Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka, whose newly formed cabinet drew a favorable reaction over the weekend from Chinese Premier Chou En Lai.

In Islamabad, the Pakistan National Assembly met in special session to ratify the Simla accord between President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi but bogged down in heated exchanges over the language riots in Karachi and other cities.

In Tehran, the Shan of Iran received President Nixon's special envoy, John Connally, at the Saadabad Palace to discuss financial matters. Connally also conferred with Premier Amir Abas Hoveyda and Finance Minister Jamshid Amuzegar.

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In Tel Aviv, Japanese Terrorist Kozo Okamoto pleaded guilty to taking part in the massacre at Lod International Airport in which 26 persons died. However, an Israeli military court rejected his plea and ordered the trial to proceed.

The U.S.S.R. feels the time is ripe to go ahead with preparations for a European security conference, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko said in Brussels. Gromyko is discussing with Belgian Foreign Minister Pierre Harmel the Soviet view on the present situation in Europe.

Peru and Cuba have resumed diplomatic relations after a break of nearly 11 years.

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LAOS (USINFO):

Sporadic clashes and shellings continued this weekend in the Khong Sedone area as government forces proceeded with efforts to eliminate pockets of enemy resistance near the South Laotian Town.

Only minor skirmishes and shellings were reported elsewhere in Laos.

U.S. NEWSMEN CITE BATTLE GAINS OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE

Washington, July 10--Veteran American correspondents, reporting on the current South Vietnamese offensive below the demilitarized zone, are making cautious but affirmative assessments of the Saigon-directed push toward Quang Tri City.

Some of the reporters see basic weaknesses in the planning of the North Vietnamese offensive--stalled since its initial gains early in April--revealing themselves in the slow yet steady advance of South Vietnam's troops into the occupied territory.

Thomas W. Lippman, /Washington Post/ staff writer, reported July 9:

"While there has been stiff resistance from the North Vietnamese in several places along the way, the advance of the (South Vietnamese) marines and the airborne troops has been steady and methodical, with tanks and airplanes paving the way."

Writing from a location, three kilometers (two miles) south of the provincial capital of Quang Tri, Mr. Lippman took an optimistic view of the situation:

"A wide range of North Vietnamese equipment still in operating condition is being gathered up each day as Saigon's troops advance. The South Vietnamese supply lines appear to be functioning smoothly, as convoys rumble over roads that the North Vietnamese controlled just ten days ago."

Daniel Southerland, staff correspondent of the /Christian Science Monitor/, writing from Hue a short distance to the south, reported July 8:

"Both U.S. and Vietnamese officers are highly pleased with the way the South Vietnamese drive into communist-occupied Quang Tri province has been going so far.

"South Vietnamese troops have enterred the edge of the provincial capital of Quang Tri. They have captured large quantities of North Vietnamese equipment and ammunition."

Although the advance has been slow, it has also been steady, Mr. Southerland commented. He reported the South Vietnamese have seized "tanks and armored vehicles that are in perfect condition. One abandoned tank still had its motor running."

He quoted officers as saying the main purpose of the South Vietnamese counteroffensive is destruction of communist units and equipment rather than seizure of territory, but noted that capture of Quang Tri city would be of considerable significance.

Peter Braestrup, a /Washington Post/ writer commented from Saigon July 8 that "Hanoi's offensive seems to be receding from its highwater mark of April.

The offensive in the south at An Loc, Mr. Braestrup observes, was hindred by the loss of Sihanoukville in Cambodia, through which communist troops received supplies before the joint U.S.-South Vietnamese incursion into that country two years ago.

"This complicated Hanoi's logistics, notably its re-supply of ammunition for artillery," which had to be brought down 960 kilometers (600 miles of truck trails through Laos and Cambodia, Mr. Braestrup noted.

In contrast to the Tet offensive of 1968 the communists could no longer depend on local support since the U.S. South Vietnamese pacification program had "decimated" the Vietcong, he wrote.

Although Hanoi's plan "seemed designed to mount big punches at widely separated points, "Mr. Braestrup wrote, "there were several built-in flaws." Having committed its forces to specific regions "Hanoi could not quickly shift them to other to reinforce success or retrieve failure." The South Vietnamese, on the other hand, could move men and guns via their own and U.S. aircraft.

Moreover, "Hanoi's commanders let the initial momentum die (especially in the north)" and gave the South Vietnamese forces two weeks to reorganize and reinforce, a reflection of the "short duration" offensives that communist field commanders have conducted since 1965.

"In general," Mr. Braestrup commented, "for all its leadership and motivation problems, Saigon's army is better today than it was in 1968, and Hanoi's has declined slightly."

Meanwhile columnist Russell Kirk, wrote in the /Baltimore Sun/: "It is clear that (North Vietnamese) General Giap Miscalculated badly." The general "underestimated the will to resist" of the South Vietnamese soldiers and overestimated the effectivemess of his own armored forces, Mr. Kirk stated.

"Almost certainly, General... Giap has failed in his massive invasion of South Vietnam," Mr. Kirk wrote. "South Vietnamese forces have relieved the besieged provincial capitals of An Loc and Kontum: still more important, already the South Vietnamese have retaken a considerable portion of the province of Quang Tri."

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION ROUNDUP

The Democratic National Committee reported that the convention had brought more than 50,000 persons to Miami Beach. Included were 6,500 convention delegates and alternates and 15,000 writers, photograpehers and broadcast technicians. About 2,400 newsmen were to be seated in the convention hall.

The Committee gave this statistical breakdown of the delegates on a percentage basis; men 62 percent, women 38 percent, white 80 percent, black 14 percent, others 6 percent; age groups; under 25, 13 percent; over 65, 4 percent; professions: politicians, 10 percent; union leaders, 5 percent; union merbers, 14 percent; non-union 86 percent; professional, 22 percent; teachers, 10 percent; student, 9 percent; housewives, 13 percent; businessmen, 13 percent, farmers one percent; laborers, 4 percent; clerical, 4 percent ; other professions, 9 percent.

Senator Edmund S. Muskie, resisting pressure to support Senator George McGovern, said he would remain a candidate for the presidential nomination "until this convention is ended." An effort by the Maine Senator to reconcile competing factions by having all eight declared candidates for the nomination sit down together and compromise the dispute over 151 contested California delegates ended in failure. Only three other contenders - Senator Hubert Humphrey and Henry Jackson and former Governor Terry Sanford of North Carolina -- showed up for the meeting and Senator Muskie called it off.

Robert Strauss, Democratic Party Treasurer, said the 19-hour Telethon appeal held over the weekend attracted more than one-half million donors, and the money raised "définitely" will go over five million dollars. When the telethon ended, he said, the amount pledged was 4.5 million dollars with telephone calls stacked up and mail contributions yet to come.

More than 300 young demonstrators headed by Vietnam Veterans Against the War marched to the Convention Hall, calling on the Democrats to nominate a cand date who will end the war immediately. Carrying a Viet Cong flag, they marched five blocks from a campsite and squatted on a lawn in front of the hall.

Speaking to delegates from 25 farm states, Senator McGovern promised to raise government price supports on crops if he is Secretary to "make sure agriculture commodities are supported by not less than 90 percent worth of parity."

Officials of the AFL-CIO reportedly circulated among the convention's some 300 labor delegates a 30-page statement attacking Senator McGovern's stand on the Vietnam war, communism, labor issees, civil rights and a number of other matters. "He has repeatedly voted wrong on legislation affecting working people in the trade union movement," the document said. Citing the Senator's votes in Congress against minimum wage increases, unemployment compensation and federal funds for jobs.

Alabama Governor George Wallace, meeting newsmen for the first time since he was crippled in an assassination attempt May 13, said the Democratic Party must have his support to win in November because "the positions I took in the primary campaign are the majority positions as far as the people are concerned." He called upon Party Chairman Lawrence O'Brien to seek a vote of confidence from the delegates or step aside as Chairman of the Convention. Mr. Wallace also said he has no plans for a thirdparty candidacy if he is dissatisfied with the party's choice. The National Women's Political Caucus selected Representative Shirley Chisholm of New York as its choice for the Democratic Vice Presidential nomination. "A woman should be nominated for Vice President and has a good chance of winning," caucus leader Betty Friedan told a group of about 1,000 female delegates.

Alaska Senator Mike Gravel claimed 300 to 500 delegates in his campaign to win the Vice Presidential nomination. Supporters from his home state plus others from California said at a news conference that a total of 84 delegates had signed petitions supporting him.

Retired Speaker of the House of Representatives John McCormack, 80, was the only one of three Honorary Chairmen of the Convention present for the opening. The others -- former Presidents Harry Truman and Lyndon Johnson -- have both been ill recently and were not able to be at Miami Beach.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

A recent survey of 20 major occupations conducted by a group of psychologists showed that politicians ranked next to last in public trust, barely nosing out car salesmen, United Press International reported from Washington.

Carl McCardle, 68, longtime newsman and former Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs under John Foster Dulles, died of undetermined causes of McLean, Virginia. He was one of the first State Department appointments of the Eisenhower Administration when he was named Assistant Secretary on January 6, 1953.

President Nixon's deal with the Soviet Union to sell 750 million dollars-worth of American grain will create up to 34,500 new jobs and help the U.S. balance of trade, Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz said in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Apollo-15 Astronaut James Irwin will leave the Nation's Space Program August 1, to set up his own Evangelistic Program known as "High Flight," an associate announced in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

LAOS (USINFO) -- Fighting continued in the Khong Sedone area, but there bas been no basic change in the military situation near the Southern Laotian town.

Only minor clashes were reported from other parts of Laos July 9-10.

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

In South Vietnam, some 3,500 government marines and paratroopers made an all-out push to recapture communist held Quang Tri city. They were supported by U.S. aircraft and moval gunfire. Heavy enemy resistance was reported.

French Foreign Minister Maurice Shumann left Peking for home after a five day visit which culmina ed in a meeting July 10 with Chairman Mao Tse-Tung. Earlier, Mr. Chumann had held lengthy talks with Premier Chou En-Lai.

Continuing heavy rains over central and Southern Japan brought fresh landslides and flooding, pushing the death toll for the past week to 188, with 44 more missing.

In Sind province, Pakistan, at least 14 people were killed as fighting between rival Urdu and Sindhi-speaking mobs and police spread. The cities of Hyderabad and Karachi were under total curfew as the language crisis--set off by a Sind province measure making Sindhi the only official language went into its fifthy day.

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The Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia called on the Geneva Conference to negotiate a Treaty Prohibiting Chemical Weapons on the basis of a draft submitted by the Soviet Bloc March 23. In Geneva, Czechoslovak Delegate Milous Vejvoda told the conference to "start direct talks on the treaty and stop beating about the bush."

In Brussels, the European Economic Community released a business survey indicating there has been a clear upturn in the business climate in the common market.

Dow Jones closing stock averages:

30	Indus	925,87	off	6.40	
0	Trans	230,11	off	3,95	
15	Utils	107.71	off	0.42	
65	Stocks	307.20	off	2.84	
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SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN VIRTUALLY CLINCHED THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION AS SENATORS HUBERT HUMPHREY AND EDMUND S. MUSKIE DROPPED OUT OF THE RACE. SENATOR HUMPHREY ANNOUNCED HIS DECISION SEVERAL HOURS AFTER THE CONVENTION VOTED TO GIVE ALL 271 CALIFORNIA DELEGATES TO SENATOR MCGOVERN INSTEAD OF SPLITTING THEM BETWEEN THE TWO CANDIDATES ACCORDING TO A PRE-CONVENTION RULING OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE. SENATOR MUSKIE, THE EARLY FRONT - RUNNER WHO FALTERED IN THE PRIMARIES, FOLOWED SUIT A FEW HOURS LATER. HE ENDORSED THE MCGOVERN CANDIDACY, SAYING HE WOULD WORK FOR HIS ELECTION IN NOVEMBER. SENATOR HENRY M. JACKSON OF WASHINGTON SAID HE WAS STAYING IN THE FIGHT TO THE END. AND ALABAMA GOVERNOR GEORGE C. WALLACE ALSO GAVE NO INDICATION OF QUITTING. GOVERNOR WALLACE PLANNED TO ADDRESS THE CONVENTION IN BEHALF OF HIS PLATFORM RECOMMENDATIONS.

RICK STEARS, SENATOR MCGOVERN'S CHIEF DELEGATE COUNTER, ESTIMATED THE SOUTH DAKOTAN WOULD GET 90 OR 60 FIRM VOTES FROM AMONG THOSE DELEGATES REL EASED BY SENATOR HUMPHREY. HE SAID THAT WITH THESE ADDITIONS SENATOR MCGOVERN IS ASSURED OF SUFFICIENT STRENGTH FOR A FIRST-BALLOT VICTORY.

FRANK MANKIEWICZ, TOP MCGOVERN ADVISER, SAID IT WAS LIKELY THE SENATOR WOULD SEEK MEETINGS WITH AFL-CIO PRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY AND CHICAGO MAYOR RICHARD DALEY, WHOSE 59- MEMBER COOK COUNTY DELEGATION WAS OUSTED IN A CREDENTIALS BATTLE, TO TRY TO UNIFY THE PARTY BEFORE HIS NOMINATION. HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT BOTH WOULD EVENTUALLY SUPPORT SENATOR MCGOVERN.

SENATOR MCGOVERN'S CAMPAIGN MANAGER, GARY HART, SAID SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY WAS ON A LIST OF "FEWER THAN FIVE" PERSONS BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION. MR. HART SAID LEONARD WOODCOCK, HEAD OF THE UNITED AUTO WORKERS, ALSO WAS ON THE LIST, SENATOR KENNEDY WAS AT HIS HOME IN HYANNIS PORT, MASSACHUSETTS.

SENATOR MCGOVERN PROMISED FAMILIES OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA THAT IF HE IS NOMINATED AND ELECTED HE WILL "USE EVERY RESOURCE AVAILABLE TO THE PRESIDENT, INCLUDING DIRECT PERSONAL DIPLOMACY IN HANOI, TO INSIST UPON RELEASE OF ALL PRISONERS AND ACCOUNTING FOR ALL MISSING IN ACTION.

"WE WILL NEVER ABANDON THOSE MEN," SENATOR MCGOVERN SAID IN A STATEMENT RESPONDING TO AN ENDORSEMENT FROM "FAMILIES FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE," AN ORGANIZATION OF PERSONS WITH HUSBANDS, SONS OR BROTHERS MISSING IN ACTION OR HELD AS WAR PRISONERS IN INDOCHINA.

GEORGIA GOVERNOR JIMMY CARTER PUBLICY ENDORSED -SENATOR JACKSON AND SAID HE WOULD MAKE THE SENATOR'S NOMI-NATING SPEECH. MR. CARTER SAID HE REALIZED THE SENATOR IS NOT FAVORED TO WIN BUT THAT HE WOULD BE AN IDEAL COMPROMISE CHOICE IF SENATOR MCGOVERN DID NOT WIN ON THE FIRST BALLOT. SENATOR JACKSON, VOWING TO STAY IN THE RACE, TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE HE WOULD SUPPORT THE TICKET NO MATTER WHO IS NOMINATED, BUT HE SAID HE WOULD NOT ACCEPT THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION.

THE AFL-CIO, WHICH HAD SUPPORTED SENATOR HUMPHREY'S BID FOR THE NOMINATION, WAS REPORTED TO BE TURNING TOWARD SENATOR JACKSON IN A CONTINUING EFFORT TO STOP SENATOR MCGOVERN.

DR. GEORGE NOWAD AND JOHN ALARIO --

TWO LOUISIANA DELEGATES PREDICTED SENATOR MCGOVERN WOULD WIN THE NOMINATION, BUT LOSE THEIR STATE TO THE REPUBLICANS IN NOVEMBER. "THE STATE WILL GO STRONG FOR NIXON IF MCGOVERN IS THE NOMINEE," DR. NOWAD SAID. "I DON'T THINK HE COULD CARRY LOUISIANA NO MATTER WHO HE HAD ON THE TICKET. HE COULD HAVE THE GOVERNOR ON THE TICKET AND NOT CARRY LOUISIANA."

THE ONLY BLACK MEMBER OF MONTANA'S DELEGATION REMAINED A LONE HOLDOUT AGAINST A UNANIMOUS VOTE FROM HER STATE TO GIVE SENATOR MCGOVERN THE NOMINATION. MRS. GERALDINE TRAVIS, A HOUSEWIFE, SAID SHE WOULD VOTE FOR REPRESENTATIVE SHIRLEY CHISHOLM OF NEW YORK.

SENATOR ABRAMAM RIBICOFF OF CONNECTICUT TOLD AN INTERVIEWER THAT NATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN LAWRENCE F. O'BRIEN WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE HIS POST WHEN THE CONVENTION HAS ENDED. HE'S IN A TOUGH JOB, A POSITION WHERE HE CAN'T PLEASE ANYBODY," THE SENATOR SAID, ADDING, "LARRY INDICATED TO ME THAT HE'D HAD ENOUGH AND WOULD LIKE TO GET OUT AFTER THIS IS OVER." SENATOR MCGOVERN HAS SAID HE WOULD RETAIN MR. O'BRIEN IN THE JOB IF HE WANTED TO CONTINUE. MR. O'BRIEN HAS SAID ONLY THAT HE HAS MADE NO COMMITMENTS.

MCGOVERN'S NEW POLITICS' EMERGING AT CONVENTION

By Richard P. Wilson

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, JULY 11--THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF AN AMERICAN POLITICAL PARTY, AS MIAMI BEACH'S VISITORS AND RESIDENTS ARE LEARNING ANEW. THIS WEEK ALONG WITH MILLIONS OF NATIONWIDE TELEVISION VIEWERS, CONSISTS OF LONG PERIODS OF TEDIUM INTERRUPTED BY SPINE-TINGLING MOMENTS OF PURE DRAMA. BUT FROM THIS SWEET AND SOUR CONCOCTION OF PARLIAMENTARY GAMBITS, BORING RHETORIC, SOPHOMORIC SHENANIGANS, RAW HUMAN EMOTIONS, NAIVE IDEALISM AND STARTLING FLASHES OF INTELLECTUAL INSIGHT MAY EMERGE PROFOUND WATERSHED POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS.

TAKE, FOR INSTANCE, THE FIRST SIX HOURS ON THE FLOOR OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION THAT TRANSFORMED THE PUBLIC IMAGE OF GEORGE MCGOVERN. IT WAS A SPAN OF TIME IN WHICH THE "NEW POLITICS" ADVOCATED BY THE PREA-CHER'S SON FROM THE PRAIRIES BECAME MORE THAN JUST ANOTHER CAMPAIGN SLOGAN; IT BECAME THE FRAMEWORK FOR CONCEPTS THAT MAY ULTIMATELY BE WOVEN INTO THE FABRIC OF AMERICAN SOCIETY.

WHETHER OR NOT THE SENATOR FROM SOUTH DAKOTA BECOMES PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE EVENTS OF JULY 10 IN MIAMI BEACH'S VAST CONVENTION HALL WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN. THEY GAVE PROMISE THAT THE ISSUES, THE IDEAS, THE ORIENTATION AND THE DIRECTION TAKEN BY SENATOR MCGOVERN AND HIS VIGOROUS, ORGANIZED AND DEDICATED COHORTS CANNOT BE SAFELY IGNORED BY AMERICAN POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LEADERS. THE BALLOTING ON THE CONVENTION FLOOR GAVE EVIDENCE OF THE STRENGTH OF THOSE IDEAS AND THOSE COHORTS--EVIDENCE THAT WAS WELCOME OR DISMAYING TO DIFFERENT GROUPS OF AMERICANS, BUT NONETHELESS SURPRISING TO MOST.

AT 7 P.M. ON JULY 10, SENATOR MCGOVERN, WHILE CONCEDED TO BE THE DEMOCRATS' FRONT RUNNER AMONG THE AVOWED CONTENDERS FOR THE PRESIDENCY, WAS STILL ONE CANDIDATE AMONG MANY, HE WAS STILL FAR FROM AN ASSURED NOMINATION, FOR HE HAD SUFFERED RECENT SETBACKS IN THE CONVENTION'S CREDENTIALS AND PLATFORM COMMITTEES AS WELL AS IN THE FEDERAL COURTS. HE WAS VIEWED AS AN IMPROBABLE IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE STANDARD-BEARER BY TRADITIONAL PARTY FOLITICOS AND WAS APPARENTLY IN NEED OF HELP FROM FELLOW CANDIATES OR OTHER PARTY POWER BLOCS TO PUSH HIM "OVER THE TIP" TO THE NOMINATION. BUT ALL THAT CHANGED WITHIN SIX HOURS AFTER THE DELEGATES CONVENED.

BY 1 A.M. ON JULY 11, MR. MCGOVERN NO LONGER NEEDED TO WAIT FOR AN ENDORSEMENT FROM LIBERAL SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY OR CONCESSIONS OF DELEGATES FROM SUCH CAPITOL HILL CENTRIST CANDIDATES AS HUBERT HUMPHREY, EDMUND MUSKIE. HENRY JACKSON OR WILBUR MILLS. HE DID NOT NEED PROMPT DECLARATIONS OF SUPPORT FROM SUCH LIBERAL BUT DELEGATE-POOR COLLEAGUES AS EX-SENATOR EUGENE MCCARTHY OR REPRESENTATIVE SHIRLEY CHISHOLM. HE DID NOT EVEN NEED TO BE MAGNANIMOUS IN MEETING DEMANDS CONCERNING ISSUES PRESENTED BY THE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA, GEORGE WALLACE. NOR DID HE HAVE TO MOVE ANY FARTHER RIGHT, CLOSER TO THE POSITION ON THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OLD POWER STRUCTURE SUCH AS CHICAGO MAYOR RICHARD DALEY AND STATEHOUSE CHIEFTAINS. HE DID NOT NEED THEIR SUPPORT SO URGENTLY ANY MORE BECAUSE HE HAD MET THE AD HOC COALITION OF "STOP MCGOVERN" PARTY REGULARS ON THE FLOOR OF THE CONVENTION AND DEFEATED THEM SOUNDLY.

BY THE TIME HIS TRIUMPH BECAME EVIDENT IT WAS TOO LATE FOR THE POWER BROKERS TO CLIMB ONTO THE MCGOVERN BANDWAGON. IT WAS SPEEDING TOO FAST TO ACCOMODATE ANY LATECOMERS. BUT THIS REALIZATION CAME TO THEM AND THE REST OF THE POLITICAL COMMUNITY TOO LATE--ESPECIALLY TO SENATOR MUSKIE, WHO HAD PASSED UP AN OPPORTUNE CHANCE TO SWING HIS 200-DELEGATE SUPPORT TO MR. MCGOVERN LAST MONTH WHEN IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN WELCOMED MORE EAGERLY.

WHAT MCGOVERN FORCES DID ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE CONVENTION WAS TO WIN A CRUCIAL TEST OF STRENGTH. THEY TOOK BACK THE 151 CALIFORNIA DELEGATES THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE HAD STRIPPED AWAY, AND IN THE BARGAIN THEY SUCCEEDED IN BARRING FROM THE CONVENTION THE 59 ANTI-MCGOVERN DELEGATES FROM ILLINOIS, INCLUDING MAYOR DALEY.

THE HANDWRITING APPEARED ON THE WALL EARLY IN THE POLLING OF DELEGATIONS TO SETTLE THE CALIFORNIA CASE. THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE HAD DECIDED THAT THE WINNER-TAKE ALL PROVISION OF THE CALIFORNIA PRIMARY WAS NOT IN TUNE WITH THE MCGOVERN REFORMS, SO IT HAD RULED THAT THE STATE'S DELEGATES SHOULD BE DOLED OUT TO ALL PRIMARY CONTENDERS ACCORDING TO PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION.

THE ISSUE WAS PRESENTED TO THE DELEGATES AS ONE OF PARTY PRINCIPLE. THE COALITION OF REGULAR DEMOCRATS ARGUED THAT REFORM DEMAANDED ELIMI-NATION OF THE VERY CONCEPT OF WINNER-TAKE-ALL CONTESTS. THE MCGOVERN SUPPORTERS CONTENDED THAT "YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE RULES OF THE GAME AFTER IT HAS BEEN PLAYED." BUT THE DELEGATES SEIZED ON THE OCCASION AS A TEST, AND IN ACTUALITY THE PRINCIPLE WEIGHED LESS THAN THE PERSONALITIES.

THE CALIFORNIA VOTE WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PIT SENATOR MCGOVERN AGAINST ALMOST THE ENTIRE FIELD OF CANDIDATES - ALL THE CONTENDERS IN THAT STATE'S PRIMARY WHO SINCE HAD GIVEN OVERT OR TACIT SUPPORT TO THE "STOP MCGOVERN" DRIVE. MR. MCGOVERN BEAT THE FIELD. HE AMASSED AT LEAST 100 VOTES MORE THAN THE PUNDITS HAD CALCULATED HIS CONVENTION STRENGTH WOULD TOTAL.

ON A SUBSEQUENT ATTEMPT BY THE "STOP MCGOVERN" COALITION TO THROW OUT THE RESULT OF THE VOTE ON A PROCEDURAL POINT, THE SOUTH DAKOTA SENATOR'S SUPPORTERS REPEATED THE PERFORMANCE, THIS TIME GETTING A LARGER MARGIN OF VICTORY--1,639 TO 1,162.

THE CONVENTION'S FIRST SESSION CONTINUED FOR MANY HOURS AFTER THAT---A TOTAL OF MORE THAN TEN HOURS--BUT THE REST OF THE CREDENTIALS CHANLLENGES SEEMED ANTICLIMACTIC. THE CONVENTION, POSSIBLY PREMATURELY, ALREADY HAD DETERMINED WHAT IT HAD ASSEMBLED IN MIAMI BEACH FOR. IT HAD FOUND OUT THAT THE PARTY'S FRONT-RUNNER IN THE PRIMARIES WAS A VOTE-GETTER ON THE CONVENTION FLOOR WHEN THE CHIPS WERE DOWN.

SENATOR MCGOVERN'S STRENGTH WAS SO OBVIOUS THAT CREDENTIALS CHALLENGES AFFECTING TEXAS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, MICHIGAN AND OKLAHOMA WERE SETTLED BY COMPROMISE. THE DESIRE FOR FURTHER FLOOR FIGHTS HAD EVAPORATED.

POLLING OF DELEGATIONS HAD BECOME DIFFICULT IN ANY EVENT, BECAUSE AT ABOUT 4:15 A.M. THE TALLY COUNTS RELAYED TO THE CHAIRMAN BEGAN SHOWING "YES" VOTES AND "NO" VOTES AND THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES "SLEEPING." THE CHAIR RECORDED THE LATTER FIGURES AS THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES "ABSTAINING."

STILL, THE 1,016 DELEGATES AND 1,)98 ALTERNATES REMAINED ON THE FLOOR UNTIL THE CONVENTION FINALLY ADJOURNED. THEN, ONE BY ONE THE GREAT ARC LIGHTS DIMMED AND THE CAMERA PLATFORMS, NEARLY A DOZEN STEEL CAGES HANGING FROM RAILS NEAR THE CEILING, WERE EMPTIED OF MEN AND EQUIPMENT. AMONG THE LAST TO QUIT THE HALL WAS DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CHAIRMAN J. O'BRIEN. AS HE WALKED OUT HE WAS REPEATING TO AN AIDE ONE OF THE SENTENCES HE HAD USED IN HIS WELCOMING SPEECH TO THE DELEGATES.

"THE ELECTORAL REFORMS ACCOMPLISHED SINCE 1963 WILL BE MORE THAN CASUALLY SIGNIFICANT TO THE HISTORY OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY."

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ROGERS HOPEFUL OF PARIS TALKS SUCCESS

BY MARIE H. KO ENIG

ROME, JULY 11 -- U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS SAYS "THERE IS REASON FOR HOPE" THAT THE VIETNAM PEACE TALKS WHICH RESUME IN PARIS THIS WEEK WILL BE PRODUCTIVE.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 11 THE SECRETARY TOLD QUESTIONERS HE DID NOT "WANT TO APPEAR TOO OPTIMISTIC" NOR OVERLY PESSIMISTIC -- BUT "I THINK THERE IS HOPE."

MR. ROGERS SAID HE DID NOT WANT "TO GO INTO IT AT GREAT LENGTH," BUT HE DID OUTLINE NUMBEROUS REASONS WHY HE IS HOPEFUL ABOUT THE CHANCE OF SUCCESS WHEN THE PEACE TALKS START AGAIN IN PARIS JULY 13.

THE NORTH VIETNAMESE INVASION OF SOUTH VIETNAM HAS NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL, HE SAID, WHILE THE U.S. MINING OF NORTH VIETNAMESE HARBORS AND BOMBING MILITARY TARGETS IN THE NORTH HAS BEEN "UNUSUALLY EFFECTIVE." ANOTHER BASIS FOR HIS STATEMENT, MR. ROGERS SAID, IS THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS HAD DISCUSSIONS ABOUT INDOCHINA WITH MOSCOW AND PEKING AS WELL AS IN "NUMEROUS COUNTRIES."

SECRETARY ROGERS CAME TO ROME JULY 9 FRESH FROM AN UNPRECEDENTED TRIP TO HUNGARY AND ROMANIA. HE ALSO VISITED ANOTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN NATION, YUGOSLAVIA. WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN SAID ABOUT VIETNAM WHILE HE WAS IN EASTERN EUROPE WAS NOT DISCLOSED BY SECRETARY ROGERS.

HE TOLD NEWSMEN, HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS A "GROWING REALIZATION THAT CONTINUATION OF THE WAR SERVES NO ONE'S INTERESTS."

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ASKED IF THE UNITED STATES WOULD RE-ENTER PRIVATE-TALKS ABOUT A VIETNAM SETTLEMENT ALONG WITH THE SEMI-PUBLIC'PARIS SESSIONS, HE DECLINED TO DISCUSS SUCH TALKS "FOR THE OBVIOUS REASON THAT WHEN WE DO THEY WON'T REMAIN SECRET." YET, HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT "OTHER CHANNELS ARE NOT EXCLUDED, OBVIOUSLY."

MR. ROGERS MET EARLIER JULY 11 WITH POPE PAUL AT THE VATICAN. HE SAID HE HAD TOLD THE PONTIFF THAT THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTED HIS PLEA FOR ALL CONCERNED "TO DO THEIR UTMOST TO BRING ABOUT PEACE IN VIETNAM THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS." "I TOLD HIS HOLINESS WE THOUGHT IT WAS A VERY USEFUL, CONSTRUCTIVE STEP HE HAD TAKEN TO MAKE HIS STRONG PLEA," MR. ROGERS SAID. THE SECRETARY THANKED THE PONTIFF FOR HIS THUS FAR UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A RELEASE OF U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR.

SECRETARY ROGERS IS WINDING UP A WORLD-WIDE TRIP THAT BEGAN IN AUSTRALIA JULY 6. HE ALSO VISITED INDONESIA, YEMEN, KUWAIT, BAHRAIN AND GREECE. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT AT SOME PLACES AMERICA WAS URGED TO TAKE A "MORE ACTIVE ROLE" IN A POLITICAL SOLUTION FOR VIETNAM.

WHEN THIS PROPOSAL WAS PUT TO HIM, MR. ROGERS SAID, HE POINTED OUT THE UNITED STATES PREVIOUSLY HAD BEEN ASKED TO LEAVE VIETNAM'S POLITICAL PROBLEM " TO THE PEOPLE IN THE AREA TO SOLVE." HE SAID HE HAD EMPHASIZED PRESIDENT NIXON'S POLICY OF WORKING OUT A MILITARY SOLUTION UNDER WHICH THE AMERICANS WOULD WITHDRAW FROM VIETNAM AND "LET THE FUTURE BE DETERMINED BY THE PEOPLE THERE." BUT THE SECRETARY ADDED HE DOES NOT RULE OUT THAT AMERICA IS "PREPARED TO DISCUSS" THE VIETNAMESE POLITICAL FUTURE.

THE U.S. POSITION, HE SAID, IS THAT IT IS READY TO HAVE AN INTERNATIONALLY SUPERVISED CEASE-FIRE IN VIETNAM WITH THE EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS AND A WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES FOUR MONTHS THEREAFTER.

MR. ROGERS' NEWS CONFERENCE, WHICH FOLLOWED HIS AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE, ALSO RANGED OVER THE MIDDLE EAST STUATION AND PROSPECTS FOR MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS BETWEEN THE EAST AND WEST IN EUROPE.

THE POPE, HE SAID, HAS "GOOD CONTACTS" IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND MIGHT "PLAY A USEFUL ROLE" IN GETTING EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI DISCUSSIONS UNDER WAY AS A STEP TOWARD PEACE.

MR. ROGERS SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH ITALIAN OFFICIALS, IN DEPTH," THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM.

"IT IS HIGH TIME THAT EVERYONE CONCERNED REALIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING DOWN-TO IT AND SEEING IF THERE IS SOME WAY OF SOLVING THIS (ARAB-ISRAELI) PROBLEM," HE SAID, REMARKING THAT THE MIDDLE EAST IS THE ONLY WORLD AREA WHERE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT REDUCING TENSIONS ARE NOT BEING HELD.

TOLD THAT SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO HAD STATED IN BELGIUM JULY 10 THAT EAST-WEST FORGE CUT TALKS SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER THE MOSCOW-SOUTH EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPEATION IS HELD, MR. ROGERS SAID. "WE THINK THEY SHOULD OCCUR IN A PARALLEL MANNER, NOT NECESSARILY SIMULTANEOUSLY."

THIS VIEW, HE SAID, WAS EXPRESSED BY BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION IN THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED DURING PRESIDENT NIXON'S TRIP TO MOSCOW IN MAY.

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THE NATION'S CAPITAL LOST ONE OF ITS LAST THREE MAJOR NEWSPAPERS WHEN THE TABLOID WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS PUBLISHED ITS FINAL EDITION JULY 12 WITHOUT ADVANCE NOTICE. AN ANNOUNCEMENT THE SAME DAY SAID THAT THE PAPER'S ASSETS HAD BEEN SOLD TO THE WASHINGTON EVENING STAR. THE STAR WILL BEGIN PUBLISHING UNDER A NEW MASTMEAD -- "EVENING STAR-DAILY NEWS" -- AS OF JULY 13. THE WASHINGTON POST REMAINS AS THE CITY'S ONLY MORNING NEWSPAPER.

ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHARD G. KLEINDIENST ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON THAT SERIOUS CRIME IN THE U.S. ROSE BY ONE PERCENT IN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1972 - THE SMALLEST INCREASE IN 11 YEARS. ONE YEAR AGO, THE RATE OF INCREASE WAS SIX PERCENT, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL NOTED, AND IN 1970 IT WAS 13 PERCENT.

A FLYING SAN DIEGO, CLIFORNIA, GRANDMOTHER ARRIVED IN TOMS RIVER, NEW JERSEY, AND IMMEDIATELY BECAME 5,000 DOLLARS RICHER. MRS. MARION BANKS WON THE 26TH ANNUAL FOWDER PUFF COAST TO-COAST AIR RACE IN HER SINGLE-ENGINE PIPER "COMANCHE."

NETWORK OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK ANNOUNCED THAT BETWEEN 80 AND 90 MILLION AMERICANS WATCHED SOME PART OF THE OPENING SESSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION JULY 10.

IN HOUSTON, ASTRONAUT CHARLES CONRAD, JR., BRIEFED A 22-MEMBER DELEGATION OF SOVIET SPACE SCIENTISTS ON THE FIRST SKYLAB MISSION SET FOR NEXT YEAR.

IN WHITE SANDS, NEW MEXICO, SPACE OFFICIALS SAID PREMILIMINARY DATA INDICATE THAT TESTS OF A VEHICLE THE U.S. HOPES TO USE FOR A SOFT LANDING ON MARS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL.

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

IN SOUTH VIETNAM, GOVERNMENT TROOPS KNOCKED OUT 15 NORTH VIETNAMESE TANKS AND KILLED 300 OF THE ENEMY IN THE DRIVE TO RECAPTURE QUANG TRI CITY. HEAVY ENEMY RESISTANCE CONTINUED.

INDIAN PRIME MINISTER INDIRA GANDHI SAID IN NEW DELHI THAT PAKISTANI PRISONERS CAPTURED IN THE INDO-PAKISTAN WAR LAST DECEMBER WOULD NOT BE RETURNED UNTIL INDIA WAS ASSURED OF A DURABLE PEACE WITH HER MEIGHBOR, MRS. GANDHI WAS MAKING HER FIRST FORMAL COMMENTS ON THE PEACE AGREEMENT SIGNED AT THE INDO-PAKISTAN SUMMIT MEETING IN SIMLA LAST WEEK.

IN TEL AVIV, THE PRESIDENT OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA PREDICTED THAT TWICE AS MANY AMERICAN JEWS WILL VOTE FOR PRESIDENT NIXON IN NOVEMBER AS DID IN THE 1968 ELECTION. HERMAN WEISMAN, A NEW YORK ATTORNEY, ATTRIBUTED THE INCREASE TO JEWISH APPROVAL OF U.S. ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL. DR. GERHARD SCHOEDER, CHAIRMAN OF THE WEST GERMAN PARLIAMENTARY FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, LEAVES JULY 13 FOR A TWO WEEK VISIT TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. HIS VISIT, THOUGH UNOFFICIAL, MARKS THE RESUMPTION OF POLITICAL CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES BROEN OFF EIGHT YEARS AGO. WEST GERMANY IS CHINA'S SECOND LARGEST TRADING PARTNER AFTER JAPAN.

IN CAIRO, THE MIDDLE EAST NEWS AGENCY SAID EGYPTIAN PRIME MINISTER AZIZ SIDKY WILL FLY TO MOSCOW JULY 13 FOR TALKS WITH SOVIET LEADERS. THE TALKS, THE AGENCY SAID, ARE AIMED AT "STRENGTHENING RELATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND THE SOVIET UNION."

IN BRUSSELS, EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET MINISTERS SET JULY 22 FOR THE SIGNING OF FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH AUSTRIA, SWEDEN, SWITZERIAND, FINIAND, ICELAND AND PORTUGAL.

IN REYKJAVIK, ICEIAND, BOBBY FISCHER RESIGNED IN THE 56TH MOVE, THUS CONCEDING THE FIRST GAME OF THE WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS TO SOVIET CHESSMASTER BORIS EPASSKY.

DOW JONES CLOSING STOCK AVERAGES: 30 INDUS 923,69 OFF 2.18 20 TRANSP 225.47 OFF 4.64 15 UTILS 107.27 OFF 0.44 65 STOCKS 304,92 OFF 2.32 VOLUME 16,150,000.

LAOS (USINFO):

THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE LEVEL OF LFIGHTING NEAR THE SOUTHERN LAOTIAN TOWN OF KHONG SEDONE, JULY 10-11. GOVERNMENT TROOPS HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO SILENCE ENEMY ARTILLERY IN THE AREA OR DISLODGE ENEMY UNITS STILL ENTRENCHED NEAR THE TOWN.

SOME SMALE-SCALE GROUND ACTIONS WERE REPORTED IN THE PHU PHA XAI-THA TAM BLEUNG AREA, APPROXIMATELY EIGHT KILOMETERS NORHTEAST OF LONG TIENG.

NO SIGN MILITARY ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED ELSEWHERE IN IAOS.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE BROADCAST OF THE VOICE OF AMERICA

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MCGOVERN MODIFIES INDOCHINA WAR STAND

BY RICHARD P. WILSON

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, JULY 12-- IN AN EXCHANGE OF COURTEOUS MESSAGES BETWEEN SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN AND AN ORGANIZATION OF PRISONER-OF-WAR FAMILIES WAS AN INDICATION THAT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S FRONT-RUNNER FOR THE PRESIDENCY HAD MODIFIED HIS STAND ON THE INDOCHINA WAR.

PREVIOUSLY MR. MCGOVERN HAD SAID HE WOULD WITHDRAW ALL U.S. FORCES FROM INDOCHINA WITHIN 90 DAYS IF ELECTED PRESIDENT. NOW HE SAYS HE WILL LEAVE U.S. FORCES "IN THAILAND AND ON THE SEAS," PRESUMABLY MEANING THE SEAS OF THE TONKIN GULF AND THE SO-CALLED GUNLINE" WHERE THE U.S. NAVY PATROLS OFF THE COAST OF VIETNAM.

THE MODIFICATION IN THINKING WAS CONTAINED IN A STATEMENT RELEASED BY A MCGOVERN SPOKESMAN ON JULY 11. THE SENATOR'S STATEMENT WAS A COMMENT, OSTENSIBLY, ON THE SUPPORT GIVEN HIM BY "FAMILIES FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE." THIS GROUP IS DESCRIBED AS AN ORGANIZATION OF FAMILIES WITH HUSBANDS, SONS OR BROTHERS MISSING IN ACTION OR HELD AS WAR PRISONERS IN INDOCHINA. IT SUPPORTS THE MCGOVERN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY.

IN HIS RESPONSE TO THIS GROUP'S ENDORSEMENT SENATOR MCGOVERN INDICATED THE CHANGE IN THINKING ABOUT RETENTION OF A RESIDUAL U.S. FORCE IN INDOCHINA. THE TEXT OF HIS STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

(BEGIN TEXT)

I AM PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT I HAVE RECEIVED FROM POW AND MIA FAMILIES THROUGHOUT THE PRIMARY CAMPAIGN.

THE FAMILIES OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA DESERVE DIRECT AND HONEST ANSWERS FROM NATIONAL LEADERS.

THEY HAD HAD NO ANSWER OF THAT KIND FROM THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION.

LIEUTENANT EVERETT ALVAREZ, THE FIRST KNOWN AMERICAN SERVICE-MAN TO BECOME A PRISONER, HAS BEEN IN CAPTIVITY SINCE AUGUST 5, 1964. HE HAS LOST EIGHT YEARS OF HIS LIFE.

BUT THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION OFFERS NO HOPE AT ALL THAT LIEUTENANT ALVAREZ WILL EVER SEE AMERICA AGAIN. AND IT OFFERS NO HOPE AT ALL FOR THE HUNDREDS OF MEN WHO HAVE BEEN SHOT OUT OF THE SKY IN THE YEARS SINCE-ONE EVERY THREE DAYS SINCE MR. NIXON TOOK OFFICE.

THEY WILL NOT BE BROUGHT HOME BY MORE AMERICAN BLOOD, BY MORE AMERICAN TREASURE, OR BY MORE AMERICAN BOMBS RAINING ON THE PEOPLE OF ASIA.

THEIR ONLY HOPE IS PEACE.

WE MUST END HOSTILITIES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES, AS TROVIDED BY ARTICLE 118 OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION RELATIVE TO THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS OF WAR.

WE MUST TAKE THE KEYS TO THOSE PRISON-CELLS AWAY FROM GENERAL. THIEU AND PLACE THEM IN AMERICAN HANDS.

WE WILL NEVER ASANDON THOSE MEN.

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I INTEND TO USE EVERY RESOURCE AVAILABLE TO THE PRESIDENT, INCLUDING DIRECT PERSONAL DIPLOMACY IN HANOI, TO INSIST UPON RELEASE OF ALL PRISONERS AND A COMPLETE, IMPARTIAL ACCOUNTING FOR ALL MISSING IN ACTION.

WHILE I AM FULLY CONFIDENT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO SUCH NEED. I WOULD ALSO RETAIN THE MILITARY CAPABILITY IN THE REGION -- IN THAILAND AND ON THE SEAS --- TO SIGNAL AND FULFILL OUR FIRM DETERMINATION ON THIS ISSUE.

THIS IS THE ONLY CAUSE FOR WHICH I WOULD RETAIN ANY U.S. FORCES IN OR ADJACENT TO THE SOUTHEAST ASIA.

WE WOULD BE OUT OF THE BRUTAL WAR IN VIETNAM IN 90 DAYS.

THERE WOULD BE NO FORCES ON THE GROUND IN VIETNAM, AND THERE WOULD BE NO AMERICAN AIRCRAFT BOMBING ANYWHERE IN ASIA ON BEHALF OF THE THIEU GOVERNMENT.

REMAINING FORCES WOULD BE COMPLETELY WITHDRAWN AS SOON AS ALL PRISONERS ARE RETURNED, AND A SATISFACTORY ACCOUNTING FOR THE MISSING IS RECEIVED, FROM ALL RESPONSIBLE PARTIES.

THESE MEN HAVE LANGUISHED IN THEIR PRISONS TOO LONG.

THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS HAVE WAITED TOO LONG, CLINGING TO FADING MEMORIES AND FRAGILE HOPES.

WE HAVE HELD TOO LONG TO A FOOLISH POLICY WHICH HAS ONLY INCREASED THEIR NUMBERS AS IT HAS EXPOSED MORE AND MORE AMERICANS TO CAPTURE, INJURY AND DEATH FOR NO GOOD PURPOSE.

WE NEED A NEW DIRECTION.

THOSE MEN CAN BE RETURNED WITHIN 90 DAYS OF A SINGLE DECISION ----THAT THEIR FREEDOM, AND NOT THE POLITICAL SURVIVAL OF A CORRUPT DICTATORSHIP IN SAIGON, IS OUR FIRST AND ONLY PRIORITY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

THAT IS A DECISION I HAVE SOUGHT FOR MANY MONTHS IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

IT IS A DECISION TO WHICH THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLATFORM WILL BE FULLY COMMITTED.

AND, IF I HAVE THE CHANCE, IT IS A DECISION I WILL MAKE WITHOUT A MOMENT'S DELAY AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

U.S. READY FOR SERIOUS PARIS TALKS

WASHINGTON, JULY 12.... THE UNITED STATES WILL RETURN TO THE PARIS VIETNAM TALKS ON JULY 13 READY FOR SERIOUS AND THOROUGH DISCUSSION, HOPEFUL THAT ITS ATTITUDE WILL BE MATCHED BY THE COMMUNIST SIDE.

THAT APPROACH, WHICH U.S. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN HAVE EMPHASIZED SINCE PRESIDENT NIXON ANNOUNCED RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS, WAS REAFFIRMED BY THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT ON JULY 12.

BOTH WHITE HOUSE AND STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMEN ALSO SAID THERE IS "NO FOUNDATION" TO NEWS REPORTS FROM PEKING THAT THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION IS PREPARED TO MAKE "SUBSTANTIAL CONCESSIONS" WHEN THE TALKS RESUME. A REUTERS REPORT FROM PEKING HINTED THAT THE CONCESSIONS RELATED TO WASHINGTON'S SUPPORT FOR THE SOUGH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT THIEU.

ASKED ABOUT THE REPORT AT THE WESTERN WHITE HOUSE AT SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA, PRESS SECRETARY RONALD ZIEGLER TOLD NEWSMEN HE COULD SAY "QUITE FLATLY THAT IS A TOTALLY SPECULATIVE REPORT... THERE'S NO FOUNDATION TO THE REPORT AND ITS IS FURELY SPECULATIVE."

MR. ZIEGLER REMINDED NEWSMEN THE PRESIDENT MADE THE U.S. POSITION KNOWN IN ADDRESSES ON JANUARY 27 AND MAY 8. WASHINGTON RESUMES THE TALKS, HE ADDED, "WITH A FEELING OF SERIOUSNESS AND A DESIRE FOR CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS."

THE UNITED STATES WILL ENTER THE TALKS, HE SAID, WITH A DESIRE TO BE FLEXIBLE AND TO MAINTAIN AN OPEN MIND. "WE WANT TO HAVE SERIOUS AND CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS," HE SAID, "WE WANT TO LISTEN TO THE OTHER SIDE'S POINTS."

AS THE PARIS SESSIONS PROGRESS, MR. ZIEGLER PREDICTED, A NUMBER OF SPECULATIVE STORIES WILL SURFACE. HE ADDED HE WOULD NOT MAKE SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS ON THEM.

U.S. RETURNS TO PARIS TALKS WITH HOPE, ROGERS SAYS

WASHINGTON, JULY 12----SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS SAYS THE UNITED STATES IS RETURNING TO THE NEGOTIATIONS IN PARIS ON THE VIETNAM WAR "WITH HOPE AND RENEWED DETERMINATION TO WORK OUT A SETTLEMENT" BASED ON PRESIDENT NIXON'S PROPOSALS OF MAY 8.

MR. ROGERS RETURNED TO WASHINGTON JULY 12 FROM A 19-DAY, 29,000 MILES JOURNEY THROUGH ASIA, THE ARAD WORLD AND EASTERN EUROPE. AT A PLANESIDE NEWS CONFERENCE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID THAT HE HAD FOUND PRESIDENT NIXON'S VIETNAM PEACE PROPOSALS WERE RECEIVED "WITH CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD."

HE SAID THAT AT MANY STOPS ON HIS TRIP THE AMERICAN "WILLINGNESS TO LEAVE A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT TO THE VIETNAMESE THEMSELVES" WAS FAVORABLY ACCEPTED.

PRESIDENT NIXON'S PEACE PIAN CALLS FOR AN INTERNATIONALLY SUPERVISED CEASEFIRE IN VIETNAM, A RETURN OF U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR AND A WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN FORCES FOUR MONTHS THEREAFTER.

SECRETARY ROGERS RETURNED HOME ON THE EVE OF THE PARIS TALKS THAT WERE SUSPENDED MAY 4 WHEN THE UNITED STATES SAID IT WOULD NOT CONTINUE TO MEET THE COMMUNIST VIETNAMESE IN PROPAGANDA DIATRIBE. HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON ALSO CAME ON THE DAY THAT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY WAS THRASHING OUT ITS POLITICAL PLATFORM AT THE MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION.

THE SECRETARY WAS ASKED IF THE RENEWED PARIS NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE IMPAIRED BY A DEMOCRATIC PARTY PIATFORM THAT DID NOT INCLUDE A CALL FOR A CEASE-FIRE IN VIETNAM BEFORE THE WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN FORCES.

MR. ROGERS SAID HE DID NOT WANT "TO GET INVOLVED IN POLITICAL TALKS".

BUT HE SAID THAT "IT IS QUITE CLEAR IF THE ENEMY CAN GET EXACTLY WHAT HE WANTS" IN THE DEMOCRATIC PROGRAM THE "INCENTIVE FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WOULD BE HARMED." MR. ROGERS SAID HE HAD FOUND ON HIS MARATHON TRIP THAT THE "WORLD IS NOT AS UPTIGHT AS IT WAS," AND IS LOOKING APPROVINGLY AT THE INITIATIVES OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S FOREIGN POLICY.

HE SAID THAT THERE IS A "FEELING NOW THAT WE CAN COMMUNICATE EASIER AND HAVE TRADE RELATIONS AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES WITHOUT BEING IN DIFFICULTY."

MR. ROGERS WAS THE FIRST AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE EVER TO VISIT ROMANIA AND HUNGARY. IN BUDAPEST HE WAS THE FIRST U.S. CABINET OFFICIAL EVER TO MEET WITH HUNGARY'S COMMUNIST PARTY CHIEF JANOS KADAR.

THE UNITED STATES SIGNED A CONSULAR CONVENTION AND A SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT WITH HUNGARY DURING THE ROGERS'MISSION.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION ROUNDUP

CARL P. LEUBSDORF, WIRE SERVICE DISPATCH IN WASHINGTON STAR:

MIAMI BEACH, SEN. GEORGE MCGOVERN HAS SAID FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT. HE WOULD KEEP U.S. TROOPS IN THAILAND AND NAVAL FORCES IN THE GULF OF TONKIN. -ON WHAT AIDES TERMED "AN INACTIVE BASIS, "--UNTIL THE NORTH VIETNAMESE RELEASE CAPTURED U.S. PRISONERS.

THE SOUTH DAKOTA SENATOR, ON THE VERGE OF CAPTURING THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION, MADE YESTERDAY (JULY 11) WHAT THE AIDES SAID WAS "AN ELABORATION OF HIS POSITION" IN A STATE-MENT ISSUED REPONDING TO HIS ENDORSEMENT BY A GROUP OF WIVES AND SISTERS OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR.

IT BROUGHT HIS POSITION CLOSER TO THAT OF PRESIDENT NIXON, WHO HAS VOWED TO MAINTAIN U.S. MILITARY ACTION IN INDOCHINA UNTIL THE NORTH VIETNAMESE PROMISE TO FREE PRISONERS.

HERETOFORE, MCGOVERN HAS PLEDGED TO REMOVE ALL U.S. FORCES FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA IF ELECTED PRESIDENT, SAYING HE IS CERTAIN THIS WOULD LEAD THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TO FREE CAPTURED AMERICANS.

IN YESTERDAY'S STATEMENT, HE SAID HE WILL USE EVERY RESOURCE POSSIBLE TO WIN FREEDOM OF THE PRISONERS AND A FULL ACCOUNT OF AMERICAN MISSING IN INDOCHINA.

"WHILE I AM FULLY CONFIDENT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO SUCH NEED," THE SENATOR SAID, "I WOULD ALSO RETAIN THE MILITARY CAPABILITY IN THE REGION--IN THAILAND AND ON THE SEAS--TO SIGNAL AND FULFILL OUR FIRM DETERMINATION ON THIS ISSUE.

"THIS IS THE ONLY CAUSE FOR WHICH I WOULD RETAIN ANY U.S. FORCES IN OR ADJACENT TO SOUTHEAST ASIA," MCGOVERN ADDED.

AFTER RESTATING HIS PLEDGE TO WITHDRAW GROUND FORCES FROM VIETNAM AND HALT U.S. BOMBING WITH 90 DAYS OF TAKING OFFICE, MCGOVERN SAID: "REMAINING FORCES WOULD BE COMPLETELY WITHDRAWN AS SOON AS ALL PRISONERS ARE RETURNED AND A SATISFACTORY ACCOUNTING FOR THE MISSING IS RECEIVED FROM ALL RESPONSIBLE PARTIES."

THE AIDES SAID THIS SENTENCE REFERRED TO BASES IN THAILAND, AND THE NAVAL FORCES OFF THE VIETNAMESE COAST. THEY INSISTED THAT MCGOVERN WASN'T CHANGING HIS POLICY BUT SAID HE PREVIOUSLY HAD NOT DISCUSSED THIS ASPECT OF IT PUBLICY.

EDITORIAL, WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS:

AS THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION FALLS INTO HIS HANDS, SEN. GEORGE MCGOVERN IS DRASTICALLY CHANGING HIS MAIN FOREIGN POLICY STANCE--ON VIETNAM.

UNTIL NOW, HIS VIETNAM POSITION HAD BEEN CLEAR: IF THE WAR WAS STILL ON BY INAUGURATION DAY, HE WOULD ORDER ALL U.S. FORCES IN INDOCHINA TO CEASE MILITARY ACTION EXCEPT IN SELF DEFENSE.

THEN, WITHIN 90 DAYS, HE WOULD WITHDRAW ALL AMERICAN FORCES FROM THE AREA AND WOULD SHUT OFF MILITARY SUPPLIES TO THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY SEAL ITS DOOM.

IN RETURN, AS HE HAD BEEN TELLING IT UP TO NOW, SEN. MCGOVERN WOULD EXPECT NORTH VIETNAM TO RETURN THE AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR IT HOLDS. 'BUT HE WOULD NOT DEMAND SUCH A COMMITMENT FROM HANOI AS A CONDITION FOR WITHDRAWAL.

BY WAY OF CONTRAST, PRESIDENT NIXON HAS OFFERED TO WITHDRAW FORCES IN FOUR MONTHS--BUT ONLY AFTER THE COMMUNISTS AGREE TO RELEASE THE POW'S AND ACCEPT AN INTERNATIONALLY SUPERVISED CEASEFIRE.

SEN. MCGOVERN'S STAND ALARMED SOME ORGANIZATIONS OF FAMILIES OF PRISONERS AND MEN MISSING IN ACTION. THEY KNOW THAT HANOI HAS A RECORD OF USING POWS AS LEVERAGE TO EXACT POLITICAL AND MILITARY CONCESSIONS. AND THEY FEARED THAT UNDER THE MCGOVERN PROGRAM THEIR LOVED ONE COULD BE KEPT IN INDOCHINESE PRISON CAMPS AS HOSTAGES.

TO MEET THOSE FEARS AND IN A MAJOR SWITCH, SEN. MCGOVERN YESTERDAY (JULY 11) ASSURED AN ORGANIZATION OF POW'S FAMILIES THAT HE WOULD KEEP SOME "MILITARY CAPABILITY" IN SOUTHEAST ASIA UNTIL THE PRISONERS ARE FREED.

THUS, SEN. MCGOVERN HAS ATTACHED CONDITIONS TO HIS ONCE-UNCONDITIONAL PLEDGE TO GET OUT OF SOUTHEAST ASIA AND HAS TAKEN A LONG STRIDE TOWARD THE NIXON POSITION, WHICH HE HAS LONG DENOUNCED.

"WHILE I AM FULLY CONFIDENT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO SUCH NEED," SEN. MCGOVERN TOLD THE FAMILIES," I WOULD...RETAIN THE MILITARY CAPABILITY IN THE REGION... TO SIGNAL AND FULFILL OUR FIRM DETERMINATION ON (THE POW) ISSUE. THIS IS THE ONLY CAUSE FOR WHICH I WOULD RETAIN ANY U.S. FORCES IN OR ADJACENT TO SOUTHEAST ASIA."

CROSBY S. NOYES, WASHINGTON STAR:

THE PLATFORM THAT WAS ADOPTED LAST (JULY 11) LEFT NO DOUBT ABOUT WHERE THE DEMOCRATS STOOD ON THE WAR AND RELATED ISSUES.

ON THE WHOLE, THE PLATFORM WAS A COMPROMISE DOCUMENT, BLAND AS SUET, INTENDED TO OFFEND AS FEW CONSERVATIVE DEMOCRATS AS POSSIBLE. IN SOME CASES THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE, AND THE VIETNAM ISSUE WAS ONE OF THEM.

THE MAJORITY PLATFORM, PRESENTED IN THE CONVENTION, STATES FLATLY THAT A DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION WOULD BRING ABOUT AS A FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS, AN IMMEDIATE AND COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL U.S. DIRECT COMBAT PARTICIPATION, MILITARY AID TO THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT, AND ELSEWHERE IN INDOCHINA, WILL BE TERMINATED," THE MAJCITY PLANK CONTINUES. "THE U.S. WILL NO LONGER SEEK TO DETERMINE THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF THE NATIONS OF INDOCHINA. THE ISSUE IS NOT WHETHER WE WILL DEROSE THE PRESENT SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT, RATHER WHEN WE WILL CEASE INSISTING THAT IT MUST BE THE CORE OF ANY POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. WE WILL DO WHAT WE CAN TO FOSTER AN AGREEMENT ON AN ACCEPTABLE POLITICAL SOLUTION--BUT WE RECOGNIZE THAT THER ARE SHARP LIMITS TO OUR ABILITY TO INFLUENCE THIS PROCESS, AND TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE OUTCOME OF OUR INTERST."

THE ONLY CONDITION PLACED ON AN IMMEDIATE TERMINATION OF THE WAR IS THE RETURN OF AMERICAN WAR PRISONERS. THE PLATFORM DECLARES THAT AN END OF THE FIGHTING MUST OCCUR "IN CONJUNCTION" WITH THE RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS....

GOV. GEORGE C. WALLACE SUPPLIED THE ONLY SUBSTANTIAL CHALLENGE TO THE MAJORITY PLATFORM, OFFERING 25 AMENDMENTS INCLUDING A MILD REVISION OF THE LANGUAGE RELATING TO VIETNAM POLICY.

THE GOVERNOR'S MINORITY PLANK SUGGESTED THAT THE VIETNAM WAR "SHOULD BE RESOLVED BY MUTUAL NEGOTIATION IF POSSIBLE" AND "IF NOT, WITHDRAWAL SHOULD PROCEED ON A BASIS AFFORDING SAFETY TO OUR DEPARTING FORCES," IT INSISTED THAT, "IN EITHER EVENT, THIS NATION SHOULD CONCLUDE THIS AFFAIR IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH NATIONAL HONOR AND INTEGRITY? AND THAT THE RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS SHOULD BE "PRECEDENT TO ANY FINAL TERMINATION OF THIS TRAGIC AFFAIR."

FOR WALLACE, IT WAS A SUBTLE DIFFERENCE OF TONE AND MEANING BUT, OF COURSE, LIKE ALL OTHER CHALLENGES TO THE MAJORITY PLATFORM, IT STOOD NO CHANGE AT ALL.

THE DEBATE ON THE PROPOSAL WAS PERFUNCTORY AND DISPIRITED ON BOTH SIDES. AND IN THE END, WITH ALL THE OTHERS, IT WAS RESOUNDINGLY SHOUTED DOWN AS THE CONVENTION SWEPT ON TOWARD THE NOMINATION OF GEORGE MCGOVERN.

SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN VIRTUALLY ASSURED OF THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION, ATTENTION FOCUSED ON THE SECOND SPOT ON THE TICKET. THE SOUTH DAKOTA SENATOR WAS REPORTED TO BE CONSIDERING A HALF -DOZEN POSSIBLE RUNNING MATES, INCLUDING SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY OF MASSACHUSETTS, ABRAHAM RIBICOFF OF CONNECTICUT, THOMAS EAGLETON OF MISSOURI AND WALTER MONDALE OF MINNESOTA, AS WELL AS GOVERNOR REUBIN ASKEW OF FLORIDA, THE CONVENTION KEYNOTE SPEAKER, AND LEONARD WOODCOCK, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED AUTO WORKERS.

A GROUP OF SOUTHERN AND BORDER STATE GOVERNORS HELD A BREAKFAST MEETING WITH SENATOR MCGOVERN AND URGED HIM TO ADD THE NAME OF HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WILBUR MILLS TO THE LIST OF VICE PRESIDENTIAL POSSIBLITIES.

SENATOR KENNEDY, QUESTIONED BY NEWSMEN AS HE BOARDED HIS SAILBOAT FOR A CRUISE WITH 'MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY AT HYANNIS PORT, MASSACHUSETTS, REPEATED THAT HE WOULD NOT ACCEPT THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION IF IT WERE OFFERED TO HIM. "I THINK WE'VE BEEN ANSWERING THAT QUESTION ALL WEEK," HE SAID: "MY POSITION IS UNCHANGED."

THE PARTY PLATFORM WAS APPROVED IN A MARATHON SESSION OF MORE THAN 11 HOURS, THE LONGEST ON RECORD FOR A DEMOCRATE CONVENTION. THE PLATFORM CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN TROOPS FROM VIETNAM, TAX REFORM, A MINIMUM INCOME FOR EVERY AMERICANS, AND SUPPORT OF BUSING AS ONE MEANS OF ENDING SCHOOL SEGREGATION. THE CONVENTION VOTED DOWN ALABAMA GOVERNOR GEORGE WALLACE'S FROPOSAL FOR OPPOSITION TO BUSING AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHER PLANKS HE OFFERED IN A FLOOR SPEECH FROM A WHELLCHAIR. GOVERNOR WALLACE'S CAMPAIGN MANAGER, CHARLES SNIDER, TOLD NEWSMEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE GOVERNOR WILL CONSIDER A THIRD-PARTY TRY FOR THE PRESIDNECY "SEEMS TO BE GETTING STRONGER AND STRONGER..." ... SNIDER SAID A FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE AFTER THE CONVENTION.

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SENATOR HENRY JACKSON OF WASHINGTON SAID HE WOULD STAY IN THE RACE FOR THE NOMINATION TO THE FINISH, DESPITE A REALIZATION THAT HE COULD NOT PREVENT SENATOR MCGOVERN FROM WINNING IT. IN A TELEVISION INTERVIEW, SENATOR JACKSON, WHO GAINED SUPPORT FROM ORGANIZED LABOR AFTER SENATOR HUBERT HUMPHREY WITHDREW JULY 11, SAID SENATOR MCGOVERN'S CONVENTION MANEUVERS WERE "BRILLIANT TACTICALLY," BUT HE QUESTIONED WHETHER THEY WOULD BE JUST AS EFFECTIVE IN NOVEMBER.

AIDES TO GEORGE MEANY, PRESIDENT OF THE AFL-CIO, SAID NO DECISION ON LABOR'S ROLE IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION WOULD BE MADE UNTIL AFTER THE CONVENTION. BUT THEY INDICATED IT WAS LIKELY THAT THE FEDERATION WOULD SUPPORT NEITHER PRESIDENT NIXON NOR THE DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGER.

THE CONVENTION SCHEDULE FOR THE FINAL SESSION JULY 13 INCLUDES NOMINATIONS AND BALLOTING FOR THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL SPOT, AND ACCEPTANCE SPEECHES BY BOTH CANDIDATES.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

AROUND THE NATION:

IN SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA, PRESIDENT NIXON PROPOSED A 1.7 BILLION-DOLLAR PROGRAM TO GIVE 5,000 DOLLAR GRANTS AND LOANS AT ONE PERCENT INTEREST TO VICTIMS OF TROPICAL STORM AGNES. UNDER THE PROPOSAL, ANNOUNCED IN A FIVE-MINUTE RADIO SPEECH JULY 12, MORE THAN 120,000 HOMEOWNERS AND SMALL BUSINESSMEN WHO WERE WIPED OUT BY THE FLOOD WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR GRANTS OF 9,000 DOLLARS EACH.

TWO ARMED HIJACKERS HELD THREE STEWARDESSES HOSTAGE ABOARD A NATIONAL AIRLINES JET IN FREEPORT, TEXAS. F.B.I. AGENTS AND SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES SURROUNDED THE AIRCRAFT, BUT THE MEN REFUSED TO SURRENDER. THE MEN FORCED THE PLANE FROM PHILADELPHIA TO FREEPORT AFTER SWITCHING FROM ANOTHER HIJACKED NATIONAL AIRCRAFT AND RELEASING THE 113 PASSENGERS. NATIONAL AIRLINES OFFICIALS PAID THE HIJACKERS THE 600,000 DOLLAR RANSOM DEMANDED.

IN ANOTHER HIJACKING, A MIDDLE-AGED OKLAHOMA MAN SURRENDERED TO A STEWARDNESS ABOARD AN AMERICAN AIRLINES JET OVER OKLAHOMA CITY AFTER HOLDING SEVEN CREW MEMBERS HOSTAGE AND COLLECTING A 200,000 DOLLAR RANSOM.

IN SOUTH VIETNAM, NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES REACTED FIERCELY TO THE ENCIRCIEMENT BY GOVERNMENT TROOPS OF QUANG TRI CITY, SENDING TANKS OUT FROM THE CITY AND SIMULTANEOUSLY ATTACKING THE REAR OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE POSITIONS.

FOUR AMERICANS WERE KILLED IN COMBAT IN SOUTH VIETNAM LAST WEEK, A DROP OF TEN FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK, THE U.S. COMMAND IN SAIGON ANNOUNCED. EIGHTEEN U.S. SERVICEMEN WERE WOUNDED.

OFFICIALS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ARE CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF ALLOWING WESTERN STYLE DANCING IN A NEW GOVERNMENT-RUN INCERNATIONAL CLUB TO BE OPENED IN PEKING LATER THIS YEAR, DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN THE CHINESE CAPITAL REPORTED. WESTERN DANCING HAS BEEN BANNED FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS.

RESCUE TEAMS STRUGGLED THROUGH FLOODS AND LANDSLIDES TO REACH ISOLATE TOWNS IN WESTERN JAPAN WHERE HEAVY DEATH TOLLS WERE REPORTED. AT LEAST 327 ARE DEAD, WITH ANOTHER 110 REPORTED MISSING.

IN THE PHILIPPINES, PRESIDENT FERDINAND MARCOS DECLARED THE ISLAND OF LUZON A DISASTER AREA AFTER SWOLLEN RIVERS BURST THEIR BANKS, KILLING AT LEAST 23 PERSONS, AND A DIKE COLLAPSED IN THE CENTRAL PLAINS SWEEPING AWAY SCORES OF HOMES. WIDESPREAD FLOODING ELSEWHERE ON LUZON LEFT AN ESTIMATED 118,000 PERSONS HOMELESS.

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IN HELSINKI, A FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID FINLAND IS PREPARED TO START IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH EAST GERMANY ABOUT DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION. THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT FINISH RECOGNITION OF EAST AND WEST GERMANY WILL COME SIMULTANEOUSLY.

IN REYKJAVIK, ICEIAND, BOBBY FISHER FORFEITED THE SECOND GAME OF HIS WORLD CHESS TITLE MATCH WITH SOVIET CHAMPION BORIS SPASSKY WHEN HE FAILED TO TURN UP TO RESUME THE SERIES. THAT LEFT SPASSKY LEADING 2-0 IN THE 24-GAME SERIES WHICH OPENED JULY 12.

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MISSOURI SENATOR EAGLETON PICKED AS VICE PRESIDENTIAL RUNNING MATE.

SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN HAS CHOSEN SENATOR THOMAS EAGLETON OF MISSOURI AS THE DEMOCRATIC VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE. THE ANNOUNCE-MENT CAME THREE HOURS BEFORE THE FINAL MEETING OF THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION IN MIAMI BEACH, FLA. AT THAT MEETING, DELEGATES WILL APPROVE THE VICE PRESIDENT NOMINATION AND HEAR THE ACCEPTANCE SPEECHES OF SEN. MCGOVERN AND EAGLETON. SEN. EAGLETON, WHO IS 42 YEARS OLD WAS ELECTED TO THE SENATE IN 1968. HE WAS ELECTED ATTY GEN. OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI AT THE AGE OF 31 AND 4 YEARS LATER, HE WAS VOTED LIEUT. GOVERNOR.

LAOS (USINFO):

SHARP GROUND CLASHES AND ENEMY INITIATED SHELLINGS CONTINUED IN AREAS NEAR THE SOUTHERN LAOTIAN TOWN OF KHONG SEDONE JULY 11-12.

NO SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY.

DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE -- GEORGE MCGOVERN

(UNDATED) -- GEORGE MCGOVERN HAS SPENT MUCH OF HIS POLITICAL CAMPAIGN PROVING THE EXPERTS WRONG.

WHEN HE FIRST ANNOUNCED HE WAS SEEKING THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION IN JANUARY, 1971 -- THE FIRST CONTENDER TO DO SO -- THE GENERAL FEELING AMONG POLITICAL OBSERVERS WAS THAT U.S. SENATOR MCGOVERN HAD NO CHANCE TO WIN. HE WAS, THEY SAID, RELATIVELY OBSCURE, THIS UNSUCCESSFUL VETERAN OF THE 1968 PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION CAMPAIGN.

SPEARHEADING A RELENTLESS DRIVE TO WIN CONVENTION DELEGATES' VOTES, SENATOR MCGOVERN WOUND UP THE VICTOR IN TEN OF THE 23 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES EARLIER THIS YEAR AND WENT ON THIS WEEK OF CAPTURE THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S 1972 PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION AT ITS NATIONAL CONVENTION.

SENATOR MCGOVERN, 49, SOFT-SPOKEN SON OF MIDWEST METHODIST PREACHER, A FORMER HISTORY-POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR AND A BOMBER PILOT WOUNDED IN WORLD WAR TWO, IS A MODEST MAN, BUT A MAN OF CONVICTION. HE CAN SAY: "I HAVE FACED HARD ISSUES DIRECTLY. I THINK A CANDIDATE HAS TO BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT HE STOOD ON THE ISSUES."

MR. MCGOVERN ANNOUNCED HIS CANDIDACY FOR THE U.S. PRESIDENCY JANUARY 18, 1971, THE EARLIEST STARTER IN 145 YEARS. HE DID SO WITH A STATEMENT STRESSING THE CONSERVATIVE THEME OF A RETURN "TO THE IDEALS IN OUR FOUNDING DOCUMENTS" -- THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, THE CONSTITUTION AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS.

"TO JUST BE COMPETING FOR THE CENTER OF THE ROAD DOESN'T MAKE SANSE," HE SAID OF HIS PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY PLANS TO DISPLACE MAINE'S SENATOR EDMUND S. MUSKIE AS DEMOCRATIC FRONT-RUNNER. "TO WIN I'VE GOT TO DO A BETTER JOB (THAN MR. MUSKIE) OF DEFINING THE PROBLEMS AND OFFERING SOLUTIONS. TO SOME, MY SOLUTIONS MAY SEEM RATHER RADICAL."

LIBERAL, CONSERVATIVE OR RADICAL, SENATOR MCGOVERN HAS SELDOM HESITATED TO TAKE FIRM AND OFTEN UNPOPULAR STANDS ON ISSUES DISTURBING AMERICNS. BUT MANY AMERICANS, CONCEDED ONE MCGOVERN CAMPAIGN WORKER, SEEM TO THINK MR. MCGOVERN IS AHEAD OF HIS TIME.

IT WAS IN SEPTEMBER 1963, WHEN THE ANTIWAR MOVEMENT SEEMED LITTLE MORE THAN MAJOR SPEECH OPPOSING THE U.S. ROLE IN SOUTH VIETNAM. TODAY HE SAYS HE WOULD WITHDRAW AMERICAN TROOPS FROM VIETNAM, HALT AMERICN BOMBING AND END THE WAR, PLEDGING A SAFE RETURN HOME OF PRISONERS OF WAR.

WITH PEKING RELATIONS A PRIME U.S. FOREIGN POLICY CONCERN THESE DAYS, SENATOR MCGOVERN CAN POINT TO MORE THAN 20 YEARS OF ADVOCATING RECOGNITION OF COMMUNIST CHINA AS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE AND ADVOCATING THE PEKING GOVERNMENT'S ADMISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS. TODAY HE HAS RENEWED HIS LONG-STANDING CALL FOR PLACING TRADE WITH MAINLAND CHINA ON THE SAME FOOTING AS TRADE WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

WITH AMERICA'S ECONOMIC CONVERSION FROM A WAR FOOTING NOW A SUBJECT OF URGENT DEBATE, SENATOR MCGOVERN CAN RECALL HIS INTRODUCTION IN 1963 OF THE FIRST BILL TO AID THE TRANSITION TO A FULL EMPLOYMENT PEACETIME ECONOMY. THIS MEASURE, RE-INTRODUCED IN 1970, PROVIDES FOR BENEFITS TO AEROSPACE AND OTHER WORKERS DISPLACED BY CHANGING PRIORITIES.

WITH UNEMPLOYMENT STILL PERSISTING, MR. MCGOVERN IS THE FIRST SENATOR TO CALL FOR A FEDERALLY GUARANTEED JOB FOR EVERY ABLE-BODIED AMERICAN WHO WANTS TO WORK.

WITH THE WOMEN'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT BECOMING EVER MORE VOCAL, SENATOR MCGOVERN IS THE ONLY DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TO PLEDGE THAT HE WILL BRING WOMEN INTO THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THE CABINET AND THE SUPREME COURT.

WITH THE UNITED STATES NOW IN PHASE TWO OF AN ECONOMIC CONTROLS PROGRAM, SENATOR MCGOVERN CAN CONTEND HE WAS THE FIRST OF THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS TO CALL FOR A SIX-MONTH FREEZE ON WAGES, PRICES AND DIVIDENDS IN CONCENTRATED INDUSTRIES TO BREAK THE INFLATIONARY SPIRAL.

WITH ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION AND ILLS OF THE CITIES LOOMING EVERY LARGER IN DOMESTIC POLITICS, SENATOR MCGOVERN IS THE FIRST DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE TO BE SPECIFIC IN BUDGET PROPOSALS, INCLUDING AT LEAST 3,000 MILLION DOLLARS FOR URBAN MASS TRANSIT SYSTEMS AND AN EQUAL AMOUNT FOR A MASSIVE ATTACK ON POLLUTION.

GEORGE STANLEY MCGOVERN, A SON OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA FARMIANDS FROM BIRTH, HAS A NUMBER OF "FIRSTS" IN HIS POLITICAL CAREER. HE WAS THE FIRST SALARIED ORGANIZER FOR THE ALMOST NONEXISTENT DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN SOUTH DAKOTA 19 YEARS AGO. IN 1956, HE BECAME THE FIRST DEMOCRAT ELECTED TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM SOUTH DAKOTA IN 20 YEARS, SERVING TWO TERMS. IN 1960, PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY NAMED HIM HIS FIRST FOOD FOR PEACE DIRECTOR, A GOOD PLATFORM FOR A FARM-STATE HUMANITARIAN, ENABLING HIM TO CHANNEL FOOD TO THE POOR WHILE GETTING RID OF FARM SURPLUSES AND THUS ENDEARING HIMSELF TO LIBERALS AND CONSERVATIVES ALIKE. IN 1962, HE BECAME THE FIRST DEMOCRAT ELECTED TO THE U.S. SENATE FROM SOUTH DAKOTA IN -6 YEARS. HE WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1968, MAINTAINING THROUGHOUT A CONSISTENTLY LIBERAL VOTING RECORD.

IT WAS IN 1968 THAT BACKERS OF THE LATE SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY URGED SENATOR MCGOVERN TO HOLD MR. KENNEDY'S ANTIWAR SUPPORTERS TOGETHER BY RUNNING FOR 'THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION AT THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION IN CHICAGO. HE TOST TO HUBERT H. HUMPHREY, TO WHOM HE HAD BEEN CLOSER IDEOLOGICALLY THAN TO SENATOR KENNEDY. BUT HE RECEIVED 146 1/2 VOTES, WINDING UP THIRD IN THE CONVENTION BALLOTING BEHIND EUGENE J. MCCARTHY, THEN SENATOR FROM MINNESOTA.

IN JULY 1970. AIMING AT THE 1972 NOMINATION, SENATOR MCGOVERN OPENED A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN OFFICE, SEPARATE FROM HIS SENATORIAL OFFICE. HE HAD TO START RUNNING FARLY, HE EXPLAINS, BECAUSE RUNNING ON THE ISSUES TAKES LONGER THAN BASING A CAMPAIGN ON CHARISMA. "I RECOGNIZE," HE SAYS, "THAT I DON'T HAVE FLASH, STATUS OR FAVORED POSITION THAT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE."

HIS BACKERS AGREE. BUT THEY ALSO AGREE WITH MR. MCGOVERN'S WIFE, ELEANOR, MOTHER OF THEIR FIVE CHILDREN, WHEN SHE DESCRIBES THE SENATOR AS "GENTLE -- WITH A BACKBONE OF STEEL."

U.S. STILL HOPEFUL OF SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS AT PARIS

WASHINGTON, JULY 13 -- THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT WHILE NOT ENCOURAGED BY INITIAL ASSESSMENTS OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE RESUMED PARTS PEACE TALKS ON VIETNAM, INDICATED THAT THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEETING WILL BE STUDIED CAREFULLY.

AT THE WESTERN WHITE HOUSE IN SAN CLEMENTS, CALIFORNIA, PRESS SECRETARY RONALD ZLEGLER TOLD INQUIRING NEWSMEN JULY 13 THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE NEXT PLENARY SESSION JULY 20 WITH THE SAME EXPECTATION OF SERIOUS AND CONSTRUCTIVE NEGOTIATIONS THAT MARKED U.S. INTENTIONS IN RESUMING THE TALKS.

MR. ZIEGLER SAID IT WAS "PREMATURE" TO QUESTION WHETHER EXPECTATIONS FOR THE TALKS HAD DEEN MET IN THE JULY 13 SESSION. HE REFERRED TO IT AS "THE INITIAL EXCHANGED," AND ADDED THAT THE WHITE HOUSE HAD NOT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW FULLY ALL THE REPORTS AND CABLES ON THE SESSION.

"WE SEE NOTHING DRAMATICALLY NEW IN THE REPORTS AND CABLES FROM PARIS," HE SAID. "WE OF COURSE WILL BE STUDYING IN GREAT DETAIL THE PROCEEDINGS THIS MORNING. IN OUR INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF IT, WE SEE NOTHING DRAMATICALLY NEW."

THE SPOKESMAN REEMPHASIZED WASHINGTON'S DESIRE FOR "SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS" WITH NORTH VIETNAM. HE SAID THE U.S. INTENTION TO MEET AGAIN JULY 20 WAS NOT AN INDICATION HOW THE NIXON ALMINISTRATION REGARDS THE JULY 13 SESSION: "I WOULD SUGGEST OUR RETURN FOCUSES ON OUR DESIRE TO HAVE SERIOUS AND CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS."

AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT, SPOKESMAN CHARLES BRAY EMPHASIZED THE U.S. WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS ANY TYPE OF VIETNAM SETTLEMENT THE COMMUNIST SIDE WANTS TO NEGOTIATE.

"WE HAVE OFFERED THE OTHER SIDE A RATHER AMPLE, INDEED GENEROUS, MENU OF POSSIBLE FORMULAS FOR A SETTLEMENT," MR. BRAY TOLD INQUIRING NEWSMEN.

MCGOVERN CLARIFIES STAND ON SOUTHEAST ASIA ISSUES

MIAM BEACH, FLORIDA, JULY 13--SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT CLARIFYING HIS POSITION ON INDOCHINA, THAILAND AND THE STATIONING OF U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN WATERS ADJACENT TO SOUTHEAST ASIA.

THE STATEMENT WAS ISSED LATE WEDNESDAY BECAUSE THE SENATOR SAID HIS STATEMENT TO THE RELATIVES OF PRISONERS OF WAR HELD IN NORTH VIETNAM "WAS UNFORTUNATELY MISUNDERSTOOD IN THE PRESS."

"I WANT TO REITERATE AS STRONGLY AS I CAN THAT MY POSITION ON THE VIETNAM WAR HAS NOT ALTERED ONE IOTA," MR. MCGOVERN SAID.

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF HIS LATE WEDNESDAY STATEMENT TO THE AMERICAN PRESS: (BEGIN TEXT)

"I INTEND TO IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING POLICY IMMEDIATELY UPON MY ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:

"1. ALL AMERICAN BOMBING IN INDOCHINA WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY STOPPED-WITH NO PRECONDITIONS.

"2. ALL AMERICN GROUND FORCES WOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM INDOCHINA WITHIN 90 DAYS -WITH NO PRECONDITIONS.

"3. ALL MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE THIEU REGIME WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY TERMINATED--WITH NO PRECONDITIONS.

"THESE THREE STEPS WOULD END ALL U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE VIETNAM WAR. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD I TAKE ANY FURTHER ACTION ON BEHALF OF THE THIEU REGIME OR ANY GOVERNMENT IN INDOCHINA.

"4. SIMULTANEOUSLY, VIGOROUS DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN TO ACHIEVE THE RELEASE OF U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR, AND AN ACCOUNTING OF U.S. MISSING-IN-ACTION, SOMETHING I AM CONFIDENT WOULD BE ACHIEVED AS A RESULT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF POINTS NUMBERS ONE, TWO AND THREE. I HAVE PLEDGED TO MAKE A PERSONAL TRIP TO HANOI FOR THIS FURPOSE IF THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

"5. UPON RETURN OF U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR AND A SATISFACTORY ACCOUNTING OF MISSING IN ACTION -- A PROCESS WHICH I AM CONVINCED WOULD BE COMPLETED IN THE SAME TIME FRAME AS THE 90 DAY WITH-DRAWAL OF U.S. GROUND FORCES -- I WOULD, ALTHOUGH THAILAND IS NOT A PART OF INDOCHINA, ALSO CLOSE U.S. BASES IN THAILAND AND REMOVE ALL U.S. NAVAL FORCES FROM WATERS ADJACENT TO SOUTHEAST ASIA.

"MY STATEMENT TO THE POW-MIA GROUP YESTERDAY WAS UNFORTUNATELY MISUNDERSTOOD IN THE PRESS, AND I WANT TO REITERATE AS STRONGLY AS I CAN THAT MY POSITION ON THE VIETNAM WAR HAS NOT ALTERED ONE IOTA. I STAND AS I HAVE STOOD THROUGHOUT HIS CAMPAIGN, FOR IMMEDIATE HALT TO AMERICAN MILITARY ACTIVITIES, THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL AMERICAN FORCES, THE COMPLETE SUSPENSION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE THIEU REGIME AND THE NEGOTIATION OF THE PROMPT RELEASE OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF AR. (END TEXT) EARLIER, SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN INTERRUPTED WORK ON HIS SPEECH ACCEPTING THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION TO FACE A HOSTILE CROWD OF 200 SHOUTING ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATORS IN THE LOBBY OF HIS MIAMI BEACH HOTEL.

LED BY MEMBERS OF STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS), WHO HAD MARCHED FROM THEIR ENCAMPMENT IN A TENT CITY IN FLAMINGO PARK, THE YOUTHFUL CROWD WAS PROTESTING A STATEMENT MR. MCGOVERN MADE TUESDAY TO WIVES OF U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR. SENATOR MCGOVERN HAD SAID HE WOULD LEAVE RESIDUAL FORCES IN THAILAND AND ON THE SEAS OFF INDOCHINA UNTIL ALL U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR RETURN HOME.

THE YOUTHS, SOME SHIRTLESS, SOME WAVING VIET CONG FLAGS, SAID THE MCGOVERN STATEMENT REPRESENTED A RETREAT FROM THE SENATOR'S PREVIOUS STAND, AND THE PLEDGE OF THE PARTY'S PLATFORM, THAT AMERICAN FORCES WOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE AREA IMMEDIATELY.

AGAINST THE ADVICE OF HIS SECRET SERVICE BODYGUARDS, SENATOR MCGOVERN DESCENDED TO THE HOTEL LOBBY TO FACE THE ANGRY YOUNG DEMONSTRATORS.

"DO YOU REALIZE," ONE YOUTH YELLED AT THE SENATOR, "THAT MOST PEOPLE HERE ARE FOR YOU? WE LOVE YOU. BUT YOU ARE LOSING YOUR CREDIBILITY." A GIRL YELLED: "THAT'S NOT TRUE."

WHEN THE CROWD FINALLY QUIETED, SENATOR MCGOVERN REITERATED HIS POSITION ON THE VIETNAM WAR. LATER A MIAMI HERALD TRANSCRIPT OF HIS NEW STATEMENT QUOTED HIM AS SAYING:

"I KNOW YOU HAVE BEEN HERE FOR A LONG TIME BECAUSE THERE ARE THINGS YOU FEEL VERY DEEPLY ABOUT. I'M HERE TO HEAR WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY. EVERY PERSON HAS A RIGHT TO BE HEARD.

"THIS YOUNG MAN FEELS I'M SHFTING MY POSITION ... I'M NOT SHIFTING MY POSITION ON ANY OF THE FUNDAMENTAL STANDS I'VE TAKEN...LET ME STATE MY POSITION AGAIN.

"I MAKE A FIAT PLEDGE THAT IF I BECOME THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, EVERY AMERICAN SOLDIER, EVERY AMERICAM PRISONER, EVERY AMERICAN NOW INVOLVED IN THE WAR, IN THE SEA, EVERY BOMBER WILL QUIT FLYING, ALL AMERICAN MILITARY AID TO THE THIEU (GOVERNMENT) WILL CEASE, AND I DON'T HAVE THE SLIGHTEST DOUBT WITHIN 90 DAYS OF MY INAUGURATION EVERY AMERICAN TROOP AND EVERY AMERICAN SOLDIER WILL BE HOME AND THAT'S THE PLEDGE I MAKE."

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION ROUNDUP

DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE GEORGE MCGOVERN CHOSE MISSOURI SENATOR THOMAS P. EAGLETON TO BE HIS RUNNING MATE. A ROMAN CATHOLIC FROM ST. LOUIS, SENATOR EAGLETON, 42, IS SERVING HIS FIRST SENATE TERM. HE HAS COMPILED A LIBERAL VOTING RECORD. A GRADUATE OF HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, MR. EAGLETON PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS MISSOURI STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND LIEUTENANT MCGOVERN. SENATOR EAGLETON HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST PREVIOUSLY IN THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION.

IN HYANNISFORT, MASSACHUSETTS, SENATOR KENNEDY SAID HE HAD TURNED DOWN A REQUEST BY MR. MCGOVERN THAT HE ACCEPT THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION. SENATOR KENNEDY PROMISED TO WORK WITH THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO HELP WIN "A GREAT VICTORY IN NOVEMBER."

SOME OF THE 3,000 FLORIDA NATIONAL GUARDSMEN ON DUTY FOR THE CONVENTION CHANGED TO CIVILIAN CLOTHES AND TOOK FREE BUS TOURS WHICH WERE OFFERED TO TOURISTS. THEY WERE TO BE AVAILABLE IN CASE OF TROUBLE, BUT THERE WAS NONE WHICH REQUIRED THEIR ATTENTION.

INTERIOR SECRETARY ROGERS C.B. MORTON, SEEKING SUPPORT FOR THE RE-ELECTION OF PRESIDENT NIXON AMONG DISSIDENT DEMOCRATS, SAID IN A TELEVISION INTERVIEW IN MIAMI BEACH THAT REPUBLICANS WILL TRY TO DISPEL A NOTION THAT "SENATOR MCGOVERN HAS A MAGIC WAND THAT CAN CURE ALL THE NATION'S PROBLEMS..." HE SAID, WHAT WE'VE GOT TO DO IS BRING THE COUNTRY BACK TO REALITY."

IN THE BALLOTING FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION, SENATOR MCGOVERN RECEIVED 1,864.95 VOTES. THE FINAL OFFICIAL TALLY SHOWED SENATOR HENRY JACKSON OF WASHINGTON, ALABAMA GOVERNOR GEORGE WALLACE AND NEW YORK CONGRESSWOMAN SHIRLEY CHISHOIM EACH WITH MORE THAN 100 VOTES. EIGHT OTHER PERSONS ALSO RECEIVED SUPPORT. SENATOR MCGOVERN NEEDED 1,509 VOTES FOR THE NOMINATION. WHEN THE ROLL CALL WAS FINISHED, HE HAD 1,728.35 VOTES. AFTER THE ROLL CALL, 18 STATES MADE CHANGES TO ADD TO HIS TOTAL.

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SCATTERED CLASHES CONTINUED BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE AROUND THE PROVINCIAL CITY OF QUANG TRI, SOME AS CLOSE AS SEVEN HUNDRED METERS TO THE COMMUNIST HELD CITADEL. REPORTS SAY THE CITY ITSELF IS STILL UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE. CORRESPONDENT PETER COLLINS SAYS FIGHTING HAS DROPPED OFF SHARPLY ELSEWHERE IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. HOWEVER, NORTH VIETNAMESE GUNNERS AGAIN SHELLED THE MAIN GOVERNMENT FORT JUST SOUTH OF THE CITY. MEANWHILE, INTELLIGENCE SOURCES IN SAIGON REPORT THAT ELEMENTS OF TWO NORTH VIETNAMESE DIVISIONS ARE MOVING SOUTHWARD AND MAY ENTER THE FIGHTING IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU ORDERED STIFF PENALITIES TO PERSONS CAUGHT VIOLATING CURFEW REGULATIONS, STAGING STRIKES, OR TAKING PART INDEMONSTRATIONS.

TWO TOP REPUBLICANS PARTY OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE DISRUPTIONS BY ANTI-VIETNAM WAR PROTESTORS AT THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION NEXT MONTH. PRESIDENT NIXON'S CAMPAIGN MANAGER KURT MCGREGOR TOLD TV REPORTERS THERE APPEARS TO BE DEVELOPONG A CONCERTED PLAN TO PARALIZE THE OPERATION OF THE CONVENTION BY THE SAME GROUPS THAT ATTEMPTED TO PARALIZE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN THE SO-CALLED WASHINGTON MAY DAY DEMONSTRATION. THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY SENT ROBERT DOLLE CALLED ON THE DEMOCRAT CANDIDATE SENATOR MCGOVERN TO URGE LEADERS OF THE ANTI-VIETNAM WAR MOVEMENT TO LET THE CONVENTION PROCEED IN OFACE. DEMOCRATIC VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE THOMAS EAGLETON SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE VIETNAM WAR REMOVED AS A POLITICAL ISSUE IN NOVEMBER ELECTION SO MUCH THE BETTER. SEN. EAGLETON MADE THE STATEMENT IN A NATIONALLY TELEVISED INTERVIEW. SENATOR EAGLETON REAFFIRMED PRE-SIDENTIAL CANDIDATE MCGOVERN'S PLEDGE THAT IF ELECTED, AMERICAN INVOL-VEMENT IN INDOCHINA WILL BE TERMINATED WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER HIS INAU-GURATION. HE ALSO REPEATED SENATOR MCGOVERN'S PLAN TO LEAVE FORCES IN THAILAND AND OFF THE COAST OF VIETNAM BEYOND THE 90 DAY PERIOD. SEN. EAGLETON SAYS HE PLANS TO GO TO SOUTH DAKOTA TO CONFER WITH SENATOR MCGOVERN ON CAMPAIGN STRATEGY.

LIBYA'S NEW CABINAT WAS SWORN IN SUNDAY BEFORE THE PRESIDENT COLONEL KHADDIFI AND THE LBYAN LIBERATION COUNCIL.

GNANA'S MILITARY GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT IT CRUSHED A PLOT TO O. ERTHROW IT AND RESTORE PRIME MINISTER BUSIA TO POWER. DR. BUSIA DEPOSED BY AN ARMY COUP LAST JANUARY WHILE HE WAS IN LONDON, WAS SAID TO HAVE MASTERMINED THE AHEGED PLOT BY SOME DISGRUNTLED BUSINESS MEN AND OFFICIALS OF THE DISBANDED PROGRESSIVE PARTY.

FIVE MORE PERSONS, INCLUDING TWO BRITISH SOLDIERS DIED SUNDAY IN CONTINUING VIOLENCE IN NORTH IRELAND. THE SOLDIERS WERE KILLED WHEN THEIR ARMY VEHICLE WAS BLOWN UP BY A MINE NEAR THE TOWN OF KIRSMAGLIN CLOSE TO THE BORDER WITH IRISH REPUBLIC. EARLIER A POLICEMAN WAS KILLED BY A GUNMAN IN BELFAST AND TWO CIVILIANS DIED IN HOSPITALS FROM INJURIES SUFFERED IN SATURDAY'S VIOLENCE. PAKISTAN'S SIND PROVINCE APPEARS TO HAVE RETURNED TO NORMAL FOLLOWING SATURDAYS ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRESIDENT BHUTTO OF A COMPROMISE IN THE WEEK-LONG LANGUAGE DISPUTE. THE COMPROMISE ANNOUNCED BY PRESI-DENT BHUTTO DURING A NATIONWIDE BROADCAST AFFIRMS THE OFFICIAL STATUS OF SINDI BUT GUARANTEES EQUAL STATUS TO URDU SPEAKERS FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE YEARS. VIOLENCE IN THE PROVINCE DURING WHICH AT LEAST 14 PERSONS DIED BEGUN AFTER THE SINGH GOVERNMENT PASSED A LAW MAKING SINDI THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE PROVINCE.

SWEDISH NEWSMAN AND ORGANIZER OF INTERNATIONAL GATHERINGS AGAINST THE VIETNAM WAR, VIRGIL SWANSTROM, WAS FOUND DEAD IN HIS PARIS HOTEL ROOM ON SUNDAY. POLICE SAID THE 65-YEARS OLD SWANSTROM DIED OF AN APPARENT HEART ATTACK. MR. SWANSTROM WAS ONE OF THE ORGANIZERS OF THE STOCKHOIM CONFERENCE ON ALLEGED U.S. WARCRIMES IN VIETNAM.

MEASURES LEADING TO A WORLD MONETRY REFORM ARE EXPECTED TO DOMINATE A TWO-DAY MEETING OF THE SIX COMMONMARKET AND FOUR CANDIDATE NATIONS, WHICH OPENS IN LONDON TODAY. THE MINISTERS REPORTEDLY WILL TRY TO SEEK AGREEMENT ON A JOINT POLICY ON CURRENCY REFORM. THEIR PROPOSALS WILL THEN. BE SUBMITTED TO THE NEXT SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON IN SEPTEMBER THE LONDON GATHERING IS ALSO EXPECTED TO REVIEW THE CURRENT MONETARY SITUATION FOLLOWING BRITIAN'S DECISION TO FLOAT THE POND.

THE THIRD GAME OF THE WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE SOVIET TITLE HOLDER BORIS SPASSKY AND AMERICAN CHALLENGER BOBBY FISCHER WAS RESET SUNDAY NIGHT IN REYKJAVIK, ICELAND AFTER 40 MOVES. THE PLAY LASTED FOR FOUR HOURS AND 40 MINUTES. IT WILL BE RESUMED MONDAY. THE THIRD GAME CAME FOLLOWING A LONG PERIOD OF UNCERTAINITY AND A SERIOUS OF DISPUTES.

LAOS (USINFO) JULY 15:

HEAVY FIGHTING WAS REPORTED JULY 13 AND 14 NEAR THE SOUTHERN LAOTIAN TOWN OF KHONG SEDONE. GOVERNMENT UNITS CONTINUED THEIR ASSAULT ON THE FORMER FAR CAMP WEST OF THE TOWN AND NOW OCCUPY ALL BUT THE CAMP'S WESTERN EDGE. GOVERNMENT TROOPS OPERATING IN OTHER AREAS NEAR KHONG SEDONE WERE HINDERED BY NORTH VIETNAMESE ARTILLERY FIRE.

SMALL-SCALE ENEMY GROUND ATTACKS AND SHELLINGS WERE REPORTED IN THE SAM THONG-LONG TIENG AREA.

THERE WAS NO SIGNFICANT MILITARY ACTIVITY ELSEWHERE IN LAOS.

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MCGOVERN'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

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IN MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, JULY 14 -- HERE IS THE TEXT OF SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN'S SPEECH ACCEPTING THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION. IT IS BASED PRIMARILY ON A PREPARED TEXT, RELEASED SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE THE SENATOR ADDRESSED THE MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION EARLY IN THE MORNING OF JULY 14, BUT IT ALSO CONTAINS SOME SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES HE MADE DURING DELIVERY:

WITH A FULL HEART, I ACCEPT YOUR NOMINATION.

AND THIS AFTERNOON, I CROSSED THE WIDE MISSOURI TO RECOMMEND A RUNNING MATE OF WIDE VISION AND DEEP COMPASSION -- TOM EAGLETON.

MY NOMINATION IS ALL THE MORE PRECIOUS IN THAT IT IS THE GIFT OF THE MOST OPEN POLITICAL PROCESS IN OUR NATIONAL HISTORY. IT IS THE SWEET HARVEST CULTIVATED BY TENS OF THOUSANDS OF TIRELESS VOLUNTEERS -- OLD AND YOUNG -- AND FUNDED BY LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF SMALL CONTRIBUTORS. THOSE WHO LINGERED ON THE EDGE OF DESPAIR A BRIEF TIME AGO HAVE BEEN BROUCHT INTO THIS CAMPAIGN -- HEART, HAND, HEAD, AND SOUL.

I HAVE BEEN THE BENEFICIARY OF THE MOST REMARKABLE POLITICAL ORGANIZATION IN AMERICAN HISTORY -- AN ORGANIZATION THAT GIVES DRAMATIC PROOF TO THE POWER OF LIFE AND TO A FAITH THAT CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS. AS YEATS PUT IT: "COUNT WHERE MAN'S GLORY MOST BEGINS AND ENDS, AND SAY, MY GLORY WAS I HAD SUCH FRIENDS."

THIS IS A NOMINATION OF THE PEOPLE, AND I HEREBY DEDICATE THIS CAMPAIGN TO THE PEOPLE.

AND NEXT JANUARY WE WILL RESTORE THE GOVERNMENT TO THE PEOPLE.. AMERICAN POLITICS WILL NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN.

WE ARE ENTERING A NEW PERIOD OF IMPORTANT, HOPEFUL CHANGE IN AMERICA COMPARABLE TO THE POLITICAL FERMENT RELEASED IN THE YEARS OF JEFFERSON, JACKSON, AND ROOSEVELT.

I TREASURE THIS NOMINATION ESPECIALLY, BECAUSE IT COMES AFTER VIGOROUS COMPETITION WITH THE ABLEST MEN AND WOMEN OUR PARTY CAN OFFER:

MY OLD AND TREASURED FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR, HUBERT HUMPHREY: THAT GRACIOUS MAN FROM MAINE, ED MUSKIE; A TOUGH FIGHTER FOR HIS BELETFS, SCOOP JACKSON; A BRAVE AND SPIRITED WOMAN, SHIRLEY CHISHOIM; A WISE AND POWERFUL LAWMAKER FROM ARKANSAS, WILBUR MILLS; THE MAN FROM NORTH CAROLINA WHO ORDERED NEW VISTAS IN EDUCATION AND PUBLIC EXCELLENCE, TERRY SANFORD; THE LEADER WHO IN 1968 COMBINED THE TRAVAIL AND THE HOPE OF THE AMERICAN SPIRIT. GENE MCCARTHY.

I WAS AS MOVED AS ALL OF YOU BY THE APPEARANCE AT THIS CONVENTION OF THE GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA, GEORGE WALLACE, WHOSE VOTES IN THE PRIMARIES SHOWED THE DEPTH OF DISCONTENT IN THIS COUNTRY, AND WHOSE COURAGE IN THE FACE OF PAIN AND ADVERSITY IS THE MARK OF A MAN OF BOUNDLESS WILL. WE ALL DESPISE THE SENSELESS ACT THAT DISRUPTED HIS CAMPAIGN. GOVERNOR, WE PRAY FOR YOUR SPEEDY AND FULL RECOVERY, SO YOU CAN STAND UP AND SPEAK OUT FORCEFULLY FOR ALL OF THOSE WHO SEE YOU AS THEIR CHAMPION.

IN THE MONTHS AHEAD, I COVET THE HELP OF EVERY DEMOCRAT AND EVERY REPUBLICAN AND INDEPENDENT WHO WANTS AMERICA TO BE THE GREAT AND GOOD LAND IT CAN BE. THIS IS GOING TO BE A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN CARRIED TO EVERY PART OF THE NATION ... NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, AND WEST. WE ARE NOT CONCEDING A SINGLE STATE TO RICHARD NIXON. I WANT TO SAY TO MY FRIEND, FRANK KING, THAT OHIO MAY HAVE PASSED A FEW TIMES AT THIS CONVENTION, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO PASS OHIO. GOVERNOR GILLIGAN, OHIO MAY BE A LITTLE SLOW COUNTING THE VOTES, BUT WHEN THEY COME IN THIS NOVEMBER, THEY ARE GOING TO SHOW A DEMOCRATIC VICTORY.

TO ANYON^E IN THIS HALL OR BEYOND WHO DOUBTS THE ABILITY OF DEMO-CRATS TO JOIN TOGETHER IN COMMON CAUSE, I SAY NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF RICHARD NIXON TO BRING HARMONY TO DEMOCRATIC RANKS.

HE IS OUR UNWITTING UNIFIER AND THE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE OF THIS CAMPAIGN. AND ALL OF US TOGETHER ARE GOING TO HELP HIM REDEEM THE PLEDGE HE MADE 10 YEARS AGO: "NEXT YEAR YOU WON'T HAVE RICHARD NIXON TO KICK AROUND ANYMORE."

WE HAVE HAD OUR FURY AND OUR FRUSTRATIONS IN THESE PART MONTHS AND AT THIS CONVENTION.

WELL, I FRANKLY WELCOME THE CONTRAST WITH THE SMUG, DULL AND EMPTY EVENT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE HERE IN MIAMI NEXT MONTH. WE CHOSE THIS STRUGGLE. WE REFORMED OUR PARTY AND LET THE PEOPLE IN. AND WE STAND TODAY NOT AS A COLLECTION OF BACKROOM STRATEGISTS, NOT AS A TOOL OF IT OR ANY OTHER SPECIAL INTEREST, BUT AS A DIRECT REFLECTION OF THE PUBLIC WILL.

SO LET OUR OPPONENTS STAND ON THE STATUS QUO, WHILE WE SEEK TO REFRESH THE AMERICAN SPIRIT.

LET THE OPPOSITION COLLECT THEIR TEN MILLION DOLLARS IN SECRET MONEY FROM THE PRIVILEDGED. AND LET US FIND ONE MILLION ORDINARY AMERICANS WHO WILL CONTRIBUTE 25 DOLLARS EACH TO THIS CAMPAIGN -- A MCGOVERN "MILLION MEMBER CLUB" WITH MEMBERS WHO WILL EXPECT NOT SPECIAL FAVORS FOR THEMSELVES, BUT A BETTER LAND FOR ALL OF US.

IN SCRIPTURE AND IN THE MUSIC OF OUR CHILDREN WE ARE TOLD: "TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON, AND A TIME TO EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN."

AND FOR AMERICA, THE TIME HAS COME AT LAST.

THIS IS THE TIME FOR TRUTH, NOT FLALA. SAHOOD.

IN A DEMOCRATIC NATION, NO ONE LIKES TO SAY THAT HIS IN-SPIRATION CAME FROM SECRET ARRANGEMENTS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS. BUT IN A SENSE THAT IS HOW MY CANDIDACY BEGAN. I AM HERE AS YOUR CANDIDATE TONIGHT IN LARGE PART BECAUSE DURING FOUR ADMINISTRATIONS OF BOTH PARTIES, A TERRIBLE WAR HAS BEEN CHARTED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

I WANT THOSE DOORS OPENED, AND I WANT THAT WAR CLOSED. AND I MAKE THOSE PLEDGES ABOVE ALL OTHERS -- THE DOORS OF GOVERNMENT WILL BE OPENED, AND THAT BRUTAL WAR WILL BE CLOSED.

TRUTH IS A HABIT OF INTEGRITY, NOT A STRATEGY OF POLICIES. AND IF WE NURTURE THAT HABIT OF CANDOR IN THIS CAMPAIGN, WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE CANDID ONCE WE ARE IN THE WHITE HOUSE. LET US SAY TO AMERICANS AS WOODROW WILSON SAID IN HIS FIRST CAMPAIGN: "...LET ME INSIDE THE GOVERNMENT AND I WILL TELL YOU EVERYTHING THAT IS GOING ON IN THERE."

WILSON BELIEVED AND I BELIEVE THAT THE DESTINY OF AMERICA IS ALWAYS SAFER IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE THAN IN THE CONFERENCE ROOMS OF ANY ELITE. SO LET US GIVE OUR COUNTRY THE CHANCE TO ELECT A GOVERNMENT THAT WILL SEEK AND SPEAK THE TRUTH, FOR THIS IS A TIME FOR TRUTH IN THE LIFE OF THIS COUNTRY.

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AND THIS IS A TIME NOT FOR DEATH, BUT FOR LIEF.

IN 1968, AMERICANS VOTED TO BRING OUR SONS HOME FROM VIETNAM IN PEACE -- AND SINCE THEN, TWENTY THOUSAND HAVE COME HOME IN COFFINS.

I HAVE NO SECRET PLAN FOR PEACE, I HAVE A FUBLIC PLAN.

AS ONE WHOSE HEART HAS ACHED FOR 10 YEARS OVER THE AGONY OF VIETNAM, I WILL HALT THE SENSELESS BOMBING OF INDOCHINA ON INAUGURATION DAY.

THERE WILL BE NO MORE ASIAN CHILDREN RUNNING ABLAZE FROM BOMBED-OUT SCHOOLS.

THERE WILL BE NO MORE TALKS OF BOMBING THE DIKES OR THE CITIES OF THE NORTH.

WITHIN 90 DAYS OF MY INAUGURATION, EVERY AMERICAN SOLDIER AND EVERY AMERICAN PRISONER WILL BE OUT OF THE JUNGLE AND OUT OF THEIR CELLS AND BACK HOME IN AMERICA WHERE THEY BELONG.

AND THEN LET US RESOLVE THAT NEVER AGAIN WILL BE SEND THE PRECIOUS YOUNG BLOOD OF THIS COUNTRY TO DIE TRYING TO FROP UP A CORRUPT MILITARY DICTATORSHIP ABROAD.

LET US CHOOSE LIFE, NOT DEATH. THIS IS THE TIME.

THIS IS ALSO THE TIME TO TURN AWAY FROM EXCESSIVE PREOCCUPATION OVERSEAS TO REBUILDING OUR OWN NATION.

AMERICAN MUST BE RESTORED TO HER PROPER ROLE IN THE WORLD. BUT WE CAN DO THAT ONLY THROUGH THE RECOVERY OF CONFIDENCE IN OURSELVES. THE GREATEST CONTRIBUTION AMERICA CAN MAKE TO OUR FELLOW MORTALS IS TO HEAL OUR OWN GREAT BUT TROUBLED LAND. WE MUST RESPOND TO THAT ANCIENT COMMAND: "PHYSICIAN HEAL THYSELF."

IT IS NECESSARY IN AN AGE OF NUCLEAR POWER AND HOSTILE IDEOLOGIES THAT WE BE MILITARILY STRONG. AMERICA MUST NEVER BECOME A SECOND RATE NATION. AS ONE WHO HAS TASTED THE BITTER FRUITS OF OUR WEAKNESS BEFORE THE PEARL HARBOR, 1941, I GIVE UNITED STATES, AMERICA WILL KEEP ITS DEFENSES ALERT AND FULLY SUFFICIENT TO MEET ANY DANGER.

WE WILL DO THAT NOT ONLY FOR OURSELVES, BUT FOR THOSE WHO DESERVE AND NEED THE SHIELD OF OUR STRENGTH -- OUR OLD ALLIES IN EUROPE, AND ELSEWHERE, INCLUDING THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, WHO WILL ALWAYS HAVE OUR HELP TO HOLD THEIR PROMISED LAND.

YET WE KNOW THAT FOR YEARS WE HAVE BEEN SO ABSORVED WITH FEAR AND DANGER FROM ABROAD THAT WE HAVE PERMITTED OUR OWN HOUSE TO FALL INTO DISARRAY. WE MUST NOW SHOW THAT PEACE AND PROPERITY CAN EXIST SIDE BY SIDE INDEED EACH NOW DEPENDS ON THE OTHER.

NATIONAL STRENGTH INCLUDES THE CREDIBILITY OF OUR SYSTEM IN THE EYES OF OUR OWN PEOPLE AS WELL AS THE CREDIBILITY OF OUR DETERRENT IN THE EYES OF OTHERS ABROAD. NATIONAL SECURITY INCLUDES SCHOOLS FOR OUR CHILDREN AS WELL AS SILOS FOR OUR MISSILES, THE HEALTH OF OUR FAMILIES AS MUCH AS THE SIZE OF OUR STREETS AND THE CONDITION OF OUR CITIES AND NOT JUST THE ENGINES OF WAR.

AND IF WE SOME DAY CHOKE ON THE POLLUTION OF OUR OWN AIR, THERE WILL BE LITTLE CONSOLATION IN LEAVING BEHIND A DYING CONTINENT RINGED WITH STEEL.

LET US PROTECT OURSELVES ABROAD AND PERFECT OURSELVES AT HOME. THIS IS THE TIME.

AND WE MUST MAKE THIS A TIME OF JUSTICE AND JOBS FOR ALL.

FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS, WE HAVE TOLERATED STAGNATION AND A RISING LEVEL OF JOBLESSNESS, WITH MORE THAN FIVE MILLION OF OUR BEST WORKERS UNEMPLOYED. SURELY THIS IS THE MOST FALSE AND WASTEFUL ECONOMICS. OUR DEEP NEED IS NOT FOR IDLENESS BUT FOR NEW HOUSING AND HOSPITALS, FOR FACILITIES TO COMBAT POLLUTION AND TAKE US HOME FROM WORK, FOR PRODUCTS BETTER ABLE TO COMPETE ON VIGOROUS WORLD MARKETS.

THE HIGHEST DOMESTIC PRIORITY OF MY ADMINISTRATION WILL BE TO ENSURE THAT EVERY AMERICAN ABLE TO WORK HAS A JOB TO DO. THIS JOB GUARANTEE WILL AND MUST DEPEND UPON A REINVIGORATED PRIVATE ECONOMY, FREED AT LAST FROM UNCERTAINTIES AND BURDENS OF WAR. BUT THIS IS OUR COMMITMENT THAT WHATEVER EMPLOYMENT THE PRIVATE SECTOR DOES NOT PROVIDE, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL EITHER STIMULATE, OR PROVIDE ITSELF. WHATEVER IT TAKES, THIS COUNTRY IS GOING BACK TO WORK.

AMERICAN CANNOT EXIST WITH MOST OF OUR PEOPLE WORKING AND PAYING TAXES TO SUPPORT TOO MANY OTHERS MIXED IN THE DEMEANING, BUREAUCRATIC WELFARE SYSTEM. THEREFORE WE INTEND TO BEGIN BY PUTTING MILLIONS BACK TO WORK; AND AFTER THAT IS DONE, WE WILL ASSURE TO THOSE UNABLE TO WORK AN INCOME SUFFICIENT TO ASSURE A DECENT LIFE.

BEYOND THIS, A PROGRAM TO FUT AMERICA BACK TO WORK DEMANDS THAT WORK BE PROPERLY REWARDED. THIS MEANS THE END OF A SYSTEM OF ECONOMIC CONTROLS IN WHICH LABOR IS DEPRESSED, BUT PRICES AND COORPORATE PROFITS ARE THE HIGHTEST IN HISTORY.

IT MEANS A SYSTEM OF NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE, SO THAT A WORKER CAN AFFORD DECENT HEALTH CARE FOR HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY. IT MEANS REAL ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAWS SO THAT THE DRUG RACKETEERS ARE PUT BEHIND BARS FOR GOOD AND OUR STREETS ARE ONCE AGAIN SAFE FOR OUR FAMILIES.

ABOVE ALL, HONEST WORK MUST BE REWARDED BY A FAIR AND JUST TAX SYSTEM. THE TAX SYSTEM TODAY DOES NOT REWARD HARD WORK IT PENALIZES IT. INHERITED OR INVESTED WEALTH FREQUENTLY MULTIPLIES ITSELF WHILE PAYING NO TAXES AT ALL.

BUT WAGES EARNED ON THE ASSEMBLY LINE, OR LAYING BRICKS, OR PICKING FRUIT, THESE HARD-EARNED DOLLARS ARE TAXED TO THE LAST PENNY. THERE IS A DEPLETION ALLOWANCE FOR OIL WELLS, BUT NO ALLOWANCE FOR THE DEPLETION OF A MAN'S BODY IN YEARS OF TOIL.

THE ADMINISTRATION TELLS US THAT WE SHOWED NOT DISCUSS TAX REFORM IN AN ELECTION YEAR. THEY WOULD PREFER TO KEEP ALL DISCUSSION OF TAXES IN CLOSED COMMITTEE ROOMS, WHERE THE ADMINISTRATION, ITS POWERFUL FRIENDS AND THEIR PAID LOBBYISTS, CAN TURN EVERY EFFORT AT REFORM INTO A NEW LOOPHOGE FOR THE RICH.

BUT AN ELECTION YEAR IS THE PEOPLE'S YEAR TO SPEAK - AND THIS YEAR, THE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO INSURE THAT THE TAX SYSTEM IS CHANGED SO THAT WORK IS REWARDED AND SO THAT THOSE WHO DERIVE THE HIGHEST BENEFITS WILL PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE, RATHER THAN SLIPPING THROUGH THE LOOPHOLES AT THE EXPENSE OF THE REST OF US.

SO LET US STAND FOR JUSTICE AND JOBS, AND AGAINST SPECIAL PRIVILEGE. THIS IS THE TIME.

WE ARE NOT CONTENT WITH THINGS AS THEY ARE. WE REJECT THE VIEW OF THOSE WHO SAY: "AMERICAN -- LOVE IT OR LEAVE IT." WE REPLY: "LET US CHANGE IT SO WE CAN LOVE IT THE MORE."

AND THIS IS THE TIME. IT IS THE TIME FOR THIS LAND TO BECOME AGAIN A WITNESS TO THE WORLD FOR WHAT IS NOBLE AND JUST IN HUMAN AFFAIRS. IT IS THE TIME TO LIVE MORE WITH FAITH AND LESS WITH FEAR -- WITH AN ABIDING CONFIDENCE THAT CAN SWEEP AWAY THE STRONGEST BARRIERS BETWEEN US AND TEACH US THAT WE TRULY ARE BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

SO JOIN WITH ME IN THIS CAMPAIGN, LEND ME YOUR STRENGTH AND YOUR SUPPORT, GIVE ME YOUR VOICE, AND TOGETHER, WE WILL CALL AMERICA HOME TO THE FOUNDING IDEALS THAT NOURISHED US IN THE BEGINNING.

FROM SECRECY AND DECEPTION IN HIGH PLACES, COME HOME, AMERICA.

FROM MILITARY SPENDING SO WASTEFUL THAT IT WEAKENS OUR NATION, COME HOME, AMERICA.

FROM THE ENTRENCHMENT OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGE AND TAX FAVORITISM, COME HOME, AMERICA.

FROM THE WASTE OF IDLE HANDS TO THE JOY OF USEFUL LABOR, COME HOME, AMERICA.

FROM THE PREJUDICE OF RACE AND SEX, COME HOME, AMERICA.

FROM THE LONELINESS OF THE AGAIN POOR AND THE DESPAIR OF THE NEGLECTED SICK, COME HOME, AMERICA.

COME HOME TO THE AFFIRMATION THAT WE HAVE A DREAM.

COME HOME TO THE CONVICTION THAT WE CAN MOVE OUR COUNTRY FORWARD.

COME HOME TO THE BELIEF THAT WE CAN SEEK A NEWER WORLD.

AND LET US BE JOYFUL IN THAT HOMECOMING.

FOR "THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND, THIS LAND IS MY LAND, FROM CALLFORNIA TO THE NEW YORK ISLAND.

"FROM THE REDWOOD FOREST TO THE GULF STREAM WATERS."

"THIS LAND WAS MADE FOR YOU AND ME."

MAY GOD GRANT US THE WISDOM TO CHERISH THIS GOOD LAND AND TO MEET THE GREAT CHALLENGE THAT BECKONS US HOME.

THOMAS EAGLETON: YOUNG, LIBERAL, PERSONABLE (PROFILE) (BY RICHARD H. DE LESSEPS)

(UNDATED) -- YOUNG, LIBERAL, PERSONABLE AND AMBITIOUS THOMAS FRANCIS EAGLETON, THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S NOMINEE FOR VICE PRESIDENT TO RUN ON THE TICKET HEADED BY GEORGE MCGOVERN, WAS REGARDED AS A BOY WONDER IN THE POLITICAL LIFE OF HIS HOME STATE OF MISSOURI.

SENATOR EAGLETON DOES NOT KNOW WHAT IT IS TO LOSE AN ELECTION. HE HAS COMPILED A LONG LIST OF "YOUNGESTS"; HE WAS THE YOUNGEST ST. LOUIS COUNTY PROSECUTOR EVER AT AGE 26, THE YOUNGEST MISSOURI ATTORNEY GENERAL AT 30; THE YOUNGEST MISSOURI LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AT 34. HE WAS ELECTED TO THE U.S. SENATE IN 1967.

TODAY, AT AGE 42, HIS HAIR IS FLECKED WITH GREY, BUT HE STILL IS A YOUNG MAN IN THE EYES OF HIS POLITICAL PEERS. HE HAS BUILT HIS CAREER ON CAUSES HE DESCRIBES AS MORE LIBERAL THAN "THE SUM-AVERAGE OF MY CONSTITUENCY." HE HAS PROVED HIMSELF TO BE A GOOD CAMPAIGNER AND AN ADROIT POLITICIAN.

TOLD OF HIS SELECTION FOR THE NUMBER-TWO SPOT ON THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL TICKET, SENATOR EAGLETON CANDIDLY SET FORTH THE REASONS WHY HE WAS TAPPED: HE IS RELATIVELY YOUNG, A ROMAN CATHOLIC FROM AN URBAN STATE AND HAS GOOD RELATIONS WITH ORGANIZED LABOR.

THESE QUALITIES, SAID A NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL, "COMPLEMENT THOSE OF SENATOR MCGOVERN, A PROTESTANT FROM A RURAL STATE WHO IS DISTRUSTED BY THE HIERARCHY OF THE A.F.L, - C.I.O. FOR HIS POLITICAL UNORTHODOXY AND HIS REJECTION OF GEORGE MEANY'S RITUALISTIC ANTI-COMMUNISM IN FOREIGN POLICY."

TWO YEARS AGO WRITER CALVIN TRILLIN TRAVELED WITH SENATOR EAGLETON AROUND THE COUNTRY, THEN WROTE IN THE NEW YORKER MAGAZINE:

"IN SMALL MISSOURI TOWNS, EAGLETON HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF FRIENDLINESS AND INFORMALITY THAT MAKE IT SEEM NATURAL FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST MET HIM TO CALL HIM UP BY HIS FIRST NAME EVEN IF HE IS A SENATOR.

"HE ALSO HAS TO HIS ADVANTAGE A MIDWESTERN, NONSENTORIALY WAY OF NOT TAKING HIMSELF COMPLETELY SERIOUSLY, SO THAT HE CAN TELL A GROUP OF COLLEGE STUDENTS THAT HE IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO DELIVER HIS SUPERBLY EMOTIONAL COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS OR CAN ARRIVE TO A LIBRARY GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY HELD OUTDOORS IN A DRIVING RAIN AND ANNOUNCE TO THE COMMITTEE THAT THE ONLY LIBRARY GROUND-BREAKING SPEECH HE KNOWS TAKE 40 MINUTES."

TOM EAGLETON'S FATHER, MARK, WAS A WELL-KNOWN REPUBLICAN IAWYER WHO ONCE LOST A ST. LOUIS MAYORALTY RACE BY A NARROW MARGIN. YOUNG TOM, BORN IN THAT CITY SEPTEMBER 4, 1930 TOOK TO POLITICS AT AN EARLY AGE.

"MY EARLIEST RECOLLECTION OF A POLITICAL CONTEST WAS THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE OF 1936 BETWEEN (ALFRED) LANDON AND (FRANKLIN) ROOSEVELT," HE RELATES. "THEN IN 1940 MY FATHER TOOK ME TO THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION. DAD WAS A (WENDELL) WILLKIE MAN, BUT I WAS STRONG FOR (THOMAS) DEWEY," HE RECALLS.

THE CONVENTION WAS AN EXPERIENCE THAT TURNED BOTH FATHER AND SON INTO DEMOCRATS.

SENATOR EAGLETON EARNED HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE CUM LAUDE FROM AMHEKST COLLEGE. HE INTERRUPTED HIS COLLEGE YEARS TO SERVE IN THE U.S. NAVY AS A SEAMAN. HE FINISHED HARWARD LAW SCHOOL, AGAIN CUM LAUDE, IN 1953, AND BECAME AN ATTORNEY BEFORE RUNNING FOR ST. LOUIS CIRCUIT ATTORNEY IN 1956. HE HAS BEEN IN PUBLIC OFFICE EVER SINCE.

IN THE 1963 MISSOURI SENATORIAL RACE, TOM EAGLETON DEFEATED TWO DEMOCRATIC OPPONENTS IN THE PRIMARY, THEN WENT ON TO DEFEAT THE REPUBLICAN NOMINEE.

IN WASHINGTON, HE CONCENTRATED ON CUTTING MILITARY SPENDING, ELECTION REFORM AND URBAN AFFAIRS. HE TESTIFIED AGAINST THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION'S VIETNAM POLICY AND EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER EROSION OF CONGRESSIONAL WAR-MAKING POWERS INVESTED IN THE CONSTITUTION.

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SENATOR EAGLETON WAS A BEHIND-THE-SCENES ARCHITECT OF A RESOLUTION BY SENATOR JOHN STENNIS OF MISSISSIPPI, RECENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE BUT STILL TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE PRESIDENT TO GET CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL WITHIN 30 DAYS OF ANY COMMITMENT OF AMERICAN TROOPS ABROAD.

HE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH LABOR AND CONSUMER ISSUES. IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD, HE WAS A PRINCIPAL SPONSOR OF THE OCEAN-AIR ACT OF 1970 AND WAS AN AUTHOR OF THE WATER POLLUTION ACT OF 1971, STILL PENDING IN A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

HE WAS AN EARLY ADVOCATE OF WAGE AND PRICE CONTROLS TO SLOW INFLATION. HE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COMMITTEE.

WHEN IN THE WASHINGTON AREA, SENATOR EAGLETON LIVES AT SPRING HALL, MARYLAND, WITH HIS WIFE, THE FORMER BARBARA ANN SMITH, AND TWO CHILDREN, TERRENCE, 13, AND CHRISTIN, TEN.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

AROUND THE NATION:

IN AN EFFORT TO RELIEVE SUFFERING CAUSED BY TROPICAL STORM AGNES, 40,000 PERSONS FORCED OUT OF WORK BY THE FLOODING WILL BE HIRED FOR TEMPORARY RECOVERY PROGRAMS AT A COST OF 23,5 MILLION DOLLARS, THE LABOR DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

DEMOCRATIC VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE SENATOR THOMAS EAGLETON SAID IN WASHINGTON HE HOPES TO MEET THIS WEEK WITH A.F.L.-C.I.O. FRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY IN AN EFFORT TO HEAL THE BREACH BETWEEN THE POWERFUL LABOR LEADER AND THE PARTY TICKET.

DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE SENATOR GEORGE MCCOVERN FLEW TO THE BLACK HILLS OF HIS NATIVE SOUTH DAKOTA FOR TWO WEEKS OF REST AND PREPARATION FOR HIS CAMPAIGN.

THE F.B.I. ENROLLED ITS FIRST TWO FEMALE AGENTS AT A SWEARING IN CEREMONY HELD IN ACTING F.B.I. DIRECTOR L. PATRICK GRAY'S WASHINGTON OFFICE. THEY ARE SUSAN LYNN ROLE, 25, AND JOANNE E. PIERCE, 31. MISS ROLE IS A FORMER U.S. MARINE CORPS OFFICER AND MISS PIERCE HAS BEEN A CLERICAL WORKER WITH THE F.B.I.

IN NEW YORK, RAMPARTS MAGAZINE PUBLISHED IN ITS AUGUST ISSUES AN ARTICLE WHICH ASSERTS THAT U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES HAVE CRACKED EVERY SOVIET CODE. THE WRITER CLAIMS TO BE A FORMER U.S. INTELLIGENCE ANALYST.

TWO U.S. AIR FORCE PILOTS WHO FLEW RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT AT THREE TIMES THE SPEED OF SOUND -- LIEUTENANT COLONEL THOMAS B. ESTES AND BEWAIN C. VICK - WILL RECEIVE THE MACKAY TROPHY FOR "THE MOST MERITORIOUS FLIGHT OF THE YEAR," THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

IN SOUTH VIETNAM, GOVERNMENT PARATROOPERS FOUGHT A BITTER HOUSE-TO-HOUSE FIGHT TO THE EDGES OF THE QUANG TRI CITY CITADEL, BUT HELD OFF AN ATTEMPT TO STORM THE BASTION OCCUPIED BY NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES UNTIL ALLIED ARTILLERY COULD SOFTEN IT UP.

SOUTH VIETNAM'S NEW MARTIAL LAW DECREE PROVIDES JAIL TERMS FOR STRIKERS, CURFEW VIOLATORS, AND AGUTATORS, GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN ANNOUNCED IN SAIGON. THE ACT WAS SIGNED INTO LAW JULY 15 BY PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU. THE DECREE ALSO PERMITS SHOOTING TO KILL TO HALT LOOTERS, ARSONISTS, AND SABOTEURS.

IN ZRIFIN, ISRAEL, A MILITARY TRIBUNAL CONVICTED JAPANESE TERRORIST KOZO OKAMOTO AND SENTENCED HIM TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR HIS PART IN THE LOD INTERNATION AIRPORT MASSACRE.

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U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM ARRIVED BY AIR IN MOSCOW FROM AUSTRIA ON HIS FIRST VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION SINCE HE BECAME CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE U.N. HE WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO AND FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER VASILI KUZNETSOV. •

AMERICAN CHALLENGER BOBBY FISCHER WON THE THIRD GAME IN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH WITH BORIS SPASSKY IN REYKJAVIK, ICELAND. SOVIET CHESSMASTER SPASSKY WON THE FIRST TWO GAMES IN THE 4 GAME SERIES.

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LAOS (USINFO):

IN SOUTHERN LAOS, SHARP GROUND FIGHTING WAS REPORTED OVER THE WEEKEND IN THE KHONG SEDONE AREA, AND AROUND THE CROSSROADS VILLAGE OF LAO NGAM, 21 KILOMETERS EAST OF PAKSE. HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO BASIC CHANGE IN THE MILITARY SITUATION THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

AFTER HEAVY FIGHTING, GOVERNMENT TROOPS SUCCESSFULLY RE-OCCUPIED BAN NAPHENG, A HEAVILY BUNKERED NORTH VIETNAMESE POSITION FOUR KILOMETERS NORTH OF KHONG SEDONE. THIS ACTION FOLLOWED SUCCESSFUL GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO OCCUPY MOST OF THE FORMER FAR MILITARY CAMP JUST WEST OF KHONG SEDONE.

ONLY SCATTERED SHELLINGS AND SMALL-SCALE CLASHES WERE REPORTED ELSEWHERE IN LAOS.

LAIRD STRESSES NO TARGETING OF NORTH VIETNAM'S DIKES BY MARION D. JOYCE IPS STAFF WRITER

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WASHINGTON, JULY 17--U.S. POLICY THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE DIKES AND DAMS ARE NOT STRATEGIC AIR STRIKE TARGETS REMAINS UNCHANGED, DEFENSE SECRETARY LAIRD EMPHASIZES, BUT SUCH INSTALL-ATIONS COULD BE DAMAGED WHEN NORTH VIETNAM USES THE STRUCTURES FOR ANTI-AIRCRAFT EMPLACEMENT OR FOR MOVEMENT OF MILITARY SUPPLIES.

"THERE HAS BEEN, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE, NO TARGETING OF DIKES AND DAMS," SECRETARY LAIRD TOLD A FRESS CONFERENCE JULY 17. AS AN EXAMPLE OF INCIDENTAL DAMAGE HE NOTED THAT A SLUICEWAY WHICH PASSED UNDERNEATH A BRIDGE COULD HAVE BEEN DAMAGED BY AIR STRIKES ON MILITARY TRAFFIC MOVING ACROSS THE BRIDGE ABOVE.

"THAT BRIDGE WAS NOT IN THE GENERAL COMPLEX OF SIX OR SEVEN MAJOR AREAS THAT CONTROL MOST OF THE WATER MOVEMENTS AS FAR AS THE RESERVOIRS OF NORTH VIETNAM ARE CONCERNED, SECRETARY LAIRD ASSERTED. "NONE OF THOSE MAJOR AREAS DO CURRENTLY HAVE ANY MILITARY ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONRY IN CONNECTION WITH THEM NOR DO THEY FALL WITHIN ANY OF THE PRESENT TARGETS THAT HAVE BEEN HIT."

DAMS AND DIKES, SECRETARY LAIRD EMPHASIZED, MIGHT BE HIT ACCIDENTALLY, BUT ONLY IF MILITARY TARGETS ON OR NEAR THEM SHOULD BE BOMBED.

AT THE WESTERN WHITE HOUSE IN SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA, PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY RON ZIEGLER ALSO TOLD INQUIRING NEWSMEN AGAIN, "IT IS CONTRARY TO OUR POLICY TO TARGET DAMS AND

DIKES IN NORTH VIETNAM." HE STRESSED REPEATEDLY THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HAS RULED OUT AS A MATTER OF POLICY AIR STRIKES AGAINST THE DAMS AND DIKES.

MR. ZIEGLER SUGGESTED THAT REPORTS FROM NORTH VIETNAM CLAIMING THAT THE WATER CONTROL SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN DAMAGED BY U.S. AIRCRAFT ARE PART OF AN HANOI ATTEMPT TO SWAY DOMESTIC OPINION IN THE UNITED STATES AGAINST U.S. ACTIVITIES IN VIETNAM.

NOTING THAT PRESIDENT NIXON IN HIS MOST RECENT NEWS CONFERENCE HAD DECLARED NO DAM OR DIKE HAD BEEN HIT BY U.S. PRDINANCE, MR. ZIEGLER DECLARED, "ANY STATEMENT THE PRESIDENT MADE OR THAT I MADE IN BRIEFINGS WAS MADE ON THE BASIS OF THE BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US." HE ADDED HE HAD NOT PERSONALLY SEEN ANY INFORMATION THAT WOULD LEAD HIM TO REVERSE HIS PREVIOUS ANSWERS.

ANSWERING A QUESTION ABOUT REPORTS THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WERE TRYING, TO SLIP WAR SUPPLIES THROUGH MINED WATERS BY USING SHALLOW-DRAFT FREIGHTERS, MR. ZIEGLER SAID HE HAD NOT PERSONALLY SEEN "ANY EVIDENCE THAT SUGGESTS THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARE MOVING SUPPLIES TO ANY GREAT EXTENT" THROUGH THE INTERDICTED AREA. QUESTIONS WERE BASED ON NEWS REPORTS STATING THAT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAD SUPPLIED NORTH VIETNAM WITH SMALL COASTAL FREIGHTERS WHICH WERE BEING USED TO FERRY WAR SUPPLIES FROM AN OFF SHORE ISLAND TO LIGHTERS. HE ADDED THE U.S. EFFORTS TO DENY NORTH VIETNAM MILITARY SUPPLIES FOR ITS INVASION OF SOUTH VIETNAM "HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE."

WHEN SECRETARY LAIRD WAS ASKED ABOUT DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE GEORGE MCGOVERN'S PROMISE, IF HE SHOULD BE ELECTED IN NOVEMBER, TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF ALL AMERICAN WAR PRISONERS IN EXCHANGE FOR A TOTAL U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWAL WITHIN 90 DAYS OF HIS INAUGURATION, MR. LAIRD REPLIED THAT IT IS "NEITHER LEGITIMATE NOR CREDITABLE." AMBASSADOR PORTER, CHIEF AMERICAN NEGOTIATOR AT THE PARIS PEACE TALKS, HAS PRESENTED A SIMILAR PROPOSAL REPEATEDLY, MR. LAIRD COMMENTED, "AND IT HAS BEEN COMPLETELY AND TOTALLY REJECTED BY NORTH VIETNAM." HANOI WILL NOT SEPARATE THE PRISONER OF WAR QUESTION FROM OTHER POINTS AT ISSUE, MR. LAIRD POINTED OUT.

MR. MCGOVERN, HE OBSERVED, "MUST HAVE INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE TO THE UNITED STATES, ITS ALLIES, OR OTHER NATIONS AND AGENCIES WITH WHICH WE HAVE DEALT -- INCLUDING THE SOVIET UNION AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA."

SECRETARY LAIRD SAID THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HAS MADE THE MOST FORTHRIGHT AND FAR-REACHING PEACE PROPOSAL: AN OFFER TO COMPLETELY WITHDRAW U.S. FORCES WITHIN FOUR MONTHS IN EXCHANGE FOR AN INTERNATIONALLY SUPERVISED CEASE FIRE AND RELEASE OF ALL AMERICANS IN COMMUNISTS MANDS. HANOI HAS REPEATEDLY REJECTED THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL.

NEGOTIATIONS REMAIN THE BEST MEANS OF ENDING THE WAR QUICKLY, MR. LAIRD SAID, BUT SHOULD THEY FAIL, VIETNAMIZATION WILL BE PRESSED TO ITS CONCLUSION. UNLESS U.S. WAR PRISONERS ARE RETURNED AND SERVICEMEN MISSING IN ACTION ACCOUNTED FOR, HE WARNED, THE UNITED STATES WILL RETAIN A RESIDUAL FORCE IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND A STRONG AIR AND NAVAL PRESENCE IN SOTHEAST ASIA.

PRESIDENT NIXON WILL ANNOUNCE ADDITIONAL TROOP WITHDRAWALS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, MR. LAIRD POINTED OUT.

ALTHOUGH SOUTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS CONTINUE TO ACQUIT THEMSELVES WELL AGAINST THE INVADING NORTH VIETNAMESE, HANOI STILL HAS THE CAPABILITY TO LAUNCH AT LEAST ONE MORE "SFECTACULAR," MR. LAIRD SAID. THE ATTACK PROBABLY WILL COME IN THE HUE AREA, HE PREDICTED. THE QUESTION OF CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES AND RESOLUTION OF THE WAR PRISONER ISSUE CAN BE ANSWERED ONLY BY HANOI, NOT IN WASHINGTON, MR. LAIRD STRESSED. "NO U.S. ADMINISTRATION CAN CONTROL THESE DECISIONS," HE ADDED. A TOP A

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AROUND THE NATION:

MEETING IN WASHINGTON, THE A.F.L.-C.I.O. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ACCEDED TO PRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY'S REQUEST AND DECIDED NOT TO ENDORSE EITHER PRESIDENT NIXON OR SENATOR MCGOVERN IN THIS YEAR'S ELECTION. MR. MEANY SAID THE A.F.L.-C.I.O. WOULD CHANNEL ITS POLITICAL FUNDS INTO SENATE AND HOUSE CONTESTS THIS FALL TO TRY TO ENSURE ELECTION OF MEMBERS FRIENDLY TO LABOR.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CHAIRMAN ROBERT DOLE SAID IN WASHINGTON HE DID NOT CONSIDER LIKELY THE REPLACEMENT OF SPIRO AGNEW AS PRESIDENT NIXON'S RUNNING MATE AT THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION. "I STILL THINK IT WILL BE A NIXON AGNEW TICKET," THE KANSAS SENATOR SAID.

PHILADELPHIA'S DEMOCRATIC MAYOR FRANK RIZZO SAID HE MAY HEAD UP A "DEMOCRATS FOR NIXON" CAMPAIGN IN THE CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE.

IN CUSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA, WHERE HE IS VACATIONING, SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN SAID HE HAD ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO MEET WITH CHICAGO MAYOR RICHARD DALEY "IN A FEW WEEKS." SENATOR MCGOVERN SAID HE REMAINED CONFIDENT THAT "THE MAYOR AND HIS SUPPORTERS WILL WORK FOR US IN THE FALL."

IN WAUSAU, WISCONSIN, REPRESENTATIVE ALVIN E. O'KONSKI, THE DEAN OF WISCONSIN'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, SAID HE WOULD NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION TO A SIXTEENTH TERM. HE SAID HE WAS BOWING OUT BECAUSE OF ELECTION COSTS "RATHER THAN GO TO WASHINGTON AS SOMEONE'S SLAVE."

AT THE UNITED NATIONS, 13 COUNTRIES SUBMITTED AN ITEM FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONSIDERATION ON "ESTABLISHMENT OF FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR THE ACCELERATION OF THE PEACEFUL AND INDEPENDENT REUNIFICATION OF KOREA."

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

IN SOUTH VIETNAM, GOVERNMENT AIRBONE TROOPS HOLDING SOUTHERN PARTS OF QUANG TRI CITY WITHSTOOD TWO FIERCE ENEMY ATTACKS DURING THE NIGHT AND SMALL PARATROOP UNITS RESUMED THEIR HOUSE-TO-HOUSE CLEARING OPERATION.

IN HONG KONG, A COURT OF INQUIRY SAID THE FLAMES WHICH GUTTED THE FORMER BRITISH LUXURY LINER QUEEN ELIZABETH EARLY THIS YEAR MOST LIKELY WERE STARTED DELIBERATELY. THE QUEEN ELIZABETH WAS UNDERGOING CONVERSION IN HONG KONG INTO A FLOATING UNIVERSITY WHEN IT WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE JANUARY 9.

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JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER KAKUÈI TANAKA SAID IN TOKYO THE RESTORATION OF SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS WAS THE PARAMOUNT ISSUE FACING HIS NEW ADMINISTRATION.

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A JUBILANT BOBBY FISCHER GAVE SOVIET CHESSMASTER BORIS SPASSKY, HIS OPPONENT IN THE WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP IN REYKJAVIK, ICELAND, A WARM HANDCLASP WHEN MR. SPASSKY ACCEPTED A DRAW IN THE FOURTH GAME OF THE 24-GAME SERIES. THE SCORE IS NOW SPASSKY TWO-AND-ONE-HALF POINTS, FISCHER ONE-AND-ONE HALF POINTS.

IN PARIS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID FRANCE WOULD MAINTAIN ITS EMBARGO ON ARMS SHIPMENTS TO COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN THE MIDDLE EAST STRUGGLE.

IN MOSCOW, U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM MET WITH SOVIET PREMIER ALEXEI KOSYGIN. SOURCES SAID THEIR DISCUSSIONS WERE EXPECTED TO FOCUS ON THE MIDDLE EAST.

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LAOS (USINFO):

IN SOUTHERN LAOS, THE MILITARY SITUATION WAS RELATIVELY QUIET JULY 17 AND 18 IN THE VICINITY OF KHONG SEDONE, WITH ONLY A FEW SHELLINGS AND GROUND CLASHES REPORTED. NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES SUFFERED HEAVY CASUALTIES IN THEIR UNSUCCESSFUL DEFENSE OF THE FORMER ROYAL LAOTIAN ARMY CAMP NOW IN GOVERNMENT CONTROL. IT IS LOCATED SOUTHWEST OF KHONG SEDONE.

GOVERNMENT VOLUNTEER GROUPS ARE IN CONTROL OF POSITIONS ATTACKED JULY 16 BY ENEMY FORCES NEAR THE TOWN OF BORIKHANE, 150 KILOMETERS EAST-NORTHEAST OF VIENTIANE, HOWEVER, COMMUNIST UNITS ARE STILL PRESENT NEARBY.

ON JULY 18, A MID-AIR COLLISION OCCURRED NEAR SAVANNAKHET BETWEEN AN AMERICAN-PILOTED CONTINENTAL AIR SERVICES BARON AIRCRAFT AND A LAO-PILOTED T-41 (CESSNA) TRAINER. THE AMERICAN PILOT WAS NOT TAKE OUT, INJURED. THE BARON SUFFERED MINOR DAMAGE AND LANDED SAFELY AT SAVANNAKHET AIRPORT. THE LAO AIRCRAFT CRASHED, KILLING THE LAO PILOT.

FOLLOWING ARE RESPONSES MADE BY SECRETARY OF STATE WILLIAM P. ROGERS TO QUESTIONS AFTER HIS SPEECH TO THE COMMONWEALTH CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO, JULY 18.

QUESTION: IF GEORGE MCGOVERN WON THE ELECTION AND ENDED THE BOMBING IN VIETNAM, WHAT CHANCE WOULD HE HAVE TO GET THE AMERICAN PRISONERS BACK?

SECRETARY ROGERS REPLIED THAT, IF A CANDIDATE SAYS HE IS GOING TO GIVE THE ADVERSARY ALL THAT HE WANTS, WHAT IS THERE TO NEGOTIATE? TO THIS HE APPENDED HIS HOPE THAT THE WAR WOULD BE ENDED BECAUSE THE WORLD FEELS IT MUST BE SETTLED, AND THEN--APOLOGIZING FOR PARTISANSHIP--HE SAID PRESIDENT NIXON IS GOING TO WIN.

THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT HANOI MIGHT, LIKE MUCH OF THE REST OF THE WORLD, THINK THAT THE PRESIDENT NIXON WILL WIN AND THEREFORE CONCLUDE THAT THIS MAY BE THE BEST TIME TO NEGOTIATE. OR, HE ADDED, THEY MIGHT BE SAYING TO THEMSELVES, WHY NOT WAIT FOUR MONTHS? I HOPE THIS IS NOT TRUE, HE SAID.

QUESTION: HAS MOSCOW URGED HANOI TO SETTLE?

MR. ROGERS: WE DON'T KNOW.

QUESTION: WHY ARE JAPANESE-AMERICAN RELATIONS WORSE THAN THEY HAVE EVER BEEN?

I DON'T THINK THEY ARE, MR. ROGERS REPLIED. HE SAID THAT THE JAPANESE SUFFERED SEVERAL NIXON SHOCKS, BUT HE BELLEVES THE JAPANESE WERE SHOCKED BECAUSE THEY TOLD THEMSELVES THEY WERE SHOCKED. THEY KNEW WE WERE TRYING TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH CHINA. WHAT THEY DIDN'T KNOW WAS THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS GOING THERE. WE DO VALUE OUR RELATIONS WITH JAPAN HIGHLY, THE SECRETARY ADDED.

KISSINGER MEETS WITH HANOI OFFICIALS IN PARIS

WASHINGTON, JULY 19--DR. HENRY KISSINGER HAS MET AGAIN WITH TOP NORTH VIETNAMESE REPRESENTATIVES IN PARIS.

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RONALD ZIEGLER MADE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT JULY 19:

"DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, IS MEETING TODAY IN PARIS WITH SPECIAL ADVISOR LE DUC THO AND MINISTER XUAN THUY OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATION TO THE PARIS PEACE TALKS. DR. KISSINGER IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON TODAY."

THE MEETING LASTED SIX AND ONE HALF HOURS.

DR. KISSINGER WAS TO REPORT TO PRESIDENT NIXON IMMEDIATELY ON HIS RETURN THE EVENING OF JULY 19.

"FURTHER MEETINGS," MR. ZIEGLER SAID, "WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS THEY ARE HELD. BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT NEITHER SIDE WILL REVEAL THE SUBSTANCE OF THESE MEETINGS."

DR. KISSINGER HAS BEEN HEAVILY INVOLVED IN U.S. EFFORTS TO FIND A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO THE VIETNAM CONFLICT. ON JANUARY 7, PRESIDENT NIXON REVEALED THAT DR. KISSINGER HAD MET PRIVATELY 13 TIMES WITH LE DUC THO. A MEMBER OF HANDI'S POLITBURO, AND OTHER HIGH COMMUNIST OFFICIALS. THOSE SECRET MEETINGS WERE IN ADDITION TO THE OPEN SESSIONS OF THE PARIS PEACE TALKS.

DR. KISSINGER WENT TO PARIS AGAIN ON MAY 2 FOR ANOTHER SECRET MEETING WITH LE DUC THO, WITH PRESIDENT NIXON'S AUTHORITY "TO TALK ABOUT EVERY CONCEIVABLE AVENUE TOWARD PEACE." PRESIDENT NIXON DECLARED MAY 8 THE NORTH VIETNAMESE "FLATLY REFUSED TO CONSIDER ANY OF THESE APPROACHES."

BECAUSE OF HANOI'S INSISTENCE ON "BOMBASTIC RHETORIC" IN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MEETINGS, THE PRESIDENT SUSPENDED U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE PARIS TALKS MAY 4.

MR. NIXON ANNOUNCED AT HIS MOST RECENT NEWS CONFERENCE JUNE 29 HE HAD ORDERED RESUMPTION OF THE PUBLIC SESSIONS IN PARIS ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT HANOI WOULD TAKE A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

LAST WEEKEND, SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS TOLD NEWSMEN AT THE WESTERN WHITE HOUSE HE SAW "SOME SLIGHT NUANCES" IN HANOI'S POSITION AT THE FIRST OF THE RESUMED SESSIONS JULY 13, ENCOURAGING THE HOPE THAT HANOI MIGHT BE READY TO BEGIN SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS. ANOTHER PUBLIC SESSION IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 20.

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WASHINGTON, JULY 19--WASHINGTON OFFICIALS ARE WITHHOLDING PUBLIC COMMENT ON PRESIDENT SADAT'S ORDER THAT SOVIET MILITARY ADVISERS AND EXPERTS DEPART IMMEDIATELY.

"WE HAVE NO INFORMATION OR COMMENT TO PROVIDE AT THIS TIME ON REPORTS OUT OF EGYPT," DEPUTY WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY GERALD WARREN TOLD INQUIRING NEWSMEN ON JULY 19. "WE ARE WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY."

ON THE HEELS OF THE SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT JULY 18, NEWSMEN BEGAN PRESSING FOR U.S. REACTION.

SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS, FOLLOWING A SPEECH IN SAN FRANCISCO, TOLD A QUESTIONER THAT THE EGYPTIAN DEVELOPMENT WAS "AN INTERNAL AFFAIR." IT IS NOT A MATTER ON WHICH THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO COMMENT BECAUSE, HE SAID, "TO DO SO WOULD BE CLEARLY INAPPROPRIATE."

EARLIER, DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN JOHN KING REFUSED TO DISCUSS THE SADAT ANNOUNCEMENT, SAYING, "I JUST WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR, AS CLEAR AS POSSIBLE THAT OFFICIALLY WE ARE GOING TO HAVE NOTHING TO SAY ABOUT THIS ONE WAY OR ANOTHER."

ON JULY 19, DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN CHARLES BRAY WAS ALSO PRESSED TO COMMENT ON SADAT'S ORDER. HE DECLINED, RECALLING WHAT SECRETARY ROGERS HAD SAID.

IN RESPONSE TO OTHER QUESTIONS, MR. BRAY REPLIED:

- HE KNEW OF NO PLANS TO SUMMON BACK FROM CAIRO JOSEPH GREEN, THE TOP U.S. DIPLOMAT IN EGYPT, FOR A REPORT ON THE SITUATION.

-- "NO COMMENT" WHEN ASKED IF THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ISRAEL ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN EGYPT.

--THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT KNOW HOW MANY SOVIET MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE INVOLVED IN THE WITHDRAWAL FROM EGYPT.

ASKED IF WASHINGTON HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE THAT EGYPT IS WITHDRAWING BASE FACILITIES FOR SOVIET SHIPS AND PLANES, MR. BRAY SAID: "NO, THIS IS A MATTER BETWEEN TWO FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO WHICH WE ARE NOT PRIVY."

STUDY SHOWS NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES BADLY BATTERED

(by NICHOLAS RUGGIERI)

SAIGON, JULY 19-ALL TEN REGULAR NORTH VIETNAMESE DIVISIONS COMMITTED TO THE INVASION OF SOUTH VIETNAM HAVE BEEN WEAKENED AND THE COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS OF SOME IS DOUBTFUL, A STUDY OF COMMUNIST MILITARY STRENGTH INDICATES.

HANOI'S SWITCH TO CONVENTIONAL WARFARE - APPARENTLY TO SAVE MANPOWER AFTER SEVEN YEARS OF HEAVY CASUALTIES - MADE THE COMMITTED UNITS MORE DEPENDENT THAN EVER UPON HEAVY LOGISTICS. HEAVY LOGISTICS HAVE NOW BECOME A PROBLEM BECAUSE OF THE INCREASED U.S. BOMBING OF SUPPLY ROUTES IN THE NORTH AND MINING OF NORTH VIETNAMESE HARBORS.

TO THIS MUST BE ADDED THE MORE DEADLY IMPACT OF U.S. AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE AIR SUPPORT OF SAIGON'S GROUTD FORCES, THE CONTINUING EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE IN BATTLE, AND THE FAILURE OF THE COMMUNISTS TO WIN SUPPORT FROM THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM. MANY COMMUNIST DIVISIONS AND REGIMENTS HAVE BEEN BADLY BATTERED. THEY ARE SHORT OF FOOD AND SUPPLIES. MORE THAN 400 TANKS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. THOUSANDS OF THEIR TROOPS HAVE FALLEN IN BATTLE. AND NOW THE SURVIVORS ARE BEGINNING TO RETREAT AND EVEN TO SURRENDER.

THE COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE WHICH BEGAN WITH A SUCCESS AT QUANG TRI IS BOGGED DOWN. AFTER MORE THAN THREE MONTHS OF COSTLY FIGHTING, THE COMMUNIST COMMAND IS FACED WITH A COUNTERATTACKING SOUTH VIETNAMESE ARMY AT EACH OF THE KEY POINTS FROM WHICH IT HAD HOPED TO BRING THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE TO HEEL.

HERE IS HOW OBSERVERS ASSESS THE SITUATION FOR COMMUNIST UNITS IN SOUTH VIETNAM:

THE 304TH DIVISION, WITH SUPPORTING UNITS OF TANKS AND ARTILLERY, TOOK HEAVY CASUALTIES ON THE QUANG TRI FRONT. ITS 9TH REGIMENT WAS SHATTERED BY B-52 STRIKES. THE 66TH REGIMENT WAS IN SUCH PROLONGED CONTACT THAT IT SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES IN KILLED AND WOUNDED, AND THE 24-B REGIMENT WAS REPORTEDLY DEMORALIZED WHEN THE PEOPLE OF QUANG TRI CHOSE TO FLEE RATHER THAN BE "LIBERATED". THE SUPPORTING 38TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT WAS UNABLE TO WITHSTAND THE SUSTAINED ATTACKS BY SOUTH VIETNAMESE AND ALLIED AIRCRAFT.

THE 308TH DIVISION, APPARENTLY UNDERESTIMATED THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE ABILITY TO FIGHT BACK. IT WAS BITTERLY SURPRISED; ITS 36TH REGIMENT WAS BEATEN BACK FROM ITS ATTACK ON DONG HA IN EARLY APRIL. WHEN THE 102ND REGIMENT WAS BROUGHT UP, IT, TOO, TOOK A PUMMELING FROM THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE. THE 88TH REGIMENT IN TURN WAS EXPOSED TO DEVASTATING AIR AND ARTILLERY ATTACKS. THROUGHOUT MAY AND JUNE, VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE DIVISION WERE POUNDED BY AIR STRIKES, ARTILLERY FIRE, AND INFANTRY ATTACKS. IN PARTICULAR, THE 88TH REGIMENT TOOK VERY HEAVY LOSSES IN LATE MAY WHILE UNSUCCESSFULLY TRYING TO BREAK THE MY CHANH RIVER LINE.

THE VETERAN 24B DIVISION WAS SUBJECT TO SPOILING OPERATIONS AND ATTACKS BY THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE FIRST INFANTRY DIVISION IN MARCH. THIS PREVENTED ITS 29TH REGIMENT FROM COMPLETING ITS ORGANIZATION FOR A PROJECTED ATTACK ON HUE. THIS REGIMENT HAD TO BE REPLACED IN MAY BY THE 803RD REGIMENT OF THE SAME DIVISION. OFFE MORALE OF THE 803TH WAS LOW BECAUSE NEARLY 30 PERCENT OF ITS COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WERE KILLED IN QUANG TRI.

THE DIVISION IS REPORTED TO BE DISORGANIZED BY SOUTH VIETNAMESE ATTACKS WHICH HAVE RECAPTURED ALL THE POSITIONS ORIGI-NALLY TAKEN. THE 803RD AND 812TH REGIMENTS, POUNDED BY SOUTH VIETNAMESE ARTILLERY, HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO PENETRATE DEFENSIVE POSITION WEST OF HUE.

THE 320TH DIVISION HAD HOPED TO TURN KONTUM INTO A DIEN BIEN PHU FOR THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE. BUT ASSAULTING UNITS OF THREE OF ITS REGIMENTS WERE BEATEN BACK WITH HEAVY CASUALTIES ON THAT FRONT. IN APRIL AND MAY, THE 64TH AND 48TH REGIMENTS SUFFERED SIGNIFICANT FOOD SHORTAGES WHICH AFFECTED THEIR FIGHTING ABILITY, AND BY MID MAY THE 48TH REGIMENT HAD ALSO TAKEN 50 PERCENT CASUALTIES FROM ALL CAUSES, WITH BATTALION STRENGTH DROPPING BELOW 200 MEN. THE 52ND REGIMENT SUFFERED A SIMILAR DROP IN STRENGTH. CONSEQUENTLY, THE 320TH DIVISION WAS COMPELLED TO WITHDRAW AND REORGANIZE, AND THE TASK OF ATTACKING KONTUM WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE 2ND DIVISION.

THE 2ND DIVISION, HOWEVER, WAS SUFFERING FROM LOW MORALE AND A HIGH INCIDENCE OF DISEASE SUCH AS MALARIA. IT FARED NO BETTER. ITS ASSAULT ON KONTUM FROM MAY 25 THROUGH 28 WAS DISORGANIZED AND LACKING IN ADEQUATE ARTILLERY PREPARATION. CONSEQUENTLY, AFTER INITIAL PENETRATION OF KONTUM CITY, BOTH THE DIVISION'S 1ST AND 141ST REGIMENT WERE SOUNDLY BEATEN AND THE DIVISION ITSELF WAS FORCED TO WITHDRAW AND REORGANIZE IN LATE JUNE.

PROLONGED COMBAT, LIMITED SUPPLIES, AND CONTINUING CASUALTIES REDUCED THE COMBAT CAPABILITY OF THE 3RD DIVISION IN BINH DINH PROVINCE.ELEMENTS OF THE DIVISION --WHICH HAD OPERATED THERE SINCE 1966--WERE REPULSED WITH HEAVY CASUALTIES DURING AN ATTACK ON PHY MY DISTRICT TOWN IN MID-JUNE. THREE REGIMENTS HAVE GONE INTO HIDING IN NORTHERN BINH DINH AND OTHER REMOTE PARTS OF THE PROVINCE. THE LACK OF EFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE ON THE PART OF LOCAL COMMUNIST UNITS PREVENTED THEM FROM PENETRATING SOUTHERN AREAS.

THE 5TH DIVISION, NOMINALLY A VIET CONG OR LIBERATION FRONT UNIT, OPERATED IN BINH LONG PROVINCE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE OFFENSIVE. IT WAS ASSIGNED THE TASK OF TAKING AN LOC, FOLLOWING THE DEFEAT OF THE 9TH DIVISION. BUT IT, TOO, WENT DOWN IN DEFEAT WITH HEAVY CASUALTIES AND WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE AN LOC BATTLE IN MID MAY.

IN JUNE, THE 5TH MOVED THROUGH CAMBODIA TOWARD KIEN TUONG PROVINCE. AT LEAST ONE REGIMENT--THE 174TH--SUFFERED SIGNIFICANT CASUALTIES IN THE ATTACK ON TUYEN BINH DISTRICT AND ALONG ROUTE 29. THE DIVISION'S OVERALL MISSION WAS TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE UPPER DELTA. BUT RESULTS AFTER ONE MONTH MUST BE DISAPPOINTING. IT HAS SUFFERED SO MANY CASUALTIES OVER PAST YEARS THAT MOST OF ITS PRESENT PERSONNEL ARE INEXPERIENCED RECRUITS FROM NORTH VIETNAM WITH INSUFFICIENT TRAINING.

THE 7TH DIVISION, FIGHTING ALONG ROUTE 13 BETWEEN LAI KHE AND AN LOC FOR ALMOST THREE MONTHS, ENCOUNTERED SEVERE PROBLEMS. RESUPPLY OCCURED ONLY ONCE A DAY, MEDICAL CARE WAS INADEQUATE, AND COORDINATION OF ARMOR AND INFANTRY POOR. THREE OF ITS REGIMENTS WERE REDUCED TO ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF THEIR ORIGINAL FORCE AS A RESULT OF CONTINUAL ARTILLERY AND AERIAL BOMBARDMENT.

CASUALTIES WERE ESPECIALLY HEAVY IN THE DIVISION'S 209TH REGIMENT WHERE SOME COMPANIES WERE DOWN TO LESS THAN 20 MEN OF THE ORIGINAL FORCE. REPLACEMENTS HAVE BEENSLOW IN ARRIVING AND INSUFFICIENT TO OFFSET COMBAT LOSSES. ONLY A FEW REPLACEMENTS WERE RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, AND NONE DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF JUNE. OBSERVERS SAY THE 7TH DIVISION IS NOW ONLY A SHADOW.

THE 9TH DIVISION, LIKE THE 5TH, IS NOMINALLY A VIET CONG OR LIBERATION FRONTUNIT. ITS CASUALTIES ALSO HAVE BEEN HEAVY OVER THE YEARS SO THAT ITS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP IS SUBSTANTIALLY MADE UP OF NORTH VIETNAMESE. THE DIVISION MADE HEAVY ASSAULTS AGAINST AN LOC DURING APRIL, BUT THE ATTACKS WERE BEATEN BACK WITH MANY CASUALTIES FOR THE 95TH, 271ST AND 272ND REGIMENTS. ON APRIL 13 ALONE, THE DIVISION LOST 300 SOLDIERS KILLED AND 20 SUPPORTING TANKS.

BELIEVING AN LCC ALREADY "LIBERATED," THE TANK CREWS DROVE INTO THE TOWN WITH HATCHES OPEN, "SITTING PIGEONS" FOR THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS. SHAMEFULLY DEFEATED AND REBUKED BY THE COMMUNIST CENTRAL OFFICE FOR SOUTH VIETNAM FOR FAILURE TO ATTAIN ITS OBJECTIVES, THE DIVISION IS NOW CONSIDERED COMBAT DEFECTIVE.

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THE 1ST DIVISION OF THE SO-CALLED "PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM" HAD BEEN OPERATING IN CAMBODIA IN THE KOMPONG AREA WITH SOME SUCCESS. HOWEVER, CROSSING THE BORDER INTO SOUTH VIETNAM PROVED TO BE ANOTHER MATTER. WHEN ITS UNITS ATTACKED KIEN LUONG DISTRICT TOWN OF KIEN GIANG PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAMESE STRONG POINTS HELD AND A COUNTERATTACK DROVE THE ATTACKING FORCE BACK INTO CAMBODIA.

IN ADDITION TO THE TEN REGULAR DIVISIONS CITED HERE, THE COMMUNIST COMMAND DEPLOYS IN SOUTH VIETNAM A NUMBER OF SPECIAL UNITS AND INDEPENDENT REGIMENTS. THREE OF THEM-ALL INFILTRATED FROM NORTH VIETNAM-ARE NOW OPERATING ON THE QUANG TRI-THUA THIEN FRONT. HEAVY CASUALTIES HAVE REDUCED THE STRENGTH OF THESE REGIMENTS.

TWO OTHER REGIMENTS -- THE 5TH AND 6TH, PART OF THE THUA THIEN-HUE COMMAND -- ARE NOMINALLY COMPOSED OF LOCAL PEOPLE FROM QUANG TRI AND THUA THIEN. THE RELUCTANCE OF THE POPULATION TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNISTS, HOWEVER, HAS FORCED THE NORTH TO FILL THESE TWO UNITS WITH ITS OWN YOUNG MEN. BOTH HAVE TAKEN SIGNIFICANT CASUALTIES IN THE THREE MONTHS OF FIGHTING IN QUANG TRI AND THUA THIEN PROVINCES.

IN QUANGNAM AND QUANGTIN PROVINCES THE COMMUNIST COMMAND ATTEMPTED TO ORGANIZE A NEW DIVISION-HAD SOME SUCCESS IN AREAS OF QUANGTIN IN APRIL BUT ENCOUNTERED CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY DURING MAY AND JUNE, TAKING SEVERE PUNISHMENT FROM THE AIR AND AT THE HANDS OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE ARMY UNITS OPERATING ALONG ROUTE 535 FROM QUE SON TO ROUTE ONE.

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AMERICAN FIGHTER BOMBERS ATTACKED A HUGE MILITARY WARE HOUSE COMPLEX IN HANOI'S SOUTHERN SECTOR ON SUNDAY. A U.S. COMMAND SPOKESMAN SAID ALL BOMBS WERE RIGHT ON TARGET. HE SAID AT LEAST 13 WAREHOUSES WERE HIT. HANOI RADIO MEANWHILE CLAIMED THAT FIVE AMERICAN JETS WERE SHOT DOWN IN NEW RAIDS OVER HANOI AND ELSEWHERE IN NORTH VIETNAM ON SUNDAY. THE RAIDS WERE NOT IMMEDIATELY CONFIRMED BY THE U.S. COMMAND.

IN SAIGON, SOUTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY COMMAND SAID HIGHWAY I BETWEEN HUE AND QUANG TRI WAS STILL UNDER COMMUNIST FIRE SUNDAY, BUT FIELD REPORTS SAID TRUCK CONVOYS SUCCEEDED IN MOVING UP THE ROAD TO SUPPLY GOVERNMENT UNITS IN QUANG TRI CITY.

NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY REPORTED DETAILS OF AN ALLEGED PLOT TO OUST CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG AS CHINA'S LEADER LAST YEAR. THE TIMES, CITING, A SECRET ARTICLE CIRCULATED EARLIER THIS YEAR AMONG CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY OFFICIALS, SAID THE PLOT WAS LED BY FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER LIN PLAO AND SEVERAL HIIGH MILITARY OFFICERS. THE ARTICLE SAID THE PLOTTERS APPARENTLY HOPED TO CAPTURE CHAIRMAN MAO AND FORCE HIM TO ACCEPT THEIR TERMS. MARSHAL LIN, WHO HAD BEEN OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED IN 1969 AS THE EVENTUAL SUCCESSOR TO CHAIRMAN MAO, DISAPPEARED FROM VIEW LAST SUMMER. THE TIMES ARTICLE SAYS AMERICAN EXPERTS ON CHINA BELIEVE THE DOCUMENT ITSELF IS PROBABLY AUTHENTIC.

DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN TOLD TELEVISION ON SUNDAY THAT HE WANTS AN EARLY AND COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN FORCES FROM THAILAND AS WELL AS FROM INDOCHINA BUT HE REPEATED HIS PROPOSAL TO KEEP TROOPS IN THAILAND AFTER AMERICAN FORCES ARE WITHDRAWN FROM INDOCHINA AND UNTIL U.S. POWS ARE RELEASED. SENATOR MCGOVERN SAID THE PRESENCE OF U.S. TROOPS IN THAILAND WOULD NOT IMPAIR THE RELEASE OF AMERICAN POWS SINCE NEITHER HANOI NOR THE VIETCONG HAVE MADE U.S. WITHDRAWAL A CONDITION FOR THE RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS. IN ANOTHER TV INTERVIEW FORMER TREASURY SECRETARY JOHN CONNALLY, ALSO A DEMOCRAT, SAID SENATOR MCGOVERN'S VIETNAM PROPOSALS ARE THE SAME AS GIVING IN TO THE ENEMY. AND HE DESCRIBED MR. MCGOVERN AS AN ISOLATIONIST ON FOREIGN POLICY CONTRASTED WITH WHAT HE CALLED PRESIDENT NIXON'S INTERNATIONALISM.

LYBAN LEADER COL. KHADAFFI DISCLOSED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT PROPOSED FULL UNITY OF LYBIA AND EGYPT LAST FEBRUARY AND THAT EGYPTIAN PRE-SEDENT SADAT HAD ASKED FOR FOUR MONTHS IN WHICH TO STUDY THE PROPOSAL. PRESUMABLY THE EGYPTIAN LEADER WILL REPLY BY THE END OF THIS MONTH. LYBIA IS NOW UNITED IN A LOOSE FEDERATION OF ARAB REPUBLICS WITH EGYPT AND SYRIA.

ON SUNDAY EGYPT MARKED THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY WHICH OVERTHREW THE MONARCH. SHOPS AND OFFICES WERE CLOSED THROUGHOUT THE NATION. GOVERNMENT OFFICERS IN BOTH SYRIA AND LYBIA WERE ALSO CLOSED TO HONOR THE OCCASION. THE PRESIDENT TODAY WILL ADDRESS THE NATION'S CONGRESS.

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WHEN THE COMMUNISTS COME

(BY DOUGLAS PIKE)

LIFE BEHIND THE LINES IN THE NORTH VIETNAMESE-OCCUPIED PORTIONS OF SOUTH VIETNAM BECAME A COMPOSITE OF TERROR, HARASSMENT AND HOPE.

THAT IS THE PICTURE EMERGING FROM THE DESCRIPTION BY REFUGEES AND OTHERS WHO HAVE ESCAPED FROM THE SITUATION IN THOSE 14 DISTRICTS, OF A COUNTRY-WIDE TOTAL OF 272 DISTRICTS HELD (AS OF EARLY JULY, 1972) BY THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) --THAT IS, BY THE ARMY OF NORTH VIETNAM.

SEVEN OF THE DISTRICTS ARE IN SOUTH VIETNAM'S NORTHERNMOST PROVINCE, QUANG TRI. THE OTHER SEVEN ARE FARTHER SOUTH: IN BINH DINH PROVINCE AND PART OF NEIGHBORING KONTUM PROVINCE; AND, EVEN FARTHER SOUTH, DIRECTLY ABOVE SAIGON IN THE NORTHERN HALF OF BINH LONG PROVINCE.

OVERVIEW: NORTH VIETNAMESE LEADERS WERE GRAVELY DISAPPOINTED THAT THEIR SO-CALLED EASTER OFFENSIVE DID NOT TRIGGER MASS DEMONSTRATION, RIOTS, UPRISING AND OTHER FORMS OF SOCIAL CHAOS THROUGHOUT SOUTH VIETNAM AND PARTICULARLY IN THE MAJOR CITIES. CHAOS HAD BEEN PART OF THE CALCULATION. THE DISAPPOINTMENT WAS BORN MORE OUT OF HOPE THAN EXPECTATION. FOR WHILE THEY DID NOT EXPECT THERE WOULD COME THEIR GREAT MYTHIC GENERAL UPRISING -- THE 1968 TET OFFENSIVE HAD TAUGHT THEM NOT TO EXPECT THAT -- THEY DID EXPECT PROFFERING OF ASSISTANCE, GESTURES OF ALLEGIANCE AND A GENERAL RECEPTIVITY TO BE LERIVED FROM ANTI-THIEU GOVERNMENT AND ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

BUT THIS WAS NOT FORTHCOMING. THE PAVN JUGGERNAUT -- DIVISIONS OF TANK-RIDING, CANNON FIRING TROOPS SMASHING SOUTHWARD -- TERRORIZED THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE VILLAGERS. IT COULD HARDLY HAVE BEEN OTHERWISE SINCE THIS SORT OF PANZER-LIKE STRATEGY BOTH BY NATURE AND DESIGN, GENERATES ENORMOUS TRAUMA. OUT OF THE TRAUMA WHICH GRIPPED THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE CAME FEAR. OUT OF THE FEAR CAME POLARIZATION -- THE FORCE OF CHOICE, EITHER THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ENVADERS OR THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE DEFENDERS, WITH NO THIRD ALTERNATIVE.

WHATEVER DIFFERENCES SOUTH VIETNAMESE MIGHT HAVE WITH THE THIEU GOVERNMENT IN SAIGON PALED BESIDE THE THREAT THAT LOOMED. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY WAS STRIKING WITH A VENGEANCE ON THREE FRONTS. THE FIRST WAS THE DRIVE ON HUE, MOST SACRED CITY IN VIETNAM. THE SECOND WAS THE DRIVE TOWARD SAIGON FROM A POINT IN CAMBODIA ONLY 80 MILES AWAY. THE THIRD SALIENT INVOLVED ATTACKS ON KONTUM IN THE MOUNTAINS NEAR THE LAOTIAN BORDER AND IN BINH LONG PROVINCE WHICH IF SUCCESSFUL WOULD CUT SOUTH VIETNAM IN HALF. SUCH WAS THE SPECTER WHICH APPEARED BEFORE THE VIETNAMESE IN THE FRONT RANKS WIT NESSING THE ON RUSHING NORTH VIETNAMESE.

SOME THREE-QUARTERS OF A MILLION VIETNAMESE VILLAGERS FLED BEFORE THIS FRONTAL ASSAULT AND NOW ARE CLASSIFIED AS REFUGEES. THEY REMAIN REFUGEES, IGNORING NORTH VIETNAMESE ASSURANCES THAT THE COMMUNIST ARE NOT THEIR ENEMIES, REFUSING TO RETURN HOME TO VILLAGES HELD BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE DESPITE INTENSIVE PROPAGANDA AND OTHER INGENIOUS EFFORTS BY THE COMMUNIST TO PERSUADE THEM TO DO SO. LIFE IN THE HASTILY BUILT REFUGEE CAMPS, HARDLY IDEAL, IS BETTER FOR 750,000 THAN HOME UNDER COMMUNISM.

ABOUT 600,000 PERSONS DID NOT -- OR COULD NOT -- GET OUT. NOW THEY ARE UNDER COMMUNIST CONTROL. IT IS WITH THESE -- ABOUT THREE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL SOUTH VIETNAMESE POPULATION -- THAT WE PRIMARILY ARE CONCERNED HERE. THIS MONOGRAPH IS A STUDY OF WHAT HAPPED TO THEM WHEN THE COMMUNISTS CAME. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST BEHAVIOR TOWARD SOUTH VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN VILLAGES OCCUPIED DURING THE OFFENSIVE GENERALLY REPEATS THE MIXED BEHAVIOR OF THE PAST. THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC POLICY IS LIBERATION FOR THE EXPLOITED, LENIENCY FOR ANY EXPLOITER WHO HAPPENS TO BE CAPTURED. THIS IS THE CARROT TREATMENT. THE OFFICIAL PRIVATE POLICY ADDS THE STICK, OFTEN A GOOD DEAL MORE STICK THAN CARROT. ITS OFFICIAL NAME IS SOCIAL RECTIFICATION AND IT IS EUPHEMISTICALLY DESCRIBED AS "ANNIHILATION OF ARCH-VILLAINS AND ELIMINATION OF CRUEL UNITS." ITS VICTIMS WOULD CALL IT TERROR AND DEATH.

WE SHALL EXAMINE BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COMMUNIST OCCUPATION BEHAVIOR. PART OF THE EXAMINATION INVOLVES A SOMEWHAT TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION OF VILLAGE ACTIVITY ONCE OCCUPIED. THIS CONSISTS MAINLY OF ORGANIZATIONAL WORK, A DULL SUBJECT, YET VITAL TO COMPREHENSION, FOR IT IS THE HEART OF ANY SUCCESS VIETNAMESE COMMUNISM EVER ACHIEVES. ALSO THERE IS A DARKER SIDE TO EXAMINE.

THE MYSTIQUE. COMMUNIST CADRES WHO IN EFFECT BECOME THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF AN OCCUPIED VILLAGE CARRY IN THEIR MINDS A SORT OF MYSTIQUE OF WHAT THEY ARE DOING, HOW THEY ARE TO DO IT, AND WHY. IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THEIR PERCEPTION FOR OTHERWISE MUCH OF WHAT IS DONE MAKES NO SENSE. IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR, IN QUANG TIN PROVINCE, THERE WAS CAPTURED A DOCUMENT, HERE CALLED "TEN DAYS TO VICTORY" -- A PROVINCIAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE DIRECTIVE ON HOW TO TAKE OVER AND RUN AN ENEMY VILLAGE. WRITTEN NOT AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDE BUT AS A TRAINING BOCUMENT IT IS AN IDEALIZED BLEND OF INFOCTRINATION, WISHFUL THINKING AND PRACTICAL INSTRUCTIONS. IT SHOULD CHIEFLY BE READ NOT FOR INFORMATION BUT FOR INSIGHT INTO THE MENTAL SET OF CADRE WHO BECOME THE OCCUPYING GOVERNMENT.

THE TEN DAYS TO VICTORY ARE THESE:

"DAY ONE. REGULAR (MAIN FORCE) UNITS ATTACK AND SEIZE THE VILLAGE, HAMLET OR STRONG POINT. LOCAL GUERRILLAS ANNIHILATE GVN CADRES AND INFRASTRUCTURE AND DESTROY LOCAL SELF-DEFENSE FORCE UNITS. POPULATION IS INCITED TO UPRISING ACTIVITIES.

"DAY TWO. ORGANIZE MEETINGS AND DEMONSTRATIONS. ESTABLISH REVOLUTIONARY COURTS, BEGIN TRIALS. ESTABLISH LOCAL ADMINISTRATIE UNITS. CONTINUE MILITARY DRIVE AGAINST NEARBY ARVN OUTPOSTS

"DAY THREE. ORGANIZE POPULATION INTO LIBERATION ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER SOCIAL MOVEMENTS. USE BINH VAN (PROSELYTING) TECHNIQUES TO NEUTRALIZE ARVN OUTPOSTS AND TO ESTABLISH A DEFENSE SYSTEM.

"DAY FOUR. BEGIN INDOCTRINATION/THOUGHT CONTROL COURSES. SOLICIT FINANCIAL/RICE DONATIONS FROM THE POPULATION.

"DAY FIVE. BEGIN TRAINING OF NEWLY RECRUITED GUERRILLA FORCE.

"DAY SIX. CONTINUE TO SOLICIT FINANCIAL/RICE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE POPULATION. BEGIN BULDING COMBAT VILLAGES/HAMLETS. CONTINUE MILITARY PRESSURE AGAINST NEARBY ARVN OUTPOSTS.

"DAY SEVEN. CLASSIFY POPULATION. RECRUIT LOCAL (FUTURE) CADRES AND ADMINISTRATORS. STAGE VICTORY MEETINGS AND CELEBRATIONS.

"DAY EIGHT TO TEN. INTENSIFY AGIT-PROP EFFORTS. ISSUE COMMEND-ATIONS AND AWARDS. BEGIN PLANNING NEXT STAGE -- THE UPRISING AND DAU TRANH (STRUGGLE) STAGE."

SUCH IS THE MYSTIQUE. THERE IS REALITY TO IT, IF NOT THE REALITY OF TRUTH, THE REALITY OF PERCEPTION. IT IS THE CADRE'S ORIENTATION AS HE APPROACHES DATY IN THE VILLAGE. THE GENERAL ORDER OF EVENTS SUGGESTED BY "TEN DAYS TO VICTORY" IS CORRECT. PAVN TROOPS ATTACK AND CAPTURE. THEY INSTALL THE NEW ADMINISTRATORS, EITHER LOCAL AGENTS WHO SURFACE, OR INDIGENOUS (THAT IS NON-NORTH VIETNAMESE) CADRES FROM ADJACENT AND NEARBY COMMUNIST CONTROLLED AREAS OR VILLAGE RESIDENTS DEEMED SUFFICIENTLY PROGRESSIVE. OFTEN LOCAL VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE RETAINED IN OFFICE TEMPORARILY, FOR A FEW WEEKS. THEN PAVN, HAWING PROVIDED THE SCREEN BEHIND WHICH THE LOCAL COMMUNISTS ESTABLISHED THEMSELVES ASSUMES AS UNOSTENTATIOUS A PRESENCE AS POSSIBLE.

NEXT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS FORMED, LOCAL MASS MOVEMENTS CREATED, MONEY AND FOOD COLLECTED, REVOLUTIONARY JUSTICE METED OUT, A VILLAGE MILITIA RECRUITED AND TRAINED (BUT NOT ARMED), INDOCTRINATION SESSIONS AND OTHER MOTIVATION AS EFFCRTS BEGUN.

WHEN THE COMMUNISTS COME, THEY SEEK TO DEVELOP THREE MAJOR CLUSTERS OF ACTIVITY AMONG THE VILLAGERS THEY NOW CONTROL. THE THREE, IN TURN, SUGGEST IN A RATHER DETAILED WAY THEIR MAJOR MOTIVES AND OBJECTIVES.

INSURING THE CAUSE. THE FIRST ACTIVITY IS WHAT LOOSELY COULD BE CALLED INTERNAL SECURITY EFFORTS. IT SEEKS TO ELIMINATE ALL POTENTIALLY HOSTILE ELEMENTS FROM THE VILLAGE. THE WAR HAS BEEN LONG AND VILLAGER MEMORIES ARE SHARP. THEY HAVE SUFFERED IN THE PAST DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY AT THE HANDS OF THE COMMUNISTS. THE CADRES KNOW THERE IS MUCH HATE FOR THEM IN THE VILLAGE. THOSE VILLAGERS WHOSE HATRED IS GREATEST PROBABLY HAVE FLED THEIR VILLAGE AHEAD OF THE OCCUPYING FORCE. BUT NOT ALWAYS. THE THERE ARE SOME WHO ARE DETERMINED ENOUGH, OR SO STUBBORN, AS TO RISK STAYING ON SECRETLY TO SABOTAGE THE COMMUNIST CAUSE IN THE MOST DANGEROUS ARENA OF ALL, THE COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED VILLAGE; AND WHO REPRESENT THE TRUE UNKNOWNHEROES OF THIS WAR. OTHERS MAY HAVE BEEN CAUGHT IN THE VILLAGE WITH NO CHANCE OF ESCAPE.

ROOTING OUT ONE'S ENEMIES IS AN OBVIOUS AND, FROM THE COMMUNIST VIEWPOINT, UNDERSTANDABLE NECESSITY. BUT THE EFFORT GOES FAR BEYOND THE LIMITS OF ORDINARY INTERNAL SECURITY. THE MASSIVE, FIRST-PRIORITY CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED BY THE COMMUNIST CADRES SEEKS TO STAMP OUT NOT JUST PHYSICAL THREAT, BUT ALL VESTIGE OF OPPOSITION, DISSENT, OR EVEN MERE QUESTIONING OF WHAT THE COMMUNISTS ARE DOING, OR WHY. THERE IS NO ROOM FOR OPPOSITION--NOT EVEN THE NOTION OF LOYAL OPPOSITION--IN VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST THEORY, CERTAINLY NONE EXISTS IN PRACTICE IN A COMMUNIST-OCCUPIED VILLAGE. NOR IS DISSENT PERMITTED. CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM MAY BE EXPRESSED BY PARTY MEMBERS, IF DONE PRIVATELY AND DELICATELY, BUT THIS PRIVILEGE IS NOT EXTENDED TO VILLAGERS. EVEN ASKING QUESTIONS IS NOT ENCOURAGED. THE WISE VILLAGER SOON LEARNS THAT HE MAY BE THE "ENGINE OF THE REVOLUTION" BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN HE IS TRUSTED.

THE PUSPOSE OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY MEASURES IS TO ACHIEVE TOTAL UNQUESTIONING VILLAGER SUPPORT FOR THE PARTY AND ALL ITS ACTIVITIES. THIS HAS A POSITIVE AND A NEGATIVE DIMENSION. SUPPORT IS INDUCED WHERE POSSIBLE, THROUGH INTENSIVE AGITATION AND PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGNS RUN BY SKILLED CADRES WHO HAVE SO PERFECTED THEIR METHODS OVER THE YEARS AS TO RAISE AGIT-PROP TECHNIQUE TO A HIGH ART. WHERE SUPPORT CANNOT BE INDUCED POSITIVELY, IT IS COMMANDED NEGATIVELY, IF NECESSARY RUTHLESSLY. TERROR IS USED SELECTIVELY, JUDICIOUSLY; THE COMMUNISTS SELDOM WIPE OUT AN ENTIRE VILLAGE -- AS THEY DID WITH FLAME THROWERS AT DAK SON -BECAUSE THERE IS NO LESSON WHICH THE DEAD CAN LEARN.

THE OFFICIAL PRIVATE INTERNAL SECURITY POLICIES ARE AS GRIM AND SILENT AS DEATH. ACCURATE ACCOUNTS OF WHAT IS CALLED REVOLUTIONARY JUSTICE ARE DIFFICULT TO COME BY, FOR CADRES TAKE ENORMOUS PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT A BLOODY HAND FROM BEING SEEN. BUT STORIES DO FILTER OUT WHICH CAN BE CROSS CHECKED AND VERIFIED, UNDOUBTEDLY ONLY A FRACTION OF TOTAL WHICH LIE LOCKED IN THE MINDS OF CADRES OR VILLAGERS STILL IN COMMUNIST HANDS. THEY MAKE A SAD COMMENTARY NOT ONLY ON COMMUNIST BRUTALITY BUT ON THE INSANE DRAMA MEN WILL PERFORM FOR THE SAKE OF AN ABSTRACTION, SUCH AN UNIFICATION.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

AROUND THE NATION:

IN WASHINGTON, THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL PLATFORM COMMITTEE NAMED THE CHAIRMEN FOR SEVEN SUBCOMMITTEES WHICH WILL DRAFT SPECIFIC PLANKS FOR THE PARTY'S CONVENTION IN MIAMI BEACH STARTING AUGUST 21.

A QUESTIONNAIRE POLL CONDUCTED FOR REPUBLICAN PLATFORM MAKERS SHOWED THAT THE PROBLEMS OF CRIME, DRUGS, AND FEDERAL SPENDING TAKE TOP PRIORITY, WITH SUCH ISSUES AS BUSING AND THE INDOCHINA WAR FARTHER DOWN ON THE SCALE. RESULTS OF THE POLL WERE RELEASED IN WASHINGTON BY ARIZONA CONGRESSMAN JOHN RHODES WHO HEADS THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM COMMITTEE.

REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR CLARK MACGREGOR ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON THAT 3,000 YOUTHS WILL TRAVEL TO MIAMI BEACH AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE TO SERVE ON THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION STAFF. HE SAID THEY WILL BE DRAWN FROM A FORCE OF 125,000 YOUTHFUL CAMPAIGNERS ALREADY ORGANIZED IN 5 STATES.

LEGISLATION TO PERMIT BROADCAST DEBATES BETWEEN SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN AND PRESIDENT NIXON HAS BEEN GIVEN LOW PRIORITY BY CHAIRMAN HARLEY O. STAGGERS OF THE HOUSE COMMERCE COMMITTEE WHO CONSIDERS THE BILL A "FUTILE GESTURE." CONGRESSMAN STAGGERS SAID IN WASHINGTON HE DOUBTS THE BILL CAN BE CONSIDERED BY HIS COMMITTEE BEFORE CONGRESS RECESSES ON AUGUST 18 FOR THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION.

IN CUSTER, NORTH DAKOTA, SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN HELD A STRATEGY SESSION WITH SENATOR THOMAS EAGLETON -- THEIR FIRST SUCH MEETING SINCE THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION.

DURING THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, JOBS OR JOB TRAINING WERE PROVIDED FOR AT LEAST 1.3 MILLION VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM ERA, THE LABOR DEPARTMENT REPORTED.

FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK LEAVES WASHINGTON JULY 6 FOR HANOI ON A WEEK'S VISIT, HIS OFFICE ANNOUNCED. A SPOKESMAN SAID CLARK WOULD TRAVEL AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN AND WOULD FLY TO HANOI BEFORE MAKING A BRIEF STOP-OVER IN MOSCOW.

AT BROOKE ARMY HOSPITAL, SAN ANTONIO, FORMER PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON WAS REPORTED IN COMFORTABLE CONDITION AFTER BEING ADMITTED WITH CHEST PAINS AND NAUSEA. A SPOKESMAN SAID IT WOULD BE SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE A DEFINITE DIAGNOSIS COULD BE MADE.

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA SIGNED A PRELIMINARY PURCHASING ORDER IN PARIS FOR TWO CONCORDES, THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH OF THE SUPERSONIC FRENCH JET LINERS TO BE ORDERED BY WORLD AIRLINES.

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THIS IS THE SECOND PART OF A THREE-PART ARTICLE ON WHAT LIFE IS LIKE BEHIND THE NORTH VIETNAMESE LINES IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

WHEN THE COMMUNISTS COME

(BY DOUGLAS PIKE)

COMMUNIST ACTS OF TERROR BY LATE JUNE WERE AVERAGING EACH WEEK: 150 ASSASSINATIONS, 290 WOUNDING OF CIVILIANS (IN DELIBERATE ACTS ONLY RATHER THAN ALSO IN ACCIDENT OF BATTLE) AND 500 KIDNAPPINGS, ABDUCTIONS ON IMPRESSMENTS.

ON MAY 18, A REVOLUTIONARY COURT WAS CONVENED IN THE HOAI XUAN PRIMARY SCHOOL, HOAI AN TOWN (BINH DINH PROVINCE) AND 20 PERSONS, CHIEFLY VILLAGE-LEVEL LEADERS AND POLICEMEN, BROUGHT BEFORE IT. HOAI XUAN VILLAGE CHIEF PHUNG SAO WAS FOUND GUILTY AND SENTENCED TO DEATH AND SHOT IN THE SCHOOL YARD. THE REMAINING VILLAGERS ALSO WERE FOUND GUILTY, SENTENCED TO DEATH, THEN TAKEN TO THE MARKET PLACE IN AN DONG HAMLET (BONG SON VILLAGE) WHERE, ALONG WITH ABOUT 80 OTHERS WHO APPARENTLY HAD BEEN SENTENCED BY COURTS ELSEWHERE, WERE SHOT TO DEATH.

HAMLET LEADER DAN TAM OF TAN THANH HAMLET (IN TAM GUAM DISTRICT OF BINH DINH PROVINCE) AND 47 FELLOW VILLAGERS FROM HOI THANH VILLAGE ON MAY 21 WERE BURIED ALIVE BY A LOCAL COMMUNIST FORCE.

IN LOC NINH CITY CADRES CONDUCT WHAT MIGHT BE CALLED A "TURN-IN-A FRIEND" CAMPAIGN. PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH ARE TOLD THEY WILL RECEIVE AMNESTY IF THEY LOCATE ANY GOVERNMENT WORKERS OR SOLDIER HIDING IN THE VICINITY.

SOME 42 VILLAGE OFFICIALS AND POLICEMEN FROM BINH PHUNG HAMLET AND HOAI XUAN VILLAGE, BINH DINH PROVINCE, WERE EXECUTED ON MAY 27 AND THEIR BODIES BURIED IN THE TRUONG GAO SAND BAR BETWEEN HOAI XUAN AND HOAI HUONG VILLAGES.

VILLAGERS FROM AN THANH IN HOAI AN DISTRICT, BINH DINH PROVINCE, NUMBERING NEARLY 1,000 WERE ASSEMBLED MAY 29 TO WITNESS THE TRIAL OF THREE VILLAGERS: NGUYEN MINH VAN, A PACIFICATION TEAM MEMBER, NGUYEN CAN, A POLICE-CAR DRIVER, AND A THIRD UNIDENTIFIED MAN. THEY WERE CONVICTED, SENTENCED AND EXECUTED. ALL THREE WERE 21 YEARS OLD.

ARVN SGT. VANH CHUYEN, 21, IN PLEIKU JUNE 6 TOLD NEWSMEN OF THE PAVN ATTACK ON HIS VILLAGE OF TAN CHAN: "THE COMMUNISTS WOULDN'T LET CIVILIANS LEAVE, THEY SHOT ROCKETS INTO THE CROWDS LEAVING. SOME PEOPLE WERE KILLED. WE AND TURNED AROUND AND WENT BACK." REFUGEES FROM QUANG TRI CITY AS WELL AS THOSE FROM BINH LONG PROVINCE REPORT SIMULAR INCIDENTS OF PAVN TROOPS FIRING ROCKETS AND GREMADES INTO REFUGEE GROUPS ATTEMPTING TO FLEE, APPARENTLY AN EFFORT TO DISCOURAGE THEM FROM LEAVING.

VILLAGE CHIEF AND FARMER, NGUYEN VAN KHANH FROM A VILLAGE NORTH OF QUANG TRI, WHO LOST THREE OF HIS SIX CHILDREN IN THE PRESENT NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFENSIVE, SAID TO A NEWSMAN IN HUE: "YES, THEY INTEND TO LIBERATE US, EVEN IF THEY HAVE TO KILL US ALL."

FUNDING THE CAUSE. THE SECOND MAJOR ACTIVITY WHEN THE COMMUNISTS COME IS FINANCIAL. THEIR CADRES LOOK ON THE OCCUPIED VILLAGE AS A TREASURE STORE, RICH OR POOR AS IT MAY BE, WHICH SHOULD BE LOOTED IN THE NAME OF THE REVOLUTION. VILLAGERS, THE CADRES BELIEVE, OUGHT VOLUNTARILY TO FINANCE THE CAUSE, BUT WILL DO SO IN ANY EVENT.

MATERIAL NEEDS ARE DRAWN TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE AND THE VILLAGE IS BLED FINANCIALLY. OBVIOUSLY THE PEOPLE ARE NOT LEFT TO STARVE SINCE THE PROBLEMS CREATED BY STARVATION WOULD BE GREATER THAN THE BENEFITS DERIVED FROM FOOD CONFISCATIONS: AND BECAUSE STARVING PEOPLE ARE POOR PRODUCERS OF FUTURE CROPS. IN AN LOC TOWN AND IN VILLAGES IN BINH LONG PROVINCE, ALL RICE THAT COULD BE FOUND WAS SEIZED. THEN EACH INDIVIDUAL UPON REGISTRATION RECEIVED A LUMP RATION OF ONE MONTH SUPPLY. THE REST OF THE RICE WENT NORTH TO THE HIGHLANDS TO FEED PAVN TROOPS THERE. IN HOAI AND DISTRICT OF BINH DINH PROVINCE IN APRIL, A RATION OF 250 GRAMS PER PERSON PER DAY WAS FIZED - ; RICE WAS ALLOCATED DAILY. NO RICE STORAGE AT HOME WAS PERMITTED. IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE, AFTER LOCAL SUPPLIES WERE EXHAUSTED THE NORTH VIETNAMESE BROUGHT IN RICE - MUCH OF IT IN 50 POUND BAGS MARKED "GROWN IN CHINA" -- AND DOLED IT OUT TO THE POPULATION ON THE BASIS OF INSURING A 1600-CALORIE PER DAY MINIMUM (THE O.N. DETERMINED ABOVE-STARVATION LEVEL.) FOOD ALSO IS COLLECTED AS A FORM OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT. IN BINH DINH PROVINCE EACH VILLAGER WAS REQUIRED TO PAY A SUBSTANTIAL RICE

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LEVY PER PERSON, REGARDLESS OF HOW MUCH OR HOW LITTLE RICE HIS FAMILY MIGHT HAVE.

THE COMMUNISTS SQUEEZE OUT ALL SURPLUS WEALTH BEYOND SUBSISTENCE NEEDS. THAT, AT LEAST, IS THE INTENT. A GREAT HIS RICE AND MONEY AND THE EXPERIENCED CADRE WHO KNOWS THE TRICKS EMPLOYED, THE FALSE PROTESTATIONS OFFERED HIM. COMMONLY A VILLAGER HIDES HIS RICE AND MONEY IN CERAMIC POTS (SEALED WITH A MUD-STRAW MIXTURE) IN HIS BACK YARD OR IN HIS RICE FIELD. THE COMMUNIST COLLECTOR COMES ARMED WITH A THIN STEEL ROD WHICH HE USED TO PROBE LIKELY BURIAL PLAVES. SOMETIMES HE FINDS ONE CACHE, SOMETIMES NOT - SUCCESS GOES TO THE MORE CLEVER, OR TO THE LUCKIER.

OTHER FINANCIAL PROGRAMS -- WHICH ARE LITTLE MORE THAN EXTORTION -- INCLUDE THESE:

TAX COLLECTING. FAMILIES ARE SCREENED AND CATEGORIZED (THEIR HOUSING IS USUALLY THE BASIS FOR CLASSIFICATION) INTO ONE OF TWO GROUPS. THE FIRST GROUP, USUALLY ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THE FAMILIES OF THE VILLAGE ARE DEEMED TAX PAYING AND MUST PAY A CASH LUMP SUM OF FROM 50 DOLLARS TO 500 DOLLARS, WHICH IS A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY FOR ANY VIETNAMESE VILLAGER. THE REMAINING THIRD ARE CLASSIFIED AS TOO POOR TO PAY TAXES THEIR TAX IN THE FORM OF NON-MONETARY CONTRIBUTION, SUCH AS VOLUNTEER LABOR; IN TRIEU PHONG DISTRICT OF QUANG TRI PROVINCE, FOR INSTANCE, THE LABOR CONSISTED OF HAULING AMMUNITION.

CONFISCATION AND EXPROPRIATION. ALL MEDICAL SUPPLIES IN DRUG STORES AND PHARMACEUTICAL WAREHOUSES IN QUANG TRI CITY WERE SEIZED BY SPECIAL PAVN TEAMS AND SHIPPED NORTHWARD. DOCTORS AND HOSPITALS IN THE CITY WERE LEFT WITH WHATEVER IMMEDIATE STOCK OF MEDICINES AND DRUGS WHICH THEY HAPPEN TO HAVE ON HAND. PROPERTY OF FAMILIES WHO SERVED IN THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT OR IN THE ARMY (USUALLY OFFICERS ONLY) OR WHO ARE CONSIDERED STRONGL PRO-GOVERNMENT IS CONFISCATED; IF FARMERS, THEIR LAND IS SEIZED AND CONVERTED INTO COMMUNAL PLOTS, MANAGED BY THE PARTY COMMITTEE.

SALE OF WAR-BONDS. THESE ARE BY QUOTA, USUALLY CONSTING ABOUT 1.00 DOLLAR EACH, AND EVERY VILLAGER IS EXPECTED TO PURCHASE SEVERAL WEEKLY.

EXCHANGE OF COMMUNIST SCRIPT FOR SOUTH VIETNAMESE CURRENCY OR FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS. IN HOAI AN DISTRICT, FOR EXAMPLE, AN ESTIMATED 1,000 MOTORCYCLES WERE PURCHASED WITH SCRIPT AND THEIR EX-OWNERS TOLD THE SCRIPT COULD BE REDEEMED AFTER THE WAR, PRO-VIDING OF COURSE THE COMMUNISTS WON. GREATER FINANCIAL CONTROL ALSO IS TO BE INSURED BY USE OF SPECIAL OCCUPATION CURRENCY (WHICH SUPPOSEDLY WILL BE OFF THE PRESSES AND INTO CIRCULATION IN AUGUEST) AND THROUGH THE CIRCULATION AND USE OF NORTH VIETNAMESE CURRENCY.

FUNDING THE COMMUNIST CAUSE, HOWEVER, DOES NOT PRIMARILY MEAN EXTRACTING WHAT LITTLE THE VILLAGERS HAVE IN THE WAY OF EXCESS WEALTH, FOR THERE IS FRECIOUS LITTLE OF THIS IN MOST AREAS. BINH DINH PROVINCE, FOR EXAMPLE, IS PERHAPS THE POOREST AREA OF SOUTH VIETNAM, QUITE UNLIKE THE LUSH MEKONG DELTA REGION AND THE ONLY PLACE IN THE COUNTRY WHERE ONE FINDS GRINDING POVERTY.

RATHER, THE CHIEF EFFORT IS IN ECONOMIC PRODUCTION WHICH MEANS, LARGELY, FOOD GROWING. THE DEVICE EMPLOYED, MORE FOR THE SAKE OF CONTROL THAN PRODUCTIVITY, IS THE RUDIMENTARY COMMUNE OR AGRI-CULTURAL WORK-BRIGADE. VILLAGERS ARE MOBILIZED INTO UNITS AND SENT TO THE FIELDS TO PRODUCE MAXIMUM FOOD. TOOLS OF PRODUCTION ARE PROVIDED, IMPORTED IF NECESSARY. THE VILLAGERS ARE TREATED--AS ONE ESCAPEE FROM COMMUNISM ELSEWHERE ONCE EXPRESSED IT--NOT AS ANIMALS, BUT AS TRANSPORTERS OF THE FOOD PRODUCED, 90 PERCENT GOES TO THE CAUSE, THE REMAINING 10 PERCENT STAYS IN THE VILLAGE. AT LEAST SUCH IS PAST COMMUNIST POLICY FOR COMMUNAL FIELDS. IN THE CURRENT OCCUPATION IT IS TOO SOON FOR A PATTERN TO EMERGE SINCE THE NEXT RICE CROP WILL NOT COME UNTIL AUTUMN IN THE 10TH MONTH HARVEST.

MOTIVATION THROUGHT ORGANIZATION. THE THIRD MAJOR ACTIVITY IS THAT DOMAIN LYING BETWEEN, AND MADE POSSIBLE BY, THE FIRST TWO. IN COMMUNIST JARGON IT IS THE BUILDING OF UNIFORM REVOLUTIONARY THOUGHTS AND FEELING AMONG THE MASSES. OFTEN IN THE PRESS IT IS CALLED THOUGHT-CONTROL OR BRAIN-WASHING BUT THESE TERMS ASCRIBE TOO MUCH POWER TO THE COMMUNISTS OR ANYONE ELSE, FOR IN THE DOMAIN OF THE MIND WE ARE ALL STILL SOVEREIGN.

THE EFFORT IS TO MOTIVATE. THE MECHANISM IS ORGANIZATION. IDEOLOGY AS SUCH PLAYS A SMALL ROLE. RADIO HANOI, JUNE 7, FOR EXAMPLE, EXPLAINED IN A BROADCAST BEAMED TO SOUTH VIETNAM THE IDEOLOGICAL BASE OF THE NEWLY LIBERATED AREA: "THE ELIMINA-TION OF SUCH PHILOSOPHICAL THINKING AS SPIRITUALISM, EXISTENTIAL-LISM, IDEALISM, IMPORTED MYSTICISM (READ CHRISTIANITY) AND PRE-VENTION OF THE RESTORATION OF CONFUCIAN DOCTRINE."

THE APPARAT. THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, ALWAYS IS BASICALLY THE SAME AND CONSISTS OF THREE OVER-LAPPING ELEMENTS:

Q. A SOCIAL BASED POPULAR-FRONT. THIS IS A COLLECTION OF FUNCTIONAL SOCIAL MOVEMENTS MAINLY THE VARIOUS LIBERATION ASSOCIA-TIONS. ALWAYS THERE IS FORMED A FARMERS ASSOCIATION, A WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION AND A YOUTH-STUDENT GROUP. SOMETIMES OTHER MASS MOVEMENTS ARE CREATED, FOR EXAMPLE A WORKE'S LIBERATION ASSOCIATION IN BINH LONG PROVINCE IN THE RUBBER PLANTATION AREAS: AN ELDERLY (OVER 50) PERSONS' ASSOCIATION IN BINH DINH PROVINCE; IN QUANG TRI THE YOUNG ARE DIVIDED BY AGE, INTO A TEEN AGE GROUP (12 TO 17) AND A YOUTH GROUP (18-30). FOCUS USUALLY IS ON THE YOUNG. MEMBERSHIP IN FARMERS AND WOMEN'S GROUPS OFTEN IS RESTRICTED TO FARMERS AND WOMEN OVER 30; YOUNG FARMERS AND YOUNG WOMEN JOIN THE JOUTH GROUP.

THESE ORGANIZATIONS ARE ENORMOUSLY USEFUL TO THE CADRES ONCE THEY ARE HAMMERED INTO EXISTENCE. THE LIBERATION ASSOCIATION STRUCTURE HAS PARTICULAR UTILITY FOR THE FORM IT PROVIDES TO MOBILIZE THE VILLAGERS, AS A MECHANISM BY WHICH THE VILLAGERS' ENERGIES ARE HARNESSED AND CONTROLLED. TAKEN TOGETHER THESE MASS MOVEMENTS OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT ARE A FISH-NET DROPPED OVER THE VILLAGER TOTALLY ENMESHING HIM. A SYSTEM IS CREATED WHICH MONITORS ALL VILLAGE ACTIVITY, PRODUCES INCREASED FOOD YIELDS, ROOTS OUT HOSTILE VILLAGERS, RECRUITS A VILLAGE MILITIA AND PROVIDES CERTAIN PSYCHIC SATISFACTIONS SUCH AS A SENSE OF PARTICIPATION IN THE VILLAGE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.

PARTICULARLY, IN THE CURRENT OFFENSIVE, THE SYSTEM IS USED TO DEVELOP THE DEADLY PROSELYTING PROGRAM AMONG SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTICULARLY THOSE IN THE GOVERNMENT OR ARMED FORCES. IN BINH DINH AND BINH LONG PROVINCE, CURRENTLY THIS PROGRAM INVOLVED USE OF VILLAGERS TO LURE BACK NEIGHBORS WHO HAVE FLED. VILLAGERS ARE GIVEN SPECIAL TRAVEL PASSES PERMITTING THEM TO LEAVE THE COMMUNIST-OCCUPIED AREAS IN SEARCH OF FRIENDS AND RELATIVES WHOM THEY ARE TO PERSUADE TO COME BACK (VILLAGERS EMBARKING ON SUCH MISSIONS MUST LEAVE BEHIND HOSTAGE FRIENDS OR RELATIVES TO ENSURE THAT THEY COME BACK). ALSO THERE IS A SYSTEMATIC CAMPAIGN TO WRITE LETTERS AND SEND MESSAGES TO RELATIVES IN THE ARMED FORCES URGING THEM TO DESERT. MANY OTHER DEVICES ALSO ARE EMPLOYED.

2. THE ELITIST COMMUNIST PARTY STRUCTURE, WITH ITS RESTRICTED MEMBERSHIP AND INCONSPICIOUS APPEARANCE BUT VERY MUCH AT THE CENTER OF ALL ACTIVITY. IN SOUTH VIETNAM IT IS CALLED THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY. HERE IS WHERE THE POWER LIES. ORGANIZATIONALLY, IT IS A STANDARD PARTY STRUCTURE, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND PARTY CHAPTER SYSTEM AT EACH CORRESPONDING GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL (NATIONAL, PROVINCIAL, DISTRICT, VILLAGE) AND A CELL SYSTEM AT BOTTOM AS THE FUNDAMENTAL UNIT. ADMINISTRATIVELY IT IS THE THIN PYRAMID INSIDE THE BROADER NIF/PRG PYRAMID, THAT IS THE SMALL UNIT INSIDE THE LARGER REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE OR LIBERATION ASSOCIATION. IT CONTROLS, NOT AS A PUPPET ON A STRING, BUT FROM THE INSIDE AS AN INTEGRAL PARTY. IT IS AN ENORMOUSLY EFFECTIVE SYSTEM.

3. A QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL APPARATUS, THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAUS CALLED REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEES WHICH COLLECTIVELY ARE KNOWN AS THE REVOLUTIONARY ADMINISTRATION. THIS IS THE BASIC MANAGERIAL UNIT. IT ADMINISTERS THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE LIBERATION ASSOCIA-TIONS. IT IS THE TOOL WHICH THE PARTY USES TO GOVERN. ITS LINE OF 14 DISTRICTS INVOLVED) AND (IN THE CASE OF QUANG TRI PROVINCE ONLY) TO THE PROVINCE; THEN THROUGH THE PARTY COMMITTEE UPWARD, ULTIMATELY TO HANOI.

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HANOI CONTINUES MILITARY BUILDUP IN SOUTH VIETNAM

PARIS, JULY 25--THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE PARIS TALKS ON VIETNAM SAYS HANOI, IGNORING PRESIDENT NIXON'S CEASEFIRE PROPOSALS, HAS CARRIED OUT "A SIGNIFICANT MILITARY BUILDUP BY NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES" BELOW THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE.

EVIDENCE SHOWED AN INCREASE TO 12 NORTH VIETNAMESE DIVISIONS, THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID, AND THE PROSPECT OF CONTINUED ENORMOUS NUMBERS OF CASUALTIES AND DEVASTED TOWNS IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM "MUST DISMAY INTERNATIONAL OPINION."

IN A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS TWO DAYS BEFORE THE JULY 27 WEEKLY SESSION OF THE TALKS BETWEEN THE COMMUNIST SIDE AND THE AMERICAN AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE REPRESENTATIVES, THE AMERICAN DELEGATION STATED:

"AT THE VERY TIME WHEN PRESIDENT NIXON'S MAY 8 PROPOSALS, PROVIDING FOR AN INTERNATIONALLY SUPERVISED CEASEFIRE THROUGHOUT INDOCHINA, ARE STILL ON THE TABLE AND HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED A SERIOUS RESPONSE FROM THE OTHER SIDE, THERE IS CONTINUING EVIDENCE OF A SIGNIFICANT MILITARY BUILDUP BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY FORCES IN THE NORTHERNMOST PROVINCES OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

TO UPDATE THE DELEGATION'S APRIL 21, 1972 PRESS RELEASE ON THE PRESENCE OF REGULAR NORTH VIETNAMESE DIVISIONS OUTSIDE OF NORTH VIETNAM, EVIDENCE AVAILABLE TO US INDICATES THAT AS MANY AS TWELVE REGULAR NVA DIVISIONS MAY NOW BE DEPLOYED IN SOUTH VIETNAM, AS COMPARED TO TEN DIVISIONS DEPLOYD THERE IN APRIL.

THE OTHER SIDE FREQUENTLY REFERS TO WHAT IT DESCRIBES AS U.S. "RESPONSIBILITIES." IT WOULD BE WELL IF THEY CONSIDERED THEIR OWN RESPONSIBLITIES FOR SUSTAINING AND INTENSIFYING MILITARY OARATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. SUCH OPERATIONS HAVE ALREADY RESULTED IN AN ENORMOUS NUMBER OF CASUALTIES AND DEVASTATED TOWNS IN THE SOUTH AND THE PROSPECT OF THIS CONTINUING MUST DISMAY INTERNATIONAL OPINION."

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RENEWED SHARP FIGHTING ERUPTED BETWEEN NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE INFANTRY MEN ALONG HIGHWAY I SOUTH OF THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL OF QUANG TRI. CONTROL OF THE HIGHWAY IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SUPPORT OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE DRIVE TO RE-TAKE QUANG TRI. FURTHER SOUTH, COMMUNIST FORCES CONTINUED THEIR SHELLING AND GROUND ATTACKS ON GOVERNMENT POSITIONS AROUND TWO BASES THAT GUARD THE WESTERN APPROACHES TO HUE.

ELSEWHERE THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE COMMAND IN SAIGON SAID A NORTH VIETNAMESE GROUND ATTACK WAS BEATEN BACK FROM THE RECENTLY RECAPTURED TOWN IN COASTAL BINH DINH PROVINCE.

IN AIR ACTION OVER NORTH VIETNAM, AMERICAN JETS SHOT DOWN TWO NORTH VIETNAMESE MIGS IN AN AIR BATTLE NORTHEAST OF HANOI. NORTH VIETNAM MEANWHILE CLAIMED THAT TWO AMERICAN PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN OVER HANOI SUNDAY AND THE PILOTS CAPTURED. THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE COMMENT ON THE PLANES FROM THE U.S. COMMAND.

NORTH VIETNAM CLAIMS THAT AMERICAN PLANES HAVE DESTROYED ONE DIKE SOUTHEAST OF HANOI AND HEAVILY DAMAGED ANOTHER. THE CLAIMS WERE BROADCAST SUNDAY BY HANOI RADIO. MEANWHILE **EANOI'S** WATER CONSERVATION VICE MINISTER CHARGED IN A NEWS CONFERENCE IN HANOI THAT U.S. PLANES ARE CARRYING OUT WHAT HE TERMED AN INTENTIONAL CAMPAIGN OF DESTRUCTION AGAINST WATER IRRIGATION SYSTEMS. THE U.S. HAS SAID REPEATEDLY ITS PLANES DO NOT DELIBERATELY BOMB NORTH VIETNAMESE DIKES.

U.S. DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE GEORGE MCGOVERN WILL MEET MONDAY WITH SEN. THOMAS EAGLETON; HIS VICE PRESIDENTIAL RUNNING MATE WHOSE MEDICAL HISTORY TREATMENT OF NERVOUS EXHAUSTION AND DEPRESSION HAS BEEN WIDELY PUBLICIZED. MR. EAGLETON SAID IN A TV INTERVIEW, HE INTENDS TO STAY IN THE RACE, AND WOULD HAVE TO WEIGH HIS DECISION IF SEN. MCGOVERN ASKED HIM TO WITHDRAW. JACK ANDERSON, GNE OF THE INTERVIEWERS, APOLOGIZED TO MR. EAGLETON FOR REPORTING LAST WEEK THAT HE HAD BEEN CITED SEVERAL TIMES FOR DRUNKEN DRIVING. HOW-EVER, MR. ANDERSON SAID HE COULD NOT COMPLETELY RETRACT THE STORY WHICH MR. EAGLETON LABELED A DAMNABLE LIE UNTIL ALL DOUBT WAS RE-MOVED.

IN ANOTHER **TV** INTERVIEW, CHAIRMAN GENE WESTWOOD AND VICE CHAIRMAN BRASIL PATTERSON OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE URGED MR. EAGLETON TO STEP DOWN. THE PARTY LEADERS SAID HIS RESIGNATION WOULD CHANGE THE FOCUS OF THE CAMPAIGN FROM PERSONALITIES TO ISSUES. SEN. MCGOVERN SAID IN A NEWS MAGAZINE INTERVIEW, IF ELECTED PRESIDENT, HE WILL STAKE HIS POLITICAL CAREER ON BEING ABLE TO WITHDRAW US FORCES FROM INDO-CHINA AND GET U.S. PRISONERS RELEASED WITHIN 90 DAYS OF HIS INAUGURATION. THE CANDIDATE ALSO REPEATED HIS PLEDGE TO CUT U.S. DEFENSE SPENDING BY 30 THOUSAND MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR. THE SOVIET NAVAL CHIEF ADMIRAL BUSCHKOT CLAIMED SOVIET SUBMARINES, SURFACE VESSELS, AND SUPERSONIC PLANES COULD DETECT AND DESTROY NAVAL OPPONENTS ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. THE ADMIRAL SAID THE SOVIET UNION'S MAIN DETERRENT COURSE CONSISTS OF NUCLEAR SUBMARINES ARMED WITH BALLASTIC MISSILES COMBINED WITH LAND-BASED STRATEGIC ROCKETS.

EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT AND LYBYAN LEADER KHADAFFI MEET TODAY IN TOBRUK. SEMI-OFFICIAL PRESS REPORTS IN BOTH COUNTRIES EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MEETING AND THE LYBYAN NEWS AGENCY STRESSES THE THEME ON UNITY. COL KHADAFFI HAS CALLED FOR A MERGER OF LYBYA AND EGYPT AND IT IS REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT SADAT MAY GIVE HIS REPLY.

THE 9TH GAME OF THE WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP IN REYJKYAVIK, ICELAND, SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY WAS POSTPONED BECAUSED SOVIET TITLE HOLDER BORIS SPASSKY HAS A HEAD COLD. THE 9TH GAME IS NOW EXPECTED TO BE PLAYED ON TUESDAY. OR, IN CASE OF ANOTHER POSTPONEMENT, ON THURSDAY. THE AMERICAN CHALLENGER LEADS SPASSKY 5 POINTS TO 3. FISCHER WON THE 8TH GAME LAST THURSDAY WHEN SPASSKY RESIGNED ON THE 37TH MOVE.

MR. WALLACE ANNOUNCED SATURDAY THAT HE WILL NOT RUN FOR PRESIDENT THIS YEAR AS AN INDEPENDENT. HE SAID HIS DOCTORS HAD ADVISED HIM TO AVOID EXTENSIVE CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, BUT THE GOVERNOR SAID HE WILL ASK HIS DOCTORS FROM TIME TO TIME FOR A RE-EVALUATION OF HIS PHYSICAL CONDITION.

LAOS (USINFO) JULY 29:

REPORTS FROM THE SOUTHERN LAOTIAN TOWN OF KHONG SEDONE, JULY 27-28, INDICATE THAT GOVERNMENT UNITS ARE HAVING CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ELIMINATING ENEMY RESISTANCE IN THE AREA.

THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT REPORTS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY ELSEWHERE IN LAOS.

PRESIDENT NIXON AND HIS VIETNAM CRITICS

(BY RONALD J. DUNLAVEY)

WASHINGTON, JULY 28--THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION BUT THAT RICHARD NIXON FEELS VERY STRONGLY ABOUT VIETNAM. HE FEELS THAT IN THE FOUR YEARSSINCE HE TOOK OFFICE HE HAS MADE EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS TO END THE WAR. HE HAS REMOVED PRACTICALLY ALL THE AMERICAN GROUND FORCES FROM SOUTH VIETNAM; HE REFRAINED FROM BOMBING THE NORTH UNTIL FORCED TO BY HANOI'S ESCALATION OF THE WAR LAST FEBRUARY; AND HE HAS MADE WHAT HAS TO BE JUDGED A GENEROUS PROPOSAL FOR A PEACE SETTLEMENT.

YET, AS THOSE FOUR YEARS DRAW TO AN END, HE SEEMS TO BE GETTING MORE BLAME THAN CREDIT. AND THIS WEEK, AS FAR AS VIETNAM IS CONCERNED, HAS NOT BEEN A GOOD ONE FOR HIM. THE SENATE VOTED AN END-THE WAR MEASURE LAST MONDAY, AND ALTHOUGH IT WAS KILLED BY SOME DRASTIC PARLIAMENTARY MANEUVERING, IT IS EXPECTED TO COME UP AGAIN NEXT WEEK. ON TUESDAY THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, WHICH HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED THE PRESIDENT ON VIETNAM, VOTED AFFIRMATIVELY ON A SIMILAR THOUGH SOMEWHAT MILDER MEASURE. THE CHORUS OF ACCUSATIONS THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS BOMBING THE NORTH VIETNAM DIKES CONTINUED TO RISE, AND U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM'S COMMENTS SEEMED TO SUPPORT THESE ACCUSATIONS. THE PARIS TALKS APPEARED TO BE STALEMATED AND THE COMMUNIST NEGOTIATORS SEEMED LESS COOPERATIVE THAN EVER.

FEELING AS STRONGL Y AS HE DOES ABOUT HIS EFFORTS, AND ON THE VERGE OF AN ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN WHICH HIS VIETNAM POLICY WILL BE A MAJOR ISSUE, MR. NIXON HAS NOT SURPRISINGLY SPOKEN OUT STRONGLY AGAINST HIS CRITICS AND IN DEFENSE OF HIS POLICY. AT HIS NEWS CONFERENCE THURSDAY HE DECLARED THAT END-THE-WAR LEGISLATION IN CONGRESS COULD BOTH PROLONG THE WAR AND HELP THE IMPOSITION OF A COMMUNIST DICTATORSHIP ON SOUTH VIETNAM. HE WARNED THAT BOTH CONGRESS AND HIS POLITICAL OPPOSITION COULD UNDER-CUT THE NEGOTIATIONS IN PARIS BY INDICATING TO HANOI THAT IT COULD GET A MORE FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT AFTER THE ELECTION. AND HE WAS PARTICULARLY SHARP IN HIS EXTENSIVE REMARKS ABOUT THE ALLEGED BOMBING OF THE DIKES. HE REITERATED THAT IT WAS NOT AMERICAN POLICY TO BOMB THE DIKES, AND LABELED AS "NAIVE" THOSE WHO REPEATED THE ACCUSATION-ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY FAILED TO CRITICIZE NORTH VIETNAMESE EXCESSES AND ATROCITIES. AND AMONG THOSE WHO WERE IN EFFECT BEING TAKEN IN BY NORTH VIETNAMESE PROPAGANDA HE DID NOT HESITATE TO INCLUDE MR. WALDHEIM.

HIS REMARKS ARE ALMOST CERTAIN TO PROVOKE STRONG REACTION IN SOME QUARTERS. BUT, TO REPEAT, MR. NIXON FEELS STRONGLY THAT HIS VIETNAM POLICY IS A GOOD ONE, AND THAT IF IT IS NOT SABOTAGED IT WILL VERY SHORTLY BRING ABOUT AN HONORABLE AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. THE TONE AND NATURE OF HIS REMARKS THURSDAY ARE A CLEAR SIGNAL THAT HE INTENDS NOT ONLY TO STAND FOUR-SQUARE IN DEFENSE OF THAT POLICY BUT ALSO TO SPEAK OUT AGGRESSIVELY AGAINST THOSE WHO CRITICIZE AND -- ABOVE ALL - THOSE WHO DISTORT IT.

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DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE GEORGE MCGOVERN IS MEETING IN WASHINGTON WITH HIS RUNNING MATE, SEN. THOMAS EAGLETON, TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER MR. EAGLETON WILL REMAIN ON THE TICKET. IT IS THEIR FIRST FACE TO FACE MEETING SINCE MR. FAGLETON RECENTLY DISCLOSED THAT HE HAD BEEN HOSPITALIZED THREE TIMES DURING THE 1960S FOR PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT FOR NERVOUS EXHAUSTION AND FATIGUE. A SPOKESMAN FOR MR. MCGOVERN SAID AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY WILL BE MADE TUESDAY EVENING. SEN. EAGLETON IS UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE TO WITHDRAW, BUT SO FAR HE REMAINS STEADFAST IN HIS DETERMINATION NOT TO. ON SUNDAY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE URGED HIM TO STEP DOWN. SEN. MCGOVERN, MEANWHILE, POSTPONED UNTIL THURSDAY AN APPEARANCE BEFORE THE HOUSE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS THAT HE AND SEN. EAGLETON HAD ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY. MEANWHILE, ASSISTANT DEMOCRATIC FLOOR LEADER, SEN. ROBERT BERG, SAID THE DECISION ON WHETHER SEN. EAGLETON REMAINED SHOULD BE MADE AT MONDAY NIGHT'S MEETING. HE SAID THE DECISION SHOULD NOT BE PUT OFF ANY LONGER. SEN. BERG SAID THE DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN ALREADY HAS BEEN PUT UNDER A CLOUD.

U.S. FIGHTER PILOTS HAVE REPORTED HITTING A FUEL DEPOT NORTHEAST OF HAIPHONG AND A COMBINED RAILWAY-ROAD BRIDGE NEAR HANOI DURING HEAVY RAIDS OVER NORTH VIETNAM. A THAI-BASED B-52 CRASHED IN THAILAND NEAR THE LAO BORDER KILLING ALL THE SIX PERSONS ABOARD, AND TWO PHANTOM JETS RAN OUT OF FUEL AND DITCHED INTO THE TONKIN GULF. ALL FOUR MEN WERE RESCUED. IN GROUND FIGHTING, THERE WERE MORE CLASHES NEAR THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL OF QUANG TRI AS SOUTH VIETNAMESE DROVE OFF A NEW ENEMY ATTACK.

NORTH KOREA SAYS KOREAN REUNIFICATION SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION IN SEPTEMBER, AND THAT NORTH KOREA SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AT THE DEBATE. ASSEMBLY DISCUSSIONS ON KOREA HAVE BEEN CALLED FOR IN A PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY ALGERIA AND OTHER NATIONS. A PYONGYANG STATEMENT SAID AN ASSEMBLY DISCUSSION OF KOREA WOULD REFLECT A NEW SITUATION CREATED BY A JOINT SEOUL - PYONG-YANG ANNOUNCEMENT EARLIER THIS MONTH CALLING FOR STEPS TOWARD REUNIFI-CATION. THE PYONGYANG STATEMENT ADDED THAT IT IS MORE IMPORTANT NOW THAN EVER TO RE-EXAMINE THE UNITED NATIONS PRESENCE IN KOREA.

THREE LEADING CHINESE PUBLICATIONS SAY IT IS FUTILE FOR ANY PLOTTER TO TRY TO UNDERMINE THE ARMY OF THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA BECAUSE IT IS CLOSELY UNITED AROUND THE PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE HEADED BY CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG. THE JOINTLY PUBLISHED STATEMENT FOLLOWS CONFIRMATION BY CHINESE OFFICIALS LAST WEEK THAT FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER LIN PLAO WAS KILLED IN A PLANE CRASH LAST YEAR AFTER TRYING TO OVERTHROW THE CHAIRMAN. NEWS REPORTS FROM PEKING SAY THE LEADERSHIP IS PREPARED TO NAME A NEW DEFENSE MINISTER SOON AND THE MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE IS NA CHI YIN, VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILLITARY COMMISSION.

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PEKING HAS ANNOUNCED THE DISCOVERY OF A TWO THOUSAND YEAR OLD TOMB CONTAINING THE ALMOST PERFECTLY PRESERVED BODY OF A WOMAN AND MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND ARTIFACTS. THE PEOPLES DAILY FUBLISHED TEN PICTURES OF THE FIND, CALLING IT A RARE AND IMPORTANT DISCOVERY. THE ARTIFACTS INCLUDED PRECIOUS SILK COFFIN COVERING DESCRIBED BY THE PAPER AS A MASTERPIECE UNEQUALED IN THE HISTORY OF CHINESE SILK PAINTING. THE BODY OF THE WOMEN, THOUGHT TO BE THE WIFE OF A HAN DYNASTY NOBLEMAN, WAS PAINTED WITH A RED LIQUID AND SAID TO BE REMARKABLY WELL PRESERVED.

DOW JONES CLOSING STOCK AVERAGES: 30 INDUS(Garbled) OFF 1.96 20 TRANS 227.17 OFF 0.39 15 UTILS 106.50 OFF 0.16 65 STOCKS 305.40 OFF 0.58 VOLUME 11,000,000 SHARES.

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IN LAOS, ONLY A FEW SMALL-SCALE GROUND CLASHES WERE REPORTED JULY 28-29 NEAR KHONG SEDONE, IN THE SOUTH.

THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTIVITY ELSEWHERE IN LAOS.

AMERICA'S 1972 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN THE ACCENT IS ON YOUTH

(BY RICHARD P. WILSON)

WITH REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC STRATEGISTS BUSY SHAPING THEIR FALL ELECTION CAMPAIGNS, THE ACCENT IS ON YOUTH. BOTH PARTIES ARE SETTING ASIDE CONSIDERABLE PORTIONS OF THEIR CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR REGISTRATION OF NEW VOTERS, PARTICULARLY THE 25 MILLION BETWEEN 18 AND 24 WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO CAST THEIR FIRST PRESIDENTIAL BALLOTS NOVEMBER 7--ABOUT 19 PERCENT OF THE POTENTIAL ELECTORATE.

WHY SHOULD OPPOSING PARTIES ADOPT THE SAME STRATEGY? HOW CAN THE TACTIC OF GETTING OUT THE YOUTH VOTE BENEFIT BOTH PARTIES?

SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN, WHO WON THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S NOMINATION LARGELY BECAUSE SINCE JULY 1970 HE HAD BUILT AN EFFECTIVE GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION KEYED TO YOUTHFUL VOLUNTEERS, HAS AN OBVIOUS MOTIVE. YOUTH IS HIS CORE CONSTITUENCY. A GALLUP POLL INDICATES THAT AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE 18-TO-24 AGE GROUP, 57 PERCENT ARE MCGOVERN SUPPORTERS. ONLY 41 PERCENT FAVOR THE REELECTION OF PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON.

WHY, THEN, ARE THE REPUBLICANS ALLOCATING ONE MILLION DOLLARS TO THEIR YOUTH REGISTRATION PROGRAM?

FOR ONE THING, A POLITICAL PARTY HAS TO BUILD FOR THE FUTURE. BUT THERE IS A MORE IMMEDIATE MOTIVE. ALTHOUGH SENATOR MCGOVERN HOLDS A COMMANDING LEAD AMONG YOUTHS REGISTERED TO VOTE, ACCORDING TO THE GALLUP POLL, THOSE NOT REGISTERED FAVOR PRESIDENT NIXON OVER SENATOR MCGOVERN BY A 46 TO 43-PERCENT MARGIN.

SO BOTH THE REPUBLICANS AND THE DEMOCRATS ARE AIMING CAMPAIGN MESSAGES AT THE SAME YOUNG AUDIENCE -- BUT WITH A SUBTLE DIFFERENCE.

MR. MCGOVERN PROBABLY CAN COUNT ON THE VOTES OF MOST STUDENTS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES -- THE EAGER REFORMERS WHO HAVE SPARKED THE MCGOVERN DRIVE FROM THE BEGINNING. MOST OF THEM, AS POLITICAL ACTIVISTS, HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED TO VOTE. IT IS THOSE NOT NOW ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES -- WORKERS, YOUNG COUPLES -- WHO HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED. AND IT IS MAINLY AMONG THESE YOUTHS, MORE NUMEROUS THAN COLLEGE STUDENTS, THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HOPES TO FIND NEW SUPPORTERS.

GALLUP POLLSTERS SAY THE 18 TO 24 POPULATION GROUP CONTAINS THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE OF POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE VOTERS WHO ARE STILL UNREGISTERED -- 50 PERCENT.

POLITICAL STATISTICIANS KNOW A GOOD DEAL ABOUT THE NEW VOTERS. SEVENTY PERCENT OF THE 18-TO-24-YEAR-OLDS ARE NOT ENROLLED IN SCHOOL, INCLUDING 53 PERCENT WHO HAVE RECEIVED SECONDARY SCHOOL DIPLOMAS AND 17 PERCENT WHO DID NOT FINISH HIGH SCHOOL. OF THE 30 PERCENT ENROLLED IN CLASSES, 26 PERCENT ATTEND COLLEGE. EIGHTY-SEVEN PERCENT OF THE YOUNG VOTERS ARE WHITE; 12 PERCENT BLACK. SLIGHTLY, MORE THAN HALF ARE FEMALE. FORTY-TWO PERCENT OF THE FEMALES ARE WIVES OF FAMILY HEADS; 9 PERCENT OF THE MALES ARE FAMILY HEADS. SIXTY-SIX PERCENT LIVE IN METROPOLITAN AREAS.

WHEN THE U.S. CONSTITUTION'S 26TH AMENDMENT BECAME IAW IN MID-1971 AND THE VOTING AGE NATIONALLY WAS LOWERED FROM 21 TO 18, STATISTICIANS CALCULATED THAT SOME 10,552,500 OF THE 15,125,000 NEW VOTERS WOULD ACTUALLY GO TO THE POLLS IN NOVEMBER 1972. SOME STATISTICIANS NOW ARE TALKING ABOUT GETTING 18 MILLEION YOUNG VOTERS REGISTERED.

AN ARMY OF 100,000 YOUNG MCGOVERN VOLUNTEERS IS PLANNING TO START A MASSIVE REGISTRATION DRIVE FOR NEW VOTERS IN MID-AUGUST. A REPUBLICAN TASK FORCE OF SOME 125,000 YOUTHS ALREADY IS AT WORK IN 35 STATES AND WILL MOVE INTO THE OTHER STATES BY AUGUST 1. REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN CHIEF CLARK MACGREGOR SAYS HE EXPECTS A MINIMUM OF ONE MILLION YOUNG VOLUNTEERS TO BE WORKING EVENTUALLY FOR THE PRESIDENT'S RE-ELECTION.

THE REPUBLICANS HAVE RESERVED 1,000 GALLERY SEATS AT THEIR AUGUST CONVENTION IN MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, FOR YOUNG VOLUNTEER WORKERS. DELEGATES ON THE FLOOR OF THE CONVENTION ALSO WILL INCLUDE MANY MORE YOUTHS THAN IN THE PAST. IN 1968 ONLY ONE PERCENT OF THE DELEGATES WERE UNDER 25 YEARS OF AGE. THIS YEAR NEARLY ELEVEN PERCENT WILL BE IN THAT CATEGORY.

OTHER POPULATION GROUPS ALSO WILL BE BETTER REPRESENTED THAN THEY WERE AT THE REPUBLICANS' CHICAGO CONVENTION FOUR YEARS AGO. WOMEN DELEGATES WILL INCREASE FROM 17 PERCENT TO MORE THAN 30 PERCENT, WHILE BLACKS AND OTHER MINORITIES WILL DOUBLE--FROM NEARLY TWO PERCENT TO MORE THAN FOUR PERCENT. A NUMBER OF FEMALE DELEGATES AND A NUMBER OF BLACK DELEGATES ALSO WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE UNDER-25 CATEGORY.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

AROUND THE NATION:

IN WASHINGTON, A PANEL OF THREE FEDERAL JUDGES RULED THAT THE 1939 HATCH ACT PROHIBITING FEDERAL WOPKERS FROM PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IS UNCONSTITUTIONALLY VAGUE AND OVERLY BROAD. THE GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO APPEAL THE DECISION TO THE SUPREME COURT.

THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT FREDICTED THAT NET FARM INCOME WILL BOOM THIS YEAR TO A RECORD OF ABOUT 8.1 BILLION DOLLARS, UP TWO BILLION DOLLARS FROM LAST YEAR AND ONE BILLION DOLLARS OVER THE PREVIOUS RECORD.

IN DES MOINES, AGRICULTURE SECRETARY EARL BUTZ SAID IT IS POSSIBLE AN AMERICAN GRAIN EXPORT AGREFMENT CAN BE WORKED OUT WITH THE FEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA SIMILAR TO THE ONE SETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION. MR. BUTZ ADDED THAT THE LATEST U.S. - U.S.S.R. GRAIN DEAL, WHICH CALLS FOR PURCHASE OF 750 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF GRAIN, COULD BE HIKED TO POSSIBLY ONE BILLION DOLLARS."

IN MIAMI BEACH, POLICE CHIEF ROCKY POMERANCE SAID HE BELIEVES THE UPCOMING REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION POSES NO GREATER SECURITY THREAT THAN THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION DID.

IN HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MELVIN LAIRD SAID THE U.S. WILL HAVE AN ALL-VOLUNTEER ARMY BY NEXT JUNE. HE SAID MONEY PREVIOUSLY SPENT IN INDOCHINA WILL PAY FOR IT.

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

FIVE HIJACKERS - THREE MEN AND TWO WOMEN, ACCOMPANIED BY TWO CHILDREN - LANDED IN ALGIERS AFTER FORCING THE CREW OF A DELTA AIRLINES JET TO FLY THEM FROM BOSTON. THE FLANE ORIGINALLY WAS COMMANDERED ON A DETROIT TO MIAMI FLIGHT. THE 87 PASSENGERS WERE FREED IN MIAMI AFTER DELTA PAID A ONE MILLION DOLLAR RANSOM, AND THE JET PROCEEDED TO BOSTON FOR REFUELING.

IN BARCELONA, SPAIN, THE HIJACKED DELTA AIRLINES JET ON ITS RETURN THIP FROM ALGIERS LANDED SO THAT ITS EXHAUSTED CREW COULD GET SOME REST.

IN BONN, GERHARD SCHROEDER, DEPUTY LEADER OF WEST GERMANY'S OPPOSITION CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY, SAID HIS RECENT VISIT TO PEKING CONVINCED HIM HIS NATION SHOULD ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE PETER G. PETERSON TOLD NEWSMEN IN MOSCOW THAT REAL PROGRESS" WAS MADE DURING THE U.S.-SOVIET TRADE TALKS. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT BOTH SIDES HAD MOVED ONLY SOMEWHAT CLOSER ON THE LEND-LEASE PROBLEM, IN WHICH THE U.S. IS ASKING ABOUT 800 MILLION DOLLARS FOR AID FURNISHED THE SOVIET UNION DURING WOULD WAR TWO. IN NEW DELHI, THE INDIAN PARLIAMENT GAVE MASSIVE SUPPORT TO THE INDO-PAKISTAN SUMMIT TREATY SIGNED IN JULY BY PRIME MINISTER INDIA GANDHI AND 'RESIDENT ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO. THE RATIFIED TREATY FORMALLY ENDS LAST DECEMBER'S INDO-PAKISTAN WAR.

IN MANILA, PRESIDENT FERNINAND MARCOS REVEALED THAT FRESIDENT NIXON HAS PROMISED THE PHILIPPINES CONTINUING U.S. SUPPORT AND COOPERATION IN ITS FLOOD MELLEF WOLL IN DEVASTATED LUZON ISLAND. "YOU CAN BE SURE OF THE CONTINUING SUPPORT AND COOPERATION OF THE UNITED STATES AS THE PHILIPPINES GOES ABOUT THE DIFFICULT TASK OF RELIEF AND RECOVERY," MR. NIXON'S MESSAGE SAID.

IN PEKING, THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THE DISCOVERY OF A 2,100-YEAR-OLD HAN DYNASTY TOMB CONTAINING THE ALMOST FERFECTLY PERSERVED BODY OF A WOMAN AND MORE THAN 1,000 ARTIFACTS. NEAR THE COFFIN WERE 120 CARVED WOODEN FIGURES, INCLUDING REPLICAS OF A 26-PIECE ORCHESTRA.

IN TOKYO, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SAID IT WILL TRY TO BUILD THE WORLD'S FIRST NUCLEAR POWERED STEEL MILL BY 1979. THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID 25 MILLION DOLLARS HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR RESEARCH ON THE PROJECT, IN COOPERATION WITH PRIVATE STEELMAKING FIRMS.

IN SAIGON, FRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU TOLD GRADUATES AT THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE THAT THE ONLY LASTING SOLUTION TO THE VIETNAM WAR WOULD BE A CEASEFILE THROUGHOUT INDOCHINA UNDER INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION.

ALSO IN SAIGON, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT CAERIER-BASED U.S. NAVY PILOTS STRUCK DEEP INTO NORTH VIETNAM AND LEFT A HAIPHONG SHIPYARD IN FLAMES.

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IN SOUTHERN LACS, GOVERNMENT UNITS CLASHED WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS ABOUT NINE KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF KHONG SEDONE JULY 31, AND CAPTURED A NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS, A QUANTITY OF ANTI-AIRCHAFT AMMUNITION, AND OTHER SUPPLIES.

ONLY LIGHT SHELLINGS AND SMALL-SCALE GROUND CLASHES WERE REPORTED ELSEWHERE IN LAOS JULY 29 TO 31.

KISSINGER TALKS WITH HANOI OFFICIALS IN PADIS

WASHINGTON, AUG. 1 -- PRESIDENT NIXON'S TOP ADVISER ON MATIONAL SECURITY MET PRIVATELY IN PARIS WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS AUGUST 1 AS PART OF THE PRESIDENT'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE AN END TO THE VIETNAM WAR.

DR. HENLY KISSINGER, A KEY FIJULE IN THE THREE-YEAR-OLD PRIVATE TALKS, CONFERRED WITH LE DUC THO, A MEM VER OF THE HANOI POLITHURO, AND XUAN THUY, HANOI'S CHIEF DELEGATE TO THE PAPIS PEACE TALKS. IT WAS THE 15TH PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN DL. KISSINGER AND DR. THO, WHO IS A SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE HANOI PEACE TALKS DELEGATION.

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY ROMALD ZIEGLER ANNOUNCED THE MEITING IN WASHINGTON AUGUST 1, BUT DECLINED TO GIVE DETAILS.

IN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MEFTINGS WITH HANOI OFFICIALS, REPRESENTATIVES OF MR. NIXON HAVE EMPHASIZED U.S. WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE AN HONORABLE END TO THE VIETNAM CONFLICT. MR. NIXON HAS OFFERED A TWO-TRACK PLAN, GIVING HANOI THE OPTION OF NEGOTIATING AN OVER-ALL MILITARY-POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OR TACKLING MILITARY QUESTIONS FILST, LEAVING POLITICAL MATTERS UNTIL LATER.

THE PRESIDENT HAS OFFERED, IN RETURN FOR U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR, AN IMMEDIATE INTERNATIONALLY SUPERVISED CEASEFIRE, AN END TO U.S. AIR ACTIVITY IN INDOCHINA AND WITHDRAWAL OF ALL AMERICAN FORCES FROM SOUTH VIETNAM WITHIN FOUR MONTHS. IN ADDITION, SOUTH VIETNAM'S PRESIDENT THIEU HAS OFFERED TO RESIGN HIS POST IN ADVANCE OF NEW INTERNATIONALLY SUPERVISED ELECTIONS.

U.S. THAI DRUG CONTROL EFFORT DEEMED SUCCESS

WASHINGTON, AUGUST 1 -- A PICTURE OF INCREASINGLY SUCCESSFUL U.S. THAI COUPERATION IN THE WAR ON ILLICIT MARCOTICS RESULTING IN SEIZURE OF FIVE TONS OF OPIUM, MORPHINE AND HEROIN SINCE MARCH 1 OF THIS YEAR WAS SKETCHED FOR THE U.S. PRESS AUGUST 1 BY OFFICIALS OF THE U.S. BUNEAU OF MARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS (BNDD).

WILLIAM T. WANZECK, REGIONAL BNDD DIRECTOR FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA WITH HEADQUARTERS IN BANGKOK, S/ID THE CLOSE INTERLOCKING OF U.S. THAI FIELD OPERATIONS AGAINST THE NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS OF THAILAND BORDER REGION WITH BURMA AND LAOS HAS RESULTED IN A "TREMENDOUS IMPROVEMENT" OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS. JOINT U.S. THAI SEIZURES OF NARCOTICS JULY 3-24 ALONE HAD STREET SALE VALUES (IN THE U.S.) OF AN ESTIMATED 249 MILLION DOLLARS.

MR. WANZECK WAS ONLY ONE OF A MUMBER OF KEY BNDD OFFICIALS WHO MET THE WASHINGTON BASED PRESS CORPS AUGUST 1 TO REFUTE VIGOROUSLY CHARGES MADE BY COLUMNIST JACK ANDERSON JULY 31 THAT U.S. AND THAI OFFICIALS HAD BEEN DECEIVED (THE COLUMNISTS WORD WAS "HORNSWOGGLED") LAST MARCH INTO BELIEVING THAT " TONS OF OPIUM BURNED IN A PUBLIC THAI CEREMONY WAS IN FACT MOSTLY "CHEAP FODDER."

BNDD'S DEPUTY CHIEF OF OPIRATIONS--ANDREW C. TARTAGLINO--SAID THE JACK ANDERSON COLUMN SAID U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THAT AUTHORITIES "WERE VICTIMIZED INTO BELIEVING THAT 26 TONS OF OPIUM WERE BURNED AND THAT WHAT WAS ALLEGED TO BE OPIUM WAS NOTHING MORE THAN CHEAP FODDER MIXED WITH 20 PERCENT OPIUM."

"THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE ARTICLE ARE TOTALLY INACCURATE," MR. TARTAGLINO ASSERTED IN A STATEMENT READ TO THE PRESS AND U.S. TELEVISION AND RADIO. "NEITHER THE THAI NOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WAS DUPED WITH REGARD TO THE OPERATION. THE BURNING OF THE 26 TONS OF OPIUM TOOK PLACE ON MARCH 7,1972. THE OPIUM WAS CONTAINED IN 319 BURLAP MAGS, EACH WEIGHING ABOUT 190 FOUNDS (ABOUT 86 KILOS). THE BAGS CONTAINED 20 OPIUM BALLS. ("CHOI," IN THAI--EACH WEIGHING 1.6 KILOS) WHICH WERE WRAPPED IN LEAVES, FAPER OR PLASTIC. CONTRARY TO WHAT ME. ANDERSON REPORTS, THE THAI GOVERNMENT DID TEST THE OPIUM BEFORE BUYING IT. AND OUR CHEMINT--MR. JOSEPH E. KOLES, A CHEMIST OF 14 YEARS EXFERIENCE IN INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT-- TESTED IT BEFORE IT WAS BUINED. THERE IS NO QUESTION: IT WAS OPIUM."

MR. TARTAGLINO, WHO PRESENTED A NUMBER OF THAI FILM CLIPS ILLUSTRATING THE ENTIRE INSPECTION PROCEDURE INVOLVED IN THE DELIVERY OF THE OFIUM TONNAGE SAID THAT MR. WANZECK, BNDD'S REGIONAL DIRECTOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS, WAS PRESENT FOR THE BURNING. "HE TOOK THE SAMPLES WHICH WERE ANALYZED BY MR. KOLES, A SENIOR ORGANIC CHEMIST WITH THE BUREAU," MR. TARTAGLINO STATED. THERE WAS NO QUESTION IN EITHER MAN'S MIND THAT THE SACKS CONTAINED ANYTHING OTHER THAN OPIUM. BOTH OFFICIALS ALSO EXAMINED THE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY THE THAI AUTHORITIES AND WERE HIGHLY IMPRESSED BY THE ENTIRE OPERATION."

THE BNDD OFFICIAL CALLED ON THE NEWSVAPER COLUMNIST TO CORRECT THE "MULTITUDE OF ERRORS IN HIS ARTICLE," HE NOTED THAT "THE MAXIMUM SUCCESS OF THIS JOINT U.S. THAI EFFORT IS BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT AND TRUST WHICH HAS DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THAI NARCOTIC TEAMS.

"TO ALLOW SUCH MISINFORMATION TO GO UNCHALLENGED WOULD BE TO DAMAGE THE THAI-U.S. CRACKDOWN ON THE FLOW OF NARCOTICS INTO THE ILLICIT WORLD MARKET, MOST PARTICULARLY INTO THIS COUNTRY," HE SAID.

THE RAW OPIUM TONNAGE DESTROYED BY THAI OFFICIALS ON MARCH 7 AT A GUNNERY RANGE AT CHIANG MAI HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO THAI OFFICIALS BY CHINESE IRREGULAR FORCES IN CHIANG MAI PROVINCE IN AN AREA CLOSE TO THE THAI BURMESE BORDER. THE TRADE OFF OF OPIUM WAS PART OF A PROGRAM IN WHICH THE OLD KUOMINTANG CHINESE IRREGULAR FORCES TURNED OVER THEIR OPIUM STOCKS AND PROMISED. TO CEASE THEIR INVOLVEMENT WITH NARCOTICS IN RETURN FOR LAND UPON WHICH TO RESETTLE PERMANENTLY SEVERAL THOUSAND OF THEIR PEOPLE. THE THAI FINANCED OPERATION IS DESIGNED TO GRADUALLY REPLACE THE GROWING OF THE OPIUM POPPY BY TRIBAL PEOPLE IN EXCHANGE FOR RELIANCE UPON OTHER CROPS FROM TEA TO FRUITS AND GRAINS- AS A LONG RANGE, SOCIALLY STABILIZING ACTIVITY. IT PARALLELS SEPARATE PROGRAMS BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER AGENCIES.

AT THE AUGUST 1 CONFERENCE A REPRESENTATIVE OF JACK ANDERSON-MR. LESTER WHITTON- INSISTED THAT THE CHARGES IN THE COLUMN WERE BASED ON CLASSIFIED REPORTS WHICH HE HAD ACCESS TO. ENDD OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF THE REPORT AND SAID MUCH "RAW INTELLIGENCE" CAME TO THEM WHICH WAS OFTEN FOUND TO BE UNSUBSTANTIATED. MR. KOLES SAID THAT IN HIS MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION OF THE OPIUM IN QUESTION- AS ILLUSTRATED BY THE THAI FILMS, NO ADULTERATION HAD BEEN FOUND OTHER THAN THAT NORMALLY ASSOCIATED WITH PACKAGED RAW OPIUM.

ENDD OFFICIALS, IN STRESSING THE SUCCESS OF THE U.S. THAI EFFORTS TO CURB NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING, ALSO RELEASED A REPORT CITING TEN SPECIFIC INSTANCES OF SEIZURES AND ARRESTS OVER THE PAST FIVE MONTHS WHICH INVOLVED BOTH U.S. AND THAI CITIZENS, ONE OF THEM A U.S. WAR VETERAN WHO HAD RECRUITED FOUR AMERICAN TEEN AGE GIRLS IN A HEROIN SMUGGLING RING. SOME NOTEWORTHY CASES:

ON JUNE 9 BNDD AND THAI AGENTS RAIDED A COMPOUND IN LAMPANG, SEIZING 3520 POUNDS (1584 KILOS) OF RAW OPIUM, CHEMICAL CONTAINERS AND TWO LIQUID TRANSPORT TRUCKS MODIFIED TO CONCEAL CONTRABAND. FOUR PERSONS WERE ARRESTED.

--JOINT RAIDS BY SPECIAL U.S.-THAI OPERATIVES ON JULY 8 IN THREE REMOTE VILLAGES IN REMOTE CHIANG DOA DISTRICT RESULTED IN SEIZURE OF 640 POUNDS (291 KILOS) OF CRUDE OPIUM, A NUMBER OF WEAPONS AND THE ARRESTS OF TWO PERSONS, ONE OF THEM A THAI POLICE SERGEANT FOUND IN POSSESSION OF 108 POUNDS (ABOUT 49 KILOS) OF RAW OPIUM.

-ON JULY 15 BOTH U.S. AND THAI POLICE RAIDED A BANGKOK RESIDENCE MAKING TWO ARRESTS AND SEIZING ABOUT 52 POUNDS (24 KILOS) OF HEROIN. THE RESIDENCE WAS USED AS A LABORATORY FOR PRODUCTION OF HEROIN.

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IN MAJOR RAIDS, JULY 24, ON COMPOUNDS IN THE MAE SAI AREA OF NORTH THAILAND JOINT NARCOTICS TEAMS SEIZED MORE THAN THREE AND A HALF TONS OF OPIUM AS WELL AS GUNS, RIFLES AND VEHICLES USED TO TRANSPORT THE NARCOTICS TO BANGKOK MARKETS.

--ON JULY 23-24 RAIDS IN THE DOI PAA MII REGION, AGENTS SEIZED 138 POUNDS (52 KILOS) OF RAW OPIUM IN ONE COMPOUND AND 4818 POUNDS (2168 KILOS) OF RAW OPIUM, 775 POUNDS (349 KILOS) OF SMOKING OPIUM AS WELL AS RIFLES AND A GRENADE LAUNCHER IN ANOTHER. AN ADDITIONAL 15 POUNDS (ABOUT SEVEN KILOS) OF HEROIN WAS SEIZED. SIX PERSONS WERE ARRESTED.

BNDD OFFICIALS SAID THE TOTAL STREET VALUE OF THE NARCOTICS SEIZED IN THE JULY 23-24 OPERATIONS, ON THE BASIS OF U.S. PRICES, WAS AN ESTIMATED 249 MILLION DOLLARS.

EAGLETON AFFAIR SLOWS MCGOVERN CAMPAIGN

(BY FRANK H. KUEST)

--THE CASE OF FALLEN DEMOCRATIC VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE THOMAS EAGLETON HAS SENT RESEARCHERS THUMBING THROUGH THE RECORD BOOKS TO FIND OUT IF THERE HAS BEEN ANY PARALLEL IN AMERICAN POLITICAL HISTORY.

THEY FOUND NO PARALLEL BUT AN INSTANCE IN 1844 WHEN SENATOR SILAS WRIGHT OF NEW YORK WAS NOMINATED BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY ONLY TO WITHDRAW WHEN THE PARTY SELECTED JAMES POLK INSTEAD OF MARTIN VAN BUREN AS ITS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

THE YOUNG MISSOURI SENATOR WHOM DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE GEORGE MCGOVERN HAND PICKED AND THEN ASKED TO WITHDRAW AS MIS RUNNING MATE IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS NOW WILL DE REPLACED.

SINCE THERE HAS BEEN NO PRECEDENT, LEGAL OR OTHERWISE, THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY CONCERNED IN THIS CASE, THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE WILL BE THE SOLE UMPIRE IN DECIDING A REPLACEMENT.

THAT IS, OF COURSE, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF GEORGE MCGOVERN.

AND SINCE THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS ITSELF TO CANDIDATES BEYOND SETTING FORTH THAT THEY MUST TE CITIZENS AND OF A CERTAIN AGE, POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE BECOME, BY FIAT, THE SOLE JUDGE OF THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THEIR CANDIDATES.

SENATOR EAGLETON IS THE FIRST AMERICAN NOMINATED FOR EITHER THE PRESIDENCY OR VICE PRESIDENCY TO LEAVE A NATIONAL TICKET AFTER IT WAS NAMED BY A PARTY CONVENTION.

SENATOR MCGOVERN'S ERSTWHILE RUNNING MATE BECAME A CAUSE CELEBRE WHEN HE ADMITTED JULY 18, SHORTLY AFTER THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATING CONVENTION THAT HE HAD SUBMITTED TO MEDICAL AND PSYCHIATRIC CARE FOR MENTAL DEPRESSION ON THREE DIFFERENT OCCASIONS DURING THE 100'S. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAD NOT MENTIONED THIS WHEN SENATOR MCGOVERN ASKED HIM, BEFORE THE NOMINATION WAS RATIFIED, IF THERE WERE ANYTHING IN HIS BACKGROUND THAT MIGHT HANDICAP THE TICKET IN THE COMING ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

THIS WAS ENOUGH TO RAISE HEADLINES AND VOICES INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY AS SENATOR MCGOVERN WRESTLED WITH THE PROBLEM OF WHETHER THE RETENTION OF SENATOR EAGLETON ON THE TICKET WOULD BE AN ADVANTAGE OR A DISADVANTAGE IN HIS ALTEMPT TO DEFEAT PRESIDENT NIXON S BID FOR REFLECTION. THE CRUX OF THE CONTROVERSY WAS NOT SO MUCH THE FACT THAT SENATOR EAGLETON HAD A HISTORY OF HEALTH PROBLEMS, BUT RATHER THAT HE HAD FAILED TO DISCLOSE THE MATTER AND THUS HAD RAISED AN ISSUE OF CREDIBILITY. SOME NEWSPAPERS SUCH AS THE NEW YORK TIMES, NEW YORK POST, THE WASHINGTON POST AND OTHERS CHARGED THAT HE HAD DEMONSTRATED A LACK OF CANDOR, AND URGED THAT HE STEP ASIDE.

THE AMERICAN POLITICAL PROCESS TRADITIONALLY PERMITS THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE TO SELECT HIS OWN RUNNING MATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

SENATOR MCGOVERN MADE THE DECISION THAT LED TO THE NOMINATION OF SENATOR EAGLETON. IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE FROM THE PLAINS STATE OF SOUTH DATOTA MADE THE DECISION TO REMOVE HIM FROM THE TICKET. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 31, SENATOR MCGOVERN ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD ASKED SENATOR EAGLETON TO WITHDRAW, AND THE LATTER BOWED TO THE REQUEST.

NOW MR. MCGOVERN AND THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE MUST AGREE UPON A SUCCESSOR.

THE COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH OF THE 50 STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, FOUR TERRITORIES AND POSSESSIONS ---PLUS THREE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNORS OF STATES, THE TWO PRINCIPAL DEMOCRATIC LEADERS IN THE U.S. SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND UP TO 25 MEMBERS AT LARGE TO BE ELECTED BY THE REST OF THE COMMITTEE. ALTHOUGH INDICATIONS ARE THAT THERE WILL BE SOME ANTI-MCGOVERN SENTIMENT IN THE COMMITTEE, MOST POLITICAL LEADERS FEEL THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL RALLY AROUND THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE AND CHOOSE THE RUNNING MATE HE PROPOSES WITHOUT CONTEST.

POLITICAL OBSERVERS ARE NOTING THAT THE MCGOVERN CAMPAIGN NOW IS LAGGING BEHIND SCHEDULE SINCE IT HAS BEEN DEALING WITH A PERSONAL PROBLEM WITHIN THE PARTY RATHER THAN THE ISSUES THAT MR. MCGOVERN HAD HOPED THAT HE WOULD BE TAKING TO THE PEOPLE AT THIS TIME.

AT THIS TIME THERE CAN BE NO REAL READING CONCERNING THE IMPACT OF THE EAGLETON CASE ON THE OUTCOME IN NOVEMBER, BUT FOR THE TIME BEING, IT HAS THROWN A SERIOUS WRENCH INTO THE GEARS OF THE MCGOVERN CAMPAIGN AND HAS CONSUMED PRECIOUS TIME IN THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE S PLANNING FOR THE ADMITTEDLY ROUGH POLITICAL ROAD AHEAD.

TIME IS A FACTOR BECAUSE SENATOR MCGOVERN OBVIOUSLY HAD HOPED TO HAVE HAD HIS CAMPAIGN OFF AND RUNNING LONG BEFORE THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION MEETS IN MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUGUST 21, TO UNDERTAKE ITS PRO FORMA ACTION OF RE-NOMINATING PRESIDENT NIXON AND VICE PRESIDENT AGNEW AS THE REPUBLICAN STANDARD BEARERS.

TRADITIONALLY, THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGNS FAR THE PRESIDENCY BEGIN AFTER THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND EARLY IN SEPTEMBER WHEN THE SUMMER VACATION PERIOD ENDS.

BUT THE EAGLETON DEVELOPMENT IS BOUND TO CAUSE A SERIOUS DELAY IN THE MCGOVERN PLANNING AS THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE CANNOT BE SUMMONED FROM THE 50 STATES AND TERRITORIES OVERNIGHT TO APPROVE A SUCCESSOR. SOME ABSERVERS FEEL THAT IT WILL BE ALMOST A WEEK BEFORE THE COMMITTEE WILL BE IN SHAPE TO ACT ON THE NEW NUMBER-TWO NOMINEE.

THUS, THE "NEW POLITICS" AS PROMISED BY SENATOR MCGOVERN MUST BE SUPPLANTED, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, BY THE OLD POLITICS OF FINDING A NEW VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SCRUTINY OF THIS CANDIDATE WILL BE THE MOST INTENSIVE IN AMERICAN POLITICAL HISTORY.

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SENATE DEFEATS MCGOVERN 'S ARMS CUT BID

WASHINGTON, AUG. 1. - GEORGE MCGOVERN HAS LOST OUT IN HIS FIRST LEGISLATIVE TEST IN THE U.S. SENATE SINCE WINNING THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION.

BY A 59-33 VOTE AUGUST 1, THE SENATE DEFEATED A MCGOVERN PROPOSAL TO SET A CEILING OF 77.500 MILLION DOLLARS ON DEFENSE SPENDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 1973, WHICH BEGAN JULY 1. IN EFFECT, THIS WOULD HAVE CUT 4 000 MILLION DOLLARS FROM PRESIDENT NIXON'S BUDGET REQUEST FOR 81.600 MILLION DOLLARS IN NEW OBLIGATIONAL AUTHORITY.

THE SOUTH DAKOTA SENATOR S PROPOSED AMENDMENT WAS ATTACHED TO A MILITARY PROCUREMENT BILL BEING CONSIDERED ON THE SENATE FLOOR. THE BILL AUTHORIZES THE PROCUREMENT OF NEW WEAPONS AND MILITARY RESEARCH AND THUS SETS A CEILING FOR THE SUBSEQUENT DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL. (THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ALREADY HAS APPROVED A 21 300 MILLION DOLLAR MILITARY PROCUREMENT BILL. OTHER BILLS PROVIDE OTHER DEFENSE DEPARTMENT FUNDS.)

PRESIDENT NIXON HAS CALLED FOR CONTINUED MODERNIZATION OF STRATEGIC WEAPONS, WHILE LIMITING THEIR DEPLOYMENT ACCORDING TO TERMS OF THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

DEFENSE SECRETARY LAIRD HAS CONSISTENTLY STRESSED THAT WEAPONS MODERNIZATION IS ESSENTIAL TO PROTECT U.S. SECURITY AND TO STRENGTHEN AMERICA S HAND IN THE PROPOSED SECOND PHASE OF ARMS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION THIS FALL.

ARGUING FOR HIS AMENDMENT ON THE SENATE FLOOR, MR. MCGOVERN SAID HIS PROPOSED MILITARY BUDGET CUT WOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH PRESIDENT NIXON'S REQUEST THAT CONGRESS HOLD CURRENT FISCAL YEAR SPENDING UNDER 250 000 MILLION DOLLARS.

MR. MCGOVERN SAID AMERICANS ARE WONDERING "WHY WE NEED A 4,000 MILLION DOLLAR BOOST IN SPENDING FOR NEW STRATEGIC WEAPONS WHEN AN ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION HAS JUST BEEN SIGNED."

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NEWS ROUNDUP

AROUND THE NATION:

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION ORDERED AIRLINES TO SEARCH ANY PASSENGER WHO APPEARED TO BE A POTENTIAL HIJACKER. THE NEW REGULATIONS REQUIRE AIRLINES TO BAR FROM BOARDING A PLANE ANY TICKET HOLDER WHO FITS THE F.A.A.'S "SECURITY PROFILE," UNLESS HIS BAGGAGE HAS BEEN SEARCHED AND HE HIMSELF CLEARED THROUGH A METAL DETECTOR OR PERSONALLY SEARCHED BY SECURITY OFFICERS.

THE SENATE APPROVED 80 TO THREE A BILL DESIGNED TO INCREASE U.S. TRADE WITH COMMUNIST NATIONS. THE LEGISLATION WOULD RELAX EXPORT CONTROLS ON U.S. PRODUCTS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES FROM OTHER WESTERN NATIONS.

THE SENATE FORMALLY APPROVED ARKANSAS SENATOR JOHN L. MCCLELLAN AS CHAIRMAN OF THE POWERFUL APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE. HE SUCCEEDS SENATOR ALLEN J. ELLENDER WHO DIED JULY 27.

ALMOST ONE THIRD OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES WHO WILL MEET IN MIAMI BEACH THIS MONTH WILL BE WOMEN. THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS SAID IN WASHINGTON THERE WILL BE 400 WOMEN DELEGATES OUT OF THE TOTAL 1,337 DELEGATE STRENGTH.

A GIFT FOR PRESIDENT NIXON ARRIVES IN BALTIMORE AUGUST 3 ABOARD A SOVIET FREIGHTER. IT IS THE 28-FOOT HYDROFOIL GIVEN TO THE PRESIDENT ON HIS RECENT MOSCOW VISIT BY SOVIET PARTY CHIEF LEONID I. BREZHNEV.

IN NEW YORK, THE AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE (AMEX) ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF CYRUS R. VANCE AS CHAIRMAN OF A COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE A NEW BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR AMEX. MR. VANCE IS FORMER CHIEF NEGOTIATOR AT THE PARIS PEACE TALKS.

AT THE UNITED NATIONS, SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM ACCEPTED AN INVITATION FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND WILL VISIT THAT COUNTRY FROM AUGUST 11 TO AUGUST 15.

IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA GOVERNOR EDWIN EDWARDS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF HIS WIFE, ELAINE, TO SERVE OUT THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE LATE SENATOR ALLEN J. ELLENDER. MRS. EDWARDS SAID SHE WOULD RESIGN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE NOVEMBER 7 ELECTION SO THAT WHOEVER IS ELECTED SENATOR COULD TAKE OFFICE EARLY.

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

IN REYKJAVIK, ICELAND, AUGUST 1, THE NINTH GAME IN THE 250 000-DOLLAR WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP ENDED IN A DRAW ON THE 29TH MOVE. AMERICAN CHALLENGER BOBBY FISCHER IS NOW AHEAD 5.5 POINTS TO SOVIET CHESS MASTER BORIS SPASSKY'S 3.5 POINTS.

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IN WARSAW, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE PETER G. PETERSON CONFERRED WITH POLISH TRADE OFFICIALS IN AN ATTEMPT TO STEP UP TRADE RELA-TIONS BETWEEN POLAND AND THE U.S. MR. PETERSON AND HIS 20 MEMBER DELEGATION WILL BE IN WARSAW FOR TWO DAYS.

IN ALGIERS, ALGERIAN AUTHORITIES IMPOUNDED THE ONE MILLION DOLLAR RANSOM BROUGHT THERE BY AIR PIRATES WHO HIJACKED A DELTA AIRLINES JET. THERE WAS STILL NO OFFICIAL WORD AS TO WHETHER ALGERIA WOULD GRANT POLITICAL ASYLUM TO THE SEVEN AMERICANS - THREE MEN, TWO WOMEN, AND TWO CHILDREN -- WHO ASKED FOR ASYLUM AFTER HANDING OVER THE RANSOM.

IN SEOUL, THE SOUTH KOREAN RED CROSS SAID IT WOULD HOLD TALKS WITH NORTH KOREAN RED CROSS OFFICIALS THIS MONTH, ON PROCEDURAL MATTERS RELATING TO DISCUSSIONS ABOUT UNITING SEPARATED FAMILIES.

ALSO IN SEOUL, THE SOUTH KOREAN DEFENSE MINISTER SAID SOUTH KOREA WILL WITHDRAW ALL OF ITS TROOPS FROM SOUTH VIETNAM WITHIN FOUR MONTHS IF NORTH VIETNAM ACCEPTS PRESIDENT NIXON'S MAY 8 PEACE PROPOSAL.

EGYPT AND LIBYA ANNOUNCED THEY WILL FORM A UNIFIED STATE AND SET UP "A UNIFIED POLITICAL COMMAND" TO CARRY OUT THE PROPOSED MERGER BY SEPTEMBER 1 1973.

IN SOUTH VIETNAM, FIGHTING RAGED IN AND AROUND THE DISPUTED RUINS OF QUANG TRI CITY AS COMMUNIST GUNNERS BROUGHT DOWN INCREASINGLY HEAVY ARTILLERY BARRAGES ON GOVERNMENT TROOPS. INTENSIFIED FIGHTING ALSO WAS REPORTED IN THE MEKONG DELTA WHERE MILITARY SOURCES SAID INFILTRATION FROM COMMUNIST BASES IN SOUTHEAST CAMBODIA IS INCREASING.

DOW JONES CLOSING STOCK AVERAGES: 30 INDUS 941.15 UP 10.99 20 TRANSP 233.13 UP 2.57 15 UTILS 105.47 OFF 0.09 65 STOCKS 310.67 UP 2.95 VOLUME: 17 920 000.

15 000 CIVILIANS SLAUGHTERED BY COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE

(BY NICHOLAS RUGGIERI)

SAIGON THERE ARE FEW INSTANCES IN THE HISTORY OF WAR WHERE THE DEPREDATIONS OF AN ENEMY AGAINST ITS CIVILIAN OPPONENTS HAVE BEEN AS CALCULATED AND AS DELIBERATE AS THEY HAVE BEEN IN HANOI'S THUS-FAR-FRUITLESS ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE COMMUNISM ON THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

THE CURIOUS INDIFFERENCE OF SOME PARTS OF WORLD PUBLIC OPINION HAS CAUSED THESE DEPREDATIONS TO ESCAPE THE ATTENTION OF PEOPLE NORMALLY CONCERNED WITH THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN DIGNITY, REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL OR IDEOLOGICAL PARTISANSHIP.

AND YET, IN THE RECENT NORTHERN COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE ALONE, THOUSANDS OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS HAVE PERISHED IN MERCILESS ASSAULTS UPON HAMLETS, VILLAGES, TOWNS AND CITIES, AND IN DELIBERATE ATTACKS UPON FLEEING REFUGEE GROUPS. THOUSANDS MORE - HELPLESS

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CHILDREN, WOMEN AND OLD MEN - LIE LIMBLESS, SIGHTLESS OR BURNED IN HOSPITALS FROM QUANG TRI TO THE SOUTHERNMOST TIP OF THE DELTA. THEIR HOMES HAVE BEEN RAZED, THEIR MEAGER BELONGINGS DESTROYED, THEIR RICE STOLEN, AND THEIR MONEY EXTORTED.

MANY HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED INTO COMMUNIST SERVICE AGAINST THEIR WILL...TO CARRY AMMUNITION AT QUANG TRI, AN LOC AND KONTUM WHERE THEY DIED IN LIEU OF THEIR COMMUNIST CAPTORS...TO BE SENT TO NORTH VIETNAM OR CAMBODIA TO BE "INDOCTRINATED" AND PRESSED INTO THE DEPLETING COMMUNIST RANKS...TO BE BLACKMAILED SO THAT THEY MIGHT INFORM ON RELATIVES AND FRIENDS IN THE COMMUNIST EFFORT TO WEAKEN THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL STRUCTURE OF THE SOUTH.

THEY HAVE BEEN USED AS HUMAN SHIELDS FOR COMMUNIST GUN EMPLACE MENTS. THEY HAVE BEEN CUT DOWN AS THEY SOUGHT TO FLEE FROM COMMUNIST CONTROL.

INDIVIDUALLY, THOUSANDS HAVE BEEN ASSASSINATED OR KIDNAPED FOR THE VIEWS THEY HELD OR THE FUNCTIONS THEY PERFORMED.

THE STORY OF THE DEVASTATION OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE CIVILIAN PROPERTY HOMES, CHURCHES, PAGODAS, SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS IS YET TO BE TOLD IN ITS ENTIRETY. IN THE PROVINCE OF QUANG NGAI ALONE LAST MONTH MORE THAN 1,000 HOMES WERE DELIBERATELY BURNED BY COMMUNIST TERRORISTS.

SOME 900,000 SOUTH VIETNAMESE ARE HOMELESS, THE MAJORITY NOW LIVING IN REFUGEE CAMPS.

THE KNOWN SOUTH VIETNAMESE CIVILIAN DEAD IN THE CURRENT OFFENSIVE ARE MORE THAN 15,000. THE NUMBER OF CIVILIAN CASUALTIES SERIOUS ENOUGH TO BE ADMITTED TO HOSPITALS AROUND THE COUNTRY FROM APRIL THROUGH JUNE STOOD AT NEARLY 17,000, THE MAJORITY OF THEM CHILDREN AND WOMEN WHO WILL NEVER BE WHOLE AGAIN. THOUSANDS MORE ARE UN CCOUNTED FOR.

IF THE COMMUNIST MASSACRES IN HUE IN THE 10.8 TET OFFENSIVE HAD BEEN FORGOTTEN BY THOSE WHO PLEAD THE CAUSE OF THE COMMUNIST NORTH, A GRISLY REMINDER CAME A FEW WEEKS AGO WITH THE DISCOVERY OF THE BODIES OF SOME 2,000 SICK AND ELFERLY REFUGEES FROM QUANG TRI CITY, SLAUGHTERED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE INTHREE AMBUSHES ON APRIL 28, 29 AND 30. FIFTEEN BULLET RIDDLED AMBULANCES, AMONG OTHER VEHICLES, ATTESTED TO THE NATURE OF THE TARGETS OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ALONG A STRETCH OF HIGHWAY ONE NOW KNOWN AS "THE MILE OF DEATH."

ANY AND ALL OF THE THOUSANDS OF CIVILIANS IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS CAN AND DO TELL A UNIFORM STORY OF INDIGNITY AND DEATH IN THE DOGGED COMMUNIST EFFORT TO SUBJUGATE THE SOUTH.

THE CIVILIAN SURVIVORS OF AN LOC SURELY SPEAK FOR ALL OF THEIR COUNTRYMEN:

NGUYEN HUU THIEN, AN OFFICIAL OF TAN LAP PHU HAMLET: "ABOUT 15 OR 20 PEOPLE WERE KILLED EVERY DAY BECAUSE OF THE ENEMY SHELLING. MANY WERE KILLED WHEN THEY WENT TO LOOK FOR WATER TO DRINK... HAMLET AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS OF ALL KINDS WERE TAKEN TO COMMUNIST CONTROLLED AREAS AND KILLED...ABOUT 500 OR 700 PEOPLE DIED IN A HOSPITAL AS A RESULT OF ENEMY FIRE, AMONG THEM MANY WHO HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY WOUNDED... THE COMMUNISTS SHELLED EVERYBODY WITHOUT DISTINCTION AS TO AGE OR SEX...ABOUT 12,000 OF US TRIED TO GET OUT OF BINH LONG BUT AS SOON AS WE REACHED AN OPEN ROAD THE COMMUNISTS POURED FIRE ON US...WE WERE UPSET AT THE SIGHT OF HUMAN BODLES LYING PELL MELL ON THE ROADWAY..." COUNCILMAN PHAM VAN TIEN OF TAN KHAI HAMLET: "THE COMMUNISTS SHELLED US EVERY NIGHT AND THEN TOLD THE PEOPLE THAT THE SHELLINGS WERE FROM THE ARVN POSITION SOUTH OF CHON THAN. BUT EVERYTIME WE TRIED TO BREAK OUT IT WAS THE COMMUNISTS WHO FIRED ON US...ONCE IN PHY THANH HAMLET, A PREGNANT WOMAN TRIED TO GET OUT. SHE WAS SHOT AND KILLED WHEN SHE TRIED TO MAKE A DASH FOR THE ARVN LINES..."

VU VAN PHAN, AN AN LOC BUSINESSMAN: "WHEN I FINALLY MANAGED TO ESCAPTE WITH ABOUT k,000 OTHER PEOPLE, THE COMMUNISTS FIRED ON US. MANY OF US WERE KILLED AND WOUNDED. SOME KEPT RUNNING, SOME WERE WEEPING...NOBODY COULD HELP US..."

NGUYEN VAN BUU, POLICE CHIEF OF LONG KHANH VILLAGE: "MANY POLICEMEN WERE BROUGHT TO TRIAL DEFORE A SO-CALLED PEOPLE'S TRIBUNAL WHICH PASSES PRE ARRANGED SENTENCES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE WISHES OF THE INVADERS. WHEN THE DEATH SENTENCE WAS PASSED, THE VILLAGERS WERE FORCED TO SHOUT THEIR APPROVAL."

NGO VAN HUE, POLICE CHIEF OF BINH DUONG PROVINCES: AS OF NOW THERE ARE 789 MEMBERS OF POLICEMEN'S FAMILIES FROM BINH LONG AND PHUOC LONG PROVINCES IN THIS CAMP. AMONG THEM ARE MANY WOUNDED WOMEN AND CHILDREN. SOME POLICEMEN'S WIVES HAVE NO MORE LEGS, WHILE OTHERS HAVE LOST THEIR HUSBANDS OR ALL OF THEIR CHILDREN..."

DEMOCRATS SEEK VICE PRESIDENT; REPUBLICANS MARK TIME

(BY FRANK H. KUEST)

THE 1972 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN INCHED ALONG THIS WEEK, THE FIRST IN AUGUST, AND LIKE THE SUMMER DOLDRUMS WAS MARKED BY CONSIDERABLE HEAT AND LITTLE ACTION.

MOST OF THE HEADLINE COMMENTARY WAS DEVOTED TO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S QUEST FOR A NEW VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. THE MAN WHO WAS NOMINATED AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION, SEN. THOMAS EAGLETON, WITHDREW AT THE REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE, SEN. GEORGE MCGOVERN, AS CONTROVERSY MOUNTED OVER THE MANNER IN WHICH THE NUMBER TWO MAN DISCLOSED PAST HEALTH PROBLEMS AND ITS POSSIBLE BAD EFFECT ON THE DEMOCRATS CAMPAIGN.

THERE WAS VIRTUALLY NO OVERT ACTIVITY AMONG THE REPUBLICANS IN AS MUCH AS THEIR QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION DOESN'T START UNTIL AUGUST 21. PRESIDENT NIXON IS A SHOO-IN FOR RENOMINATION, AND HE HAS ALREADY ENDORSED VICE PRESIDENT SPIRO AGNEW TO BE HIS RUNNING MATE AGAIN.

THE DRAMATIC DEPARTURE OF SENATOR EAGLETON JULY 1 SET THE STAGE FOR A MINI-CONVENTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. WHILE SENATOR MCGOVERN WILL SELECT HIS NEW TICKET MATE, THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE MUST GIVE FORMAL APPROVAL.

PROMINENTLY MENTIONED IS SENATOR EDMUND MUSKIE OF MAINE, THE ERSTMHILE FRONT-RUNNING DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE UNTIL THE SOUTH DAKOTAN CAPTURED THE PRIZE JULY 12 AT THE DEMOCRATIC MATIONAL CONVENTION IN MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA.

OTHERS REPORTEDLY DEING SCREENED BY MCGOVERN INCLUDE FORMER DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CHAIRMAN LAWRENCE O BRIEN; FORMER AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE SARGENT SHRIVER, A BROTHER IN LAW OF SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY; BOSTON MAYOR KEVIN WHITE: OHIO GOVERNOR JOHN GILLIGAN AND WISCOSIN GOVERNOR PATRICK LUCEY.

ALL ARE ROMAN CATHOLICS. DEMOCRATIC STRATEGIST CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL FOR A CATHOLIC TO SHARE THE TICKET, THUS HOPEFULLY TO ATTRACT SIZEABLE NUMBERS OF THE AMERICAN ELECTORATE AND STRENGTHEN THE PARTY'S CHANCES OF WINNING THE INDUSTRIAL STATES WHERE MANY CATHOLICS RESIDE. MCGOVERN IS A PROTESTANT. HOW THE NEWLY REORGANIZED DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE WILL FUNCTION WHEN IT MEETS IN THE NATION S CAPITAL ON AUGUST 8 IS NOT CLEAR. ONLY ABOUT 200 OF THE 303 MEMBERS AUTHORIZED FOR THE EXPANDED COMMITTEE ACTUALLY HAVE BEEN NAMED.

WHEN VOTING ON A NATIONAL CANDIDATE MEMBERS FROM THE VARIOUS STATES AND TERRITORIES WILL CAST THE VOTE THEIR HOME STATE WAS ENTITLED TO AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION, MAINTAINING THE SAME PROPORTIONAL PATTERN OF STRENGTH AMONG THE STATES. FOR EXAMPLE, NEW YORK STATE'S 10 MEMBERS EACH WILL BE ENTITLED TO CAST 7.8 VOTES FOR A TOTAL OF 273, WHICH WAS THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES THE STATE SENT TO THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION IN MIAMI BEACH LAST MONTH.

HOWEVER, MRS. JEAN WESTWOOD, THE PARTY'S NEW NATIONAL CHAIRLADY, TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE AUGUST 2 THAT SHE WILL RECOMMEND THAT STATE PARTY CHAIRMEN, GOVERNORS AND CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE, BE PERMITTED TO VOTE ON THE REPLACEMENT FOR SENATOR EAGLETON. THIS MEANS THAT 78 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO BALLOT TO DETERMINE THE NEW DEMOCRATIC VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE.

AS TO HIS WITHDRAWAL, SENATOR EAGLETON COMMENTED: "I AM MOT BITTER AND I'M NOT GOING TO GET BITTER. I TOOK THE HEAT AND I ENDURED. I ENDURED VERY WELL."

THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE MEASURE OF THE IMPACT THE WITHDRAWAL OF EAGLETON WILL HAVE ON THE MCGOVERN CANDIDACY, BUT SMARP REACTION TO THE INCIDENT ALREADY HAS CRYSTALLIZED. IN THE SHORT TIME HE WAS ON THE TICKET, THE MISSOURI SENATOR HAD APPARENTLY WON A FOLLOWING, ESPECIALLY AMONG DEMOCRATIC PARTY REGULARS MOST OF WHOM ARE ESTRANGED FROM MCGOVERN.

BEFORE HE WAS ASKED TO DROP OUT BECAUSE OF THE POSSIULLITY THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET MIGHT SUFFER AS A RESULT OF THE REVELATIONS THAT HE HAD A HISTORY OF MEDICAL AND PSYCHIATRIC CARE, THOUSANDS OF LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS ARRIVED AT HIS SENATE OFFICE. EAGLETON'S STAFFERS SAID THESE MESSAGES WERE RUNNING FOUR TO OME IN FAVOR OF HIS REMAINING ON THE TICKET.

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MIKE MANSFIELD OF MONTANA SAID THAT I E WAS SORRY THAT IT HAD HAPPENED, ADDING: "IT WAS A DECISION THAT HAD TO BE MADE. I STILL HAVE EVERY FAITH, TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN TOM EAGLETON."

REPUBLICANS, AT THE INSISTENCE OF PRESIDENT MIXON, DECLINED TO SPECULATE ON THE DEMOCRATS' TROUBLES: THE WORD WAS THAT ONLY ISSUES, NOT PERSONALITIES, WOULD BE SUBJEOTS OF DEBATE DURING THE CAMPAIGN.

THERE WERE OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, SUCH AS:

--ALABAMA'S GOVERNOR GEORGE WALLACE, VICTIM OF A MID PRIMARY CAMPAIGN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT THAT LEFT HIS LEGS PARALEZED SAID HE WAS BOWING OUT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE, HE TOLD THE AMERICAN PARTY, THE MINORITY PARTY THAT SPONSORED THE COVERNOR'S 1968 BID FOR THE PRESIDENCY. ON THE ADVICE OF HIS DOCTORS HE WOJLD NOT CAMPAIGN THIS YEAR, AND THAT HE WOULD NOT ACCEPT A DRAFT.

RECENT NATIONWIDE POLLS HAVE INDICATES THAT WITHOUT COVERNOR WALLACE IN CONTENTION, HIS SUPPORTERS MORE THAN THREE MILLION DACIED HIM IN THE PRIMARIES - WOULD VOTE OVERWHELMINGLY FOR PRESIDENT NIXON IN NOVEMBER.

THE AMERICAN PARTY WILL OPEN ITS CONVENTION IN LOUISVILLE, MENTUCKY, ON AUGUST 4.

-THE PEOPLE S PARTY, AT ITS CONVENTION IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, SELECTED DR. BENJAMIN SPOCK, PEACE ACTIVIST, AS ITS CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT AND BLACK ACTIVIST JULIUS HOESON AS HIS RUNNING MATE. A FACTION SUPPORTING SEN. MCGOVERN AS THE NOMINEE BOLITED THE CONVENTION, BUT THE DISSIDENTS LATER DECIDED TO STAY WITHIN THE PARTY TO WORK FOR THE SENATOR S ELECTION.

-- THE U.S. COMMUNIST PARTY ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAS COLLECTED ENOUGH SIGNAOURES TO GET PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE GUS HALL, ON THE BALLOTS IN 10 STATES. IN 1958, HALL, THE PARTY'S PERENNIAL CANDIDATE, GOT ON THE BALLOT ONLY IN FOUR STATES AND RECEIVED 1,075 VOTES.

---THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL BEGIN AN IMMEDIATE AUDIT OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCES OF THE COMMITTEE TO RE-ELECT PRESIDENT NIXON, A GROUP THAT OPERATES SEPARATLY FROM THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

THE GAO SAID THE AUDIT WAS ORDERED BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN CAMPAIGN FINANCING AND THE ALLEGED BUGGING INCIDENT AT THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS JUNE 17. THE GAO IS A U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY RESPONSIBLE ONLY TO CONGRES.

--SENATOR MANSFIELD REPORTED THAT THE OVERWHELMING SENTIMENT OF BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS IS TO ADJOURN BY OCTOBER 1 TO FREE MEMBERS TO HIT THE CAMPAIGN TRAILS.

-THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS SAID THAT ALMOST ONE THIRD OF THE DELEGATES AT THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION IN MIAMI WILL BE WOMEN. AT THE 1 3 CONVENTION THE DISTAFF FIGURE WAS 17 PERCENT.

-DAVID DELLINGER, ACTIVIST WHO WAS INDICTED FOR HIS ALLEGED PART IN THE DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE 1968 DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION, SAID PROTESTERS WOULD STAGE "MILITANT NONVIOLENT CONFRONTATION" AT THE UPCOMING REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

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PRESIDENT NIXON WAS TOLD THAT NEW GOVERNMENT CLASSIFICATION POLICIES HAVE TAKEN THE "TOP SECRET," "SECRET," AND "CONFIDENTIAL" RUBBER STAMPS FROM 27,348 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS. JOHN S. EISENHOWER, CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERAGENCY CLASSIFICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE, TOLD THE PRESIDENT THAT THE NUMBER OF PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO CLASSIFY INFORMATION HAD BEEN CUT FROM 43,586 TO 16,238.

PRESIDENT NIXON ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF FORMER TREASURY SECRETARY JOHN B. CONNALLY AS A MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD.

AN AIDE TO THOMAS F. EAGLETON SAID IN WASHINGTON THAT THE SENATOR'S SPEAKING INVITATIONS WERE AS HEAVY, IF NOT HEAVIER, THAN THEY WERE BEFORE HE STEPPED DOWN AS THE DEMOCRATIC VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE.

THE TRIAL OF ARTHUR BREMER, ACCUSED ASSAILANT OF GOVERNOR GEORGE WALLACE, WAS CALLED INTO AN EXTRAORDINARY EVENING SESSION AT UPPER MARLBORO, MARYLAND, FOR THE READING OF A DIARY IN WHICH BREMER TOLD OF PLANS TO ASSASSINATE EITHER GOVERNOR WALLACE OR PRESIDENT NIXON. BREMER'S DEFENSE ATTORNEYS INSISTED ON READING PORTIONS OF HIS DIARY INTO THE RECORD.

IN DETROIT, THE F.B.I. IDENTIFIED TWO OF THE HIJACKERS, WHO COLLECTED ONE MILLION DOLLARS RANSOM AND ORDERED A DELTA JETLINER TO ALGIERS, AS ESCAPEES FROM A PRISON IN NEW JERSEY. ONE WAS A CONVICTED MURDERER.

IN MIAMI, A FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTED THE FIVE PERSONS WHO COMMANDEERED THE DELTA PLANE TO ALGIERS FOR AIR PIRACY.

IN AUSTIN, TEXAS, GLORIA STEINEM, BELLA ABZUG, ALLARD LOWENSTEIN, AND SAM HOUSTON JOHNSON JOINED A GROUP OF TEXAS COLLEGE STUDENTS IN URGING SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN TO PICK FRANCES T. "SISSY" FARENTHOLD AS HIS RUNNING MATE. MR. JOHNSON IS FORMER PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON'S BROTHER. MRS. FARENTHOLD RAN SECOND IN THE TEXAS DEMOCRATIC GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY THIS YEAR.

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA ~ SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR ROGERS C. B. MORTON SAID HE WILL RECOMMEND TO THE CONGRESS THAT THE WRANGELL MOUNTAINS, EAST OF ANCHORAGE, SHOULD BE MADE A NATIONAL PARK.

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

FRANCE WILL "EXAMINE" ITS POSITION IN REGARD TO ITS DELIVERY OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT TO LIBYA IN VIEW OF THE UNION BETWEEN LIBYA AND EGYPT, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SAID IN PARIS. FRANCE HAS EMBARGOED

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DELIVERY OF ARMS TO COUNTRIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT.

IN BONN, EAST AND WEST GERMAN NEGOTIATING TEAMS MET FOR FULL-SCALE DISCUSSIONS ON A TREATY TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE STATES FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE WORLD WAR TWO.

IN MOSCOW, THE SOVIET PRESS REPORTED BRIEFLY AND IN LOW KEY ON THE MERGER AGREEMENT BETWEEN LIBYA AND EGYPT. PRAVDA CARRIED THE STORY ON ONE OF ITS INSIDE PAGES UNDER AN UNOBTRUSIVE HEADING.

IN CAIRO, GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN SAID EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT IS STAYING ON IN BENGHAZI FOR FURTHER TALKS WITH LIBYAN LEADER MUAMMAR KHADDAFI ON THEIR DECISION TO UNITE THEIR COUNTRIES, CREATING AFRICA'S BIGGEST STATE.

IN SOUTH VIETNAM, GOVERNMENT TROOPS OPENED A NEW DRIVE TO ISOLATE QUANG TRI CITY AND SEAL OFF COMMUNIST SUPPLY AND REINFORCEMENT ROUTES FROM THE NORTH.

THE U.S. COMMAND IN SAIGON ANNOUNCED THAT EIGHT AMERICAN SERVICEMEN DIED IN COMBAT LAST WEEK. ONE AMERICAN WAS ADDED TO THE LIST OF THOSE MISSING, CAPTURED, OR INTERNED.

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USINFO:

IN CENTRAL LAOS, AUGUST 2, ENEMY UNITS ATTACKED AND OCCUPIED A SMALL VILLAGE 12 KILOMETERS EAST OF THE COVERNMENT TRAINING BASE OF SENO SOME 24 KILOMETERS EAST-NORTHWAST OF SAVANNAKHET. AT THE SAME TIME AND IN THE SAME VICINITY, ENERY SAPPERS DESTROYED A BRIDGE ON HIGHWAY 9, DISRUPTING TRUCK TRAFFIC BETWEEN SENO AND GOVERNMENT UNITS STATIONED EAST OF SENO NEAR THE TOWN OF DONG HENE.

THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTIVITY ELSEWHERE IN LAOS AUGUST 1-2.

PORTER CITES BENEFITS TO VIETNAMESE PEOPLE IN NIXON PROPOSAL

PARIS, AUGUST 3--U.S. AMBASSADOR WILLIAM J. PORTER HAS URGED THE COMMUNIST SIDE AT THE PARIS TALKS TO CONSIDER PRESIDENT NIXON'S PROPOSALS FOR A CEASE-FIRE AND PRISONER RELEASE "IN TERMS OF RELIEF FOR THE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM FROM THE TERRIBLE BURDENS WHICH THE WAR HAS IMPOSED."

AMBASSADOR PORTER TOLD THE WEEKLY SESSION OF THE PARIS PEACE TALKS ON AUGUST 3.

"UNDER INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION, MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTH AND AGAINST THE NORTH, AND INDEED THROUGHOUT INDOCHINA, WOULD COME TO A HALT... VIETNAMESE COULD THEN PROCEED AMONG THEMSELVES TO DEAL WITH THE COMPLEX PROBLEMS OF A POLITICAL NATURE IN AN ATMOSPHERE FAR MORE CONDUCIVE TO SUCCESS THAN ONE IN WHICH MILITARY ACTIVITES CONTINUE UNABATED."

"I CANNOT HELP THINKING YOU HAVE LOST GREAT OPPORTUNITIES AT THIS TABLE," IN IGNORING OFFERS TO SETTLE THE CONFLICT, MR. PORTER TOLD THE HANOI AND VIET CONG REPRESENTATIVES.

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AMBASSADOR PHAM DANG LAM OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM SAID: "IN BRIFF, THE SOLUTION WHICH WE ARE PROPOSING OFFERS TO EACH AND EVERY ONE AN EQUAL CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN POWER BY LEGAL MEANS, THAT IS TO SAY, ACCORDING TO DEMOCRATIC RULES."

AMBASSADOR LAM CONTRASTED THIS WITH PROPOSALS OF THE COMMUNIST SIDE:

"YOU INSIST THAT PRIOR TO THE SETTING UP OF A SO-CALLED 'THREE-SEGMENT GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CONCORD', THE ENTIRE POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE IN SOUTH VIETNAM...MUST BE DISMANTLED... MEANING THAT YOU MUST BE LEFT FREE TO ACT AS YOU PLEASE. OF COURSE, IT IS OUT OF THE QUESTION FOR CHANGE TO TAKE PLACE IN THE LEADERS, THE POLICY OR THE REGIME IN NORTH VIETNAM WHERE THE PARTY REMAINS OMNIPRESENT AND OMNIPOTENT.

"THUS YOUR WAY OF CONCEIVING THE SHARING OF POWER IN SOUTH VIETNAM...IS NOTHING BUT A CAMOUFLIAGED WAY FOR YOU TO GET HID OF YOUR OPPONENTS, SOMETHING WHICH YOU HAVE FAILED TO DO BY FORCE AND SUBVERSION DURING MANY YEARS OF ALL-OUT WAR."

THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTED:

"ONE MUST ADMIT THAT THIS IS A ONE WAY CONCEPT OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE."

THE 153RD PLENARY SESSION OF THE TALKS MET TWO DAYS AFTER THE 15TH CLOSED CONFERENCE HERE OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS ADVISER, DR. HENRY KISSINGER WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF HANOI. IT WAS DR. KISSINGER'S 15TH SUCH MISSION AND HE SPOKE PRIVATELY WITH LE DUC THO, MEMBER OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE POLITBURO AND NORTH VIETNAMESE MINISTER OF STATE XUAN THUY WHO ALSO PARTICIPATES IN THE WEEKLY TALKS.

AMBASSADOR PORTER PREFACED HIS REMARKS BY CALLING ON THE COMMUNIST SIDE TO HALT THEIR "ATTEMPTS TO VILIFY PRESIDENT NIXON, AS WELL AS YOUR CONTINUAL SLANDERS AGAINST THE PERSON OF PRESIDENT THIEU." THE COMMUNISTS WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO ABSTAIN FROM INSULT AND CONCENTRATE ON THE ISSUES OF A VIETNAM SETTLEMENT, HE SAID.

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CONVENTION RE-RUN TO NAME DEMOCRATIC VICE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, AUG 3-- IN ITS ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS NEXT WEEK'S MEETING OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE A NEW VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WILL BE A ONE-DAY NATIONAL PARTY CONVENTION IN MINIATURE. THE SESSION AT A WASHINGTON HOTEL AUGUST 8 WILL OPERATE UNDER THE BASIC RULES OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, LAST MONTH, ACCORDING TO DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN JEAN WESTWOOD. IT WAS CALLED BECAUSE OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF SENATOR THOMAS F. EAGLETON AS THE PARTY'S VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE THIS WEEK. ~

THERE WILL BE NOMINATING SPEECHES, AN ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE, AND A SPEECH BY SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN, THE PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

AS IS THE CUSTOM AT NATIONAL CONVENTIONS, THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE IS EXPECTED TO RATIFY MR. MCGOVERN'S CHOICE FOR THE VICE PRESIDENCY WITHOUT TOO MUCH ADO.

"I REALLY BELIEVE THAT ALL THE MEMBERS KNOW IT IS SUCH AN URGENT MATTER THAT THEY WILL ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF SENATOR MCGOVERN," MRS. WESTWOOD SAID AT A NEWS CONFERENCE AUGUST 3.

ON THE NOMINATING ROLL CALL EACH STATE S NATIONAL COMMITTEE DELEGATION WILL CAST THE SAME NUMBER OF VOTES THE STATE CAST AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

BEFORE GETTING DOWN TO THE BUSINESS OF NOMINATING A VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, THE COMMITTEE MUST RESOLVE A PROCEDURAL QUESTION CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO WILL BE PERMITTED TO VOTE.

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE WAS REORGANIZED AND ENLARGED AT THE LAST CONVENTION. INSTEAD OF A 110-MEMBER BODY CONSISTING OF ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN FROM EACH STATE, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND THE OVERSEAS TERRITORIES, THE CONVENTION CREATED A 203-MEMBER COMMITTEE AND WELCOMED IN ADDITION STATE PARTY CHAIRMEN AND VICE CHAIRMEN, THREE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNORS' CAUCUS AND FOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

IN HER NEWS CONFERENCE, MRS. WESTWOOD SAID SHE WOULD RECOMMEND TO THE COMMITTEETHAT ALL MEMBERS BE ENTITLED TO VOTE ON SELECTION OF THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

JOSEPH A. CALIFANO, JUNIOR, THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S GENERAL COUNSEL WHO EARLIER RULED THAT ONLY 161 OF THE COMMITTEE'S MEMBERS WOULD BE ENTITLED TO VOTE, SAID HE THOUGHT A RULES CHANGE WAS IN ORDER AND HE WOULD SUPPORT MRS. WESTWOOD'S RECOMMENDATION.

THUS, IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL QUESTION.

THE COMMITTEE SESSION WILL BE THE FIRST CALLED BY THE PARTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATING A NATIONAL CANDIDATE SINCE 1860.

HANOI AND THE NIXON OFFER

(BY RONALD J. DUNLAVEY)

WASHINGTON, AUGUST 3-- ON MAY 8 PRESIDENT NIXON OFFERED TO WITH-DRAW ALL AMERICAN TROOPS FROM VIETNAM WITHIN FOUR MONTHS AND TO END ALL ACTS OF FORCE THROUGHOUT INDOCHINA IF HANOI WOULD AGREE TO AN INTERNATIONALLY SUPERVISED CEASEFIRE AND RETURN THE PRISONERS IT HOLDS. THE TERMS ARE WIDELY CONSIDERED TO BE SO MUCH IN HANOI'S FAVOR THAT ITS RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT THEM JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO A NUMBER OF PEOPLE. TWO REASON FOR THIS RELUCTANCE ARE USUALLY GIVEN. ONE IS THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARE WAITING UNTIL THE AMERICAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IS OVER, IN THE HOPE OF GETTING BETTER TERMS IN CASE SENATOR MCGOVERN SHOULD DEFEAT PRESIDENT NIXON. AFTER ALL, MR. MCGOVERN HAS PLEDGED TO WITHDRAW ALL AMERICAN FORCES UNCONDITIONALLY IF HE IS ELECTED - AND TO WITHDRAW ALL SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT THIEU. THE SECOND IS THAT HANOI IS UNWILLING TO ACCEPT ANY SETTLEMENT WHICH DOES NOT ELIMINATE ALL VIABLE POLITICAL OPPOSITION IN SAIGON - MEANING THE THIEU GOVERNMENT.

WIDELY ACCEPTED FOR A WHILE, THE FIRST ARGUMENT IS BEGINNING TO DRAW SOME DOUBTS. THERE ARE RUMORS THAT HANOI DCES NOT REALLY EXPECT SENATOR MCGOVERN TO WIN, AND DID NOT EXPECT HIM TO EVEN BEFORE HE ENCOUNTERED HIS PRESENT DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING AN ACCEPTABLE VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. THE POLLS SHOWING PRESIDENT NIXON'S POPULARITY, AND THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE DEMOCRATS, ARE NO SECRET, AND THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARE JUST AS AWARE OF THEM AS ANYBODY IS. THEREFORE, THE IDEA THAT THEY ARE REFUSING MR. NIXON'S TERMS IN THE HOPE OF GETTING SOMETHING BETTER FROM HIS POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR IS -- IN THE VIEW OF THESE OBSERVERS--NOT A PARTICULARLY SOUND ONE.

THEY ALSO ARE CONVINCED THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARE NOT TOO IMPRESSED BY THE ARGUMENT THAT MR. NIXON MIGHT BE TOUGHER TO DEAL WITH AFTER RE-ELECTION. THEY POINT TO THE FACT THAT THE PRESIDENT IS ANXIOUS TO END THE WAR, AND THAT EVEN AFTER RE-ELECTION HE WOULD CONTINUE TO OFFER GENERCUS TERMS FOR A SETTLEMENT. IN OTHER WORDS, IF HANOI IS NOT ACCEPTING THE OFFER NOW, IT IS NOT BECAUSE THE NORTH VIETNAMESE SEE THE AMERICAN ELECTION AS CHANGING ANYTHING.

THE OTHER REASON FREQUENTLY GIVEN FOR HANOI'S REFUSAL TO ACCEPT MR. NIXON'S OFFER IS THE COMMUNIST INSISTENCE ON THE ELIMINATION OF ANY REAL POLITICAL RIVAL IN SAIGON. BUT THIS, TOO, HAS OBSERVERS PUZZLED. CLEARLY, IT MAKES SENSE FOR HANOI TO WANT THE THIEU GOVERNMENT -- OR ANY OTHER VIABLE GOVERNMENT IN SAIGON -OUT OF THE WAY. WHAT IS HARD TO UNDERSTAND IS WHY HANOI DOESN'T AGCEPT THE NIXON SETTLEMENT FORMULA, AND THEN- AFTER THE AMERICANS HAVE LEFT -- MAKE THEIR FID FOR POLITICAL POWER.

IT WOULD MEAN THAT THE COMMUNISTS WOULD HAVE TO TAKE THEIR CHANCES IN A FREE-FOR-ALL TO DETERMINE SOUTH VIETNAM'S POLITICAL FUTURE. BUT IF THE COMMUNIST CLAIMS OF POPULAR SUPPORT HAVE EVEN PARTIAL VALIDITY, THEIR CHANCES SHOULD BE AS GOOD AS ANYBODY'S. THEY WOULD BE CERTAIN TO HAVE AT LEAST A SHARE IN THE GOVERNMENT AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENLARGE THEIR FOOTHOLD. IN ANY EVENT, IT WOULD BE FAR PREFERABLE TO CONTINUED WAR -- A WAR IN WHICH NORTH VIETNAM IS SUFFERING HEAVY LOSSES AND IS FAILING TO SCORE ANY IMPORTANT SUCCESSES.

YET HANOI CONTINUES TO REJECT THE NIXON FORMULA. THIS LEADS TO SPECULATION THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE LEADERSHIP HAS SIMPLY MADE UP ITS MIND THAT IT WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY SETTIMENT EXCEPT ONE. THAT WOULD BE THE SETTLEMENT WHICH FORCES THE UNITED STATES TO GET OUT OF VIETNAM IN A DISHONORABLE AND UNDIGNIFIED WAY. IT WOULD BE A SETTLEMENT BY WHICH THE UNITED STATES WOULD DELIBERATELY AND PUBLICLY ABANDON THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT -- AND COOPERATE, IN EFFECT, IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNIST DICTATORSHIP WHICH WOULD, IN MR. NIXON'S WORDS, INSTITUE A BLOODBATH THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. BUT THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF HAS MADE CLEAR, IN THE MOST FORCEFUL TERMS, THAT HE WILL NOT AGREE TO THIS, NOW OR LATER. WHAT EVERYONE IS WAITING TO SEE IS WHETHER AND WHEN HANOI WILL TAKE HIM AT HIS WORD AND MODIFY JTS NEGOTIATING STANCE ACCORDINGLY.

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U.S. DEFENSE SECRETARY MELVIN LAIRD SAYS NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES ARE CAPABLE OF ONE MORE MAJOR ASSULT, A SPECT^ACULAR AS HE CALLED IT IN SOUTH VIETNAM. MR. LAIRD TOLD NEWSMEN SUNDAY THAT HANOI HAS ITS TROOPS IN PLACE AND MHE MEDESSARY SUPPLIES TO CARRY OUT SUCH AN OFFENSIVE. BUT HE SAID THEY WOULD SUFFER TREMENDOUSLY AT THE HANDS OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE GROUND FORCES.

DISCUSSING THE MIDDLE EAST SECRETARY LAIRD SAID THE APPARENT WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET FORCES FROM EGYPT SHOULD NOT BE USED AS AN ARGUMENT FOR REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE U.S. 6TH FLEET IN THE MEDITERRANIAN, A MOVE SUGGESTED BY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE GEORGE MCGOVERN. WITH THE SOVIET MEDITERRANIAN FLEET GROWING IN SIZE MR. LAIRD SAID THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO CUT THE STRENGTH OF THE 6TH FLEET.

AMERICAN PLANES HAVE ATTACKED A VEHICLE COMPLEX ON THE SOUTH EDGE OF NORTH VIETNAMS CAPITAL OF HANOI SETTING OFF A SERIES OF EXPLOSIONS AND FIRES. THE U.S. SPOKESMAN SAID HEAVY SMOKE PREVENTED AN ASSESSMENT OF THE DAMAGE. HANOI RADIO MEANWHILE CLAIMS 5 U.S. PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN IN THE HANOI HAIPHONG VICINITY ON SUNDAY. THE U.S. COMMAND HAD NO IMMEDIATE COMMENT ON THE SUNDAY RAIDS.

IN SOUTH VIETNAM COMMUNIST FORCES SEIZED SEVERAL VILLAGES NEAR HUE AND SHELLED THE CITY OF HUE ITSELF. NORTH VIETNAMESE GUNNERS ALSO BOMBARDED GOVEFNMENT POSITIONS AROUND QUANG TRI CITY, AND LAUNCHED A COMBINED MORTAR AND GROUND ATTACK AGAINST THE HUGE CAM RAM BAY ON THE CENTRAL COAST. REPORTS FROM SAIGON SAY PRESIDENT THIEU HAS DIMISSED HIS DEFENSE MINISTER GENERAL WIN VAN VE FOLLOWING CHARGES OF MISMANAGEMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY SAVINGS FUND. A GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION OF THE CHARGES IS STILL UNDER WAY.

U.S. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE GEORGE MCGOVERN SPENT SUNDAY BRIEFING SERCENT SHRIVER ON THE CAMPAIGN ROLE OF THE VICE PRESIDENTAL NOMINEE. MR. SHRIVER IS SENATOR MCGOVERN'S CHOICE TO FILL THE VACANT NUMBER-TWO SPOT ON THE PARTY TICKET.

A DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETS IN WASHINGTON TUESDAY TO FORMERLY NAME THE NEW CANDIDATE. MR. SHRIVER, A BROTHER IN LAW OF THE LATE JOHN KENNEDY IS A FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE FFACE CORPS, AND A ONE-TIME AMBASSACOR TO FRANCE. SENATOR MCGOVERN IN MAKING THE ANNOUNCEMENT ISSUED WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS A CAMPAIGN WHITE PAPER IN WHICH HE DENOUNCED PRESIDENT NIXONS ECONOMIC POLYCIES.

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INDIA AND PAKISTAN ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK A START TO IMPLEMENT THE SIMLA AGREEMENT REACHED BY PRIME MINISTER GHANDI AND PRESIDENT BHUTTO. A TOP RANKING GENERAL FOR EACH ARMY WILL MEET NEAR THE BORDER THURSDAY TO DISCUSS PUTTING THE AGREEMENTS' MILITARY PROVISIONS INTO EFFECT.

BOTH SIDES IN THE BRITISH DOCK STRIKE APPEAR TO BE HARDENING THEIR POSITIONS DIMMING HOPES VOICED EARLIER IN LONDON THAT THE 11-DAY OLD STRIKE MAY BE OVER SOON.

ABOUT 500 SHIPS ARE IDLE IN BRITISH PORTS WAITING TO BE UNLOADED. PRIME MINISTER HEATH HAS THE AUTHORITY UNDER EMERGENCY POWERS TO PULL IN TROOPS TO UNLOAD CARGOES, BUT THUS FAR HE HAS NOT DONE SO.

VIOLENCE HAS BROKEN OUT AGAIN IN NORTHERN IRELAND, AS 200 CATHOLIC YOUTHS STORMED AN ARMY POST IN BELFAST. AT LEAST 3 BRITISH SOLDIERS WERE HOSPITALIZED, AND AN ARMOURED VEHICLE WAS SET ON FIRE. THE VIOLENCE CAME AFTER A PEACEFUL MARCH ORGANIZED BY CATHOLIC CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS.

THE EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CONFERRED ON THE MIDEAST SITUATION IN NEW YORK SUNDAY IN SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH UNITED NATIONS MIDEAST ENVOY GUNNAR JARRING AND SECRETARY KURT WALDHEIM. HE TOLD NEWSMEN ON SATURDAY THAT EGYPT CONTINUES TO GIVE FULL BACKING TO DR. JARRING'S MISSION AND FULL BACKING TO EFFORTS TO ERING A PEACEFUL MIDEAST SETTLEMENT.

CAMBODIA'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY HEADED BY FORMER NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT IN TOM HAS ANNOUNCED IT WILL BOYCOTT THE FORTH-COMING NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS. THE MOVE FOLLOWED SIMILAR ACTION LAST WEEK BY THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, CAMBODIA'S ONLY OTHER MAJOR PARTY OPPOSING THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT LON NOL.

UGANDA PRESIDENT EDIMEAN SAYS HIS ORDER EXPELLING ALL ASIANS HOLDING BRITISH PASSPORTS IS FINAL AND WILL NOT BE CHANGED. HE SAID HE HAD DECIDED TO DEPORT THE ASIANS 'IN THE INTERESTS OF UGANDA'S ECONOMY. UNDER THE ORDER SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 40 THOUSAND AND 30 THOUSAND ASIANS MUST LEAVE UGANDA WITHIN 90 DAYS. MEANWHILE THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES PRINCE SADADEEN AGA KHAN SAID THE UGANDA GOVERNMENT'S ACTION COULD CAUSE A REFUGEE PROBLEM.

USINFO:

IN CENTRAL LAOS, GOVERNMENT UNITS AUGUST 4 ATTEMPTED WITH NO SUCCESS TO RE-OCCUPY THE VILLAGE OF BAN NA ON THE ROAD LINKING SAVANNAKHET WITH GOVERNMENT POSITIONS WEST OF DONG HENE.

IN SOUTHERN LAOS, SEVERAL SHARP GROUND CLASHES WERE REPORTED SEVEN TO TEN KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF KHONG SEDONE, AND SEVENTEEN KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF PAKSE AUGUST 3-4.

THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTIVITY ELSEWHERE IN LAOS AUGUST 3-4.

NOTE: BAN NA WAS SUCCESSFULLY REOCCUPIED AUGUST 5.

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PRESIDENT NIXON WELCOMED LOUISIANA'S NEW SENATOR, ELAINE EDWARDS, TO WASHINGTON WITH A BRIEF CEREMONY IN THE WHITE HOUSE OVAL OFFICE. ACCOMPANYING THE NEW SENATOR WAS HER HUSBAND, GOVERNOR EDWIN EDWARDS WHO APPOINTED HER TO SUCCEED THE LATE ALLEN ELLENDER WITH THE UNDERSTANDING SHE WOULD SERVE ONLY THREE MONTHS UNTIL AFTER THE NOVEMBER ELECTION.

ALSO IN WASHINGTON, THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE CONVENED AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION TO SET THE STAGE FOR NOMINATING SARGENT SHRIVER AS SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN'S NEW VICE PRISIDENTIAL RUNNING MATE. DISPOSITION OF CREDENTIAL CHALLENGES WAS THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS. THE ACTUAL NOMINATION OF A VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TO REPLACE SENATOR THOMAS EAGLETON WILL TAKE PLACE AUGUST 8. NATIONAL CHAIRMAN JEAN WESTWOOD SAID SHE SAW NO HITCHES DEVELOPING TO THE COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL OF MR. SHRIVER TO THE NUMBER TWO SPOT.

DEMOCRATS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HELD A CAUCUS AND UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED THE SELECTION BY SENATOR MCGOVERN OF SARGENT SHRIVER AS THE PARTY'S VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

SENATOR ROBERT DOLE, G.O.P. NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, SAID ON THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE THAT ELEMENTARY FAIRNESS REQUIRED THAT THE BROADCAST NETWORKS GIVE REPUBLICANS FREE TIME TO ANSWER SENATOR MCGOVERN'S TELEVISION ADDRESS ON THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 5 IN WHICH HE ANNOUNCED THAT MR. SHRIVER WILL BE HIS RUNNING MATE. SENATOR DOLE CHARGED THAT ALMOST ALL OF MR. MCGOVERN'S SPEECH WAS BEVOTED TO A PARTISAN ATTACK ON THE ADMINISTRATION.

IN LOUISVILLE, THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE OF THE AMERICAN PARTY SAID HE DOES NOT EXPECT TO GET GOVERNOR GEORGE WALLACE'S ENDORSEMENT. "I DON'T ANTICIPATE HIM ENDORSING ANYONE, BUT HE TOLD ME I'M ONE OF HIS FAVORITE PEOPLE," SAID CONGRESSMAN JOHN SCHMITZ OF CALIFORNIA. THE AMERICAN PARTY CONVENTION, MEETING IN LOUISVILLE, ALSO PICKED THOMAS J. ANDERSON, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE, AS ITS VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

IN CHICAGO, AMERICA'S TOP SWIMMERS RELAXED AFTER OLYMPIC TRIALS IN WHICH THEY SET 11 NEW WORLD STANDARDS DURING THE FIVE-MAY MEET WHICH SELECTED THE U.S. SWIM TEAM TO COMPETE AT MUNICH LATER THIS MONTH.

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

IN REYKJAVIK, ICELAND, SOVIET CHESS MASTER BORIS SPASSKY PLANNED AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO WREST THE INITIATIVE FROM U.S. CHALLENGER BOBBY FISCHER AFTER WINNING THE 11TH GAME IN THE 24-GAME SERIES AUGUST 6. FISCHER NOW LEADS BY SIX-AND-ONE-HALF POINTS TO FOUR-AND-ONE-HALF. THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH RESUMES AUGUST 8.

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IN JERUSALEM, ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER ABBA EBAN SAED ON THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE MIDDLE EAST CEASE-FIRE THAT THE DURATION OF THE TRUCE, ISRAEL'S STRENGTH, AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET ADVISERS FROM EGYPT CREATED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PEACE.

IN TOKYO, PRIME MINISTER KAKUEI TANAKA SAID HE EXPECTS TO DISCUSS POLITICAL RATHER THAN ECONOMIC ISSUES IN HIS AUGUST 31 MEETING IN HONCLULU WITH PRESIDENT NIXON.

IN SOUTH VIETNAM, GOVERNMENT MARINES ATTEMPTING TO CLEAR QUANG TRI CITY OF ITS COMMUNIST DEFENDERS MET A HEAVY BARRAGE OF NORTH VIETNAMESE ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE. THE SHELLING WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SEVERAL CLASHES BETWEEN THE OPPOSING FORCES.

THE U,S. COMMAND IN SAIGON ANNOUNCED THAT AMERICAN TROOP STRENGTH REACHED A NEW LOW OF 44,600 MEN LAST WEEK.

IN PHNOM PENH, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID CAMBODIAN TROOPS HAVE RECAPTURED TWO TOWNS FROM COMMUNIST FORCES IN THE PAST FIVE DAYS.

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THE HOUSE PASSED AND SENT TO PRESIDENT NIXON LEGISLATION THAT WOULD CONTINUE GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR ONE MORE YEAR OF RADIO EUROPE AND RADIO LIBERTY. THE BILL WOULD AUTHORIZE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1973, APPROPRIATIONS OF UP TO 38.5 MILLION FOR THE TWO PRIVATELY OWNED STATIONS.

USINFO:

IN NORTHERN LAOS HEAVY NORTH VIETNAMESE MORTAR AND ROCKET FIRE FORCED GOVERNMENT UNITS TO WITHDRAW AUGUST 6 FROM THREE HELICOPTER LANDING ZONES IN THE THA TAM BLEUNG AREA, APPROXIMATELY TEN KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF LONG TIENG.

ON AUGUST 5, UNOPPOSED GOVERNMENT TROOPS RE-OCCUPIED BAN NA, LOCATED ABOUT HALF WAY BETWEEN SAVANNAKHET AND GOVERNMENT UNITS STATIONED WEST OF DONG HENE. ENEMY FORCES HAD HELD THE VILLAGE FOR THREE DAYS.

IN SOUTHERN LAOS SEVERAL SHARP GROUND CLASHES AND SHELLINGS WERE REPORTED 10 TO 20 KILOMETERS EAST - SOUTHEAST OF PAKSE, AND 10 TO 15 KILO-METERS NORTH EAST OF KHONG SEDONE AUGUST 5-6.

THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT REPORTS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY ELSEWHERE IN LAOS.

EXECUTIONS, MASSACRES BY NORTH VIETNAMESE CONFIRMED

BY MARIE H. KOENIG

WASHINGTON, AUG. 7-- THE STATE DEPARTMENT CONFIRMS, AS REPORTED IN NEWS ACCOUNTS, THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE INVADERS HAVE PUBLICUV EXECUTED SOUTH VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS AND MASSACRED THOUSANDS OF FLEEING REFUGEES.

DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN JOHN KING, REFERRING TO AN ACCOUNT FUBLISHED IN THE NEW YORK TIMES, TOLD NEWSMEN AUGUST 7 THAT WHEN THE INVALERS OCCUPIED BINH DINH PROVINCE BETWEEN 250 AND 500 FOUTH VIETNAMESE CONFRIMENT OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS WERE FUBLICS WIRDERED.

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AN EVEN "MORE STARTLING DEVELOPMENT, "MR. KING SAID, WERE THE COMMUNIST ATTACKS ON LONG COLUMNS OF REFUGEES WHO TRIED TO ESCAPE QUANG TRI CITY. ON APRIL 24, MR. KING SAID, A VEHICULAR COLUMN TRANSPORTING SEVERAL THOUSAND WOMEN, CHILDREN AND GLDER PEOPLE WAS AMBUSHED A FEW MILES SOUTH OF QUANG TRI BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WHO RAKED THE COLUMN WITH SMALL ARMS FIRE AND ARTILLERY.

HE SAID WITNESSES REPORTED THAT THE CONVOY WAS BLOWN TO BITS, "LITTERING THE ROAD AND FIELDS WITH PIECES OF BODIES," ON APRIL 29-30, MR. KING CONTINUED, "THOUSANDS OF CIVILIAN REFUGEES FLEEING QUANG TRI WERE CAUGHT IN THE OPEN... ON ROUTE ONE AND WERE MASSACRED."

ALLIED FORCES AT A DEFENSE PERIMETER AT THE MYCHANH BRIDGE "JUST HAD TO SIT AND WATCH" AS THE COMMUNISTS FIRED 130 MILLIMETERS ARTILLERY SHELLS "WITH VARIABLE TIME FUSES" THAT LITERALLY SHATTERED THE REFUGEE LINES, MR. KING SAID.

"THE BEST ESTIMATE OF THE EYE WITNESSES," HE SAID, "IS THAT BETWEEN 1,000 AND 2,000 WERE KILLED IN JUST THAT TWO-DAY PERIOD." HE HAD NO DEATH COUNT FOR THE APRIL 24 INCIDENT.

THE NORTH VIETNAMESE SLAUGHTER OF CIVILIANS ON ROUTE ONE, HE OBSERVED, REINFORCES THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S FEAR THAT THE COMMUNISTS WILL NOT "BE ANY MORE MERCIFUL ELSEWHERE."

THE NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE, DATE AUG. 3, DESCRIBING THE SLAYINGS OF GOVERNMENT AIDES IN BINH DINH AND THE IMPRISONMENT OF 6,000 PERSONS WAS BASED NOT ONLY ON ALLIED INTELLIGENCE BUT ALSO ON LENGTH INTERVIEWS WITH PERSONS WHO LIVED IN THE AREA DURING THE NEARLY THREE MONTHS OF COMMUNIST OCCUPATION.

MR. KING TOLD QUESTIONERS THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION "MATCHES WHAT WE ALL READ" IN THE NEW YORK TIMES. "IN OTHER AREAS OF VIETNAM WHERE THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARE PRESENT IN ANY FORCE...THE SAME PATTERN SEEMS TO APPLY OF REPRISAL AND EXECUTION OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS AND OTHER PRIVATE PEOPLE," MR. KING SAID.

NEW YORK TIMES REPORTER JOSEPH B. TREASTER SAID THE THE "REPORTED EXECUTIONS IN BINH DINH APPEAR TO BE THE MOST SIZEABLE DELIBERATE ASSAULT OF INDIVIDUALS CONNECTED WITH THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT SINCE THE MASSACRES IN HUE DURING THE 1968 LUNAR NEW YEAR OFFENSIVE WHEN, ACCORDING TO ALLIED OFFICIALS AND INDEPENDENT JOURNALISTS, MORE THAN 2,600 PEOPLE WERE KILLED."

MR. TREASTER WROTE THAT AFTER THE FALL OF NORTHERN BINH DINH PROVINCE IN APRIL, THE COMMUNISTS WERE ABLE TO CARRY OUT THEIR PROGRAMS IN SOME DETAIL AMONG THE MORE INFR 200,000 PEOPLE OF THE REGION.

"COMMUNIST SECURITY OFFICERS," HE WROTE, "HAD COMPILED DOSSIERS ON EVERY ONE IN THE REGION. THEY QUICKLY CLASSIFIED THE POPULATION INTO SEVERAL CATEGORIES ACCORDING TO PHYSICAL CAPABILITIES, FINANCIAL POSITION, OCCUPATION, AGE AND RELATIONSHIP TO THE COMMUNISTS AND THE GOVERNMENT IN SAIGON.

"THOSE WHO HAD WORKED DIRECTLY FOR THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT WERE BROUGHT BEFORE 'PROPLES COURTS,' DENOUNCED AS 'TURANTS,' AND CONDEMNED TO DEATH OR SENTENCED TO PRISON."

THE TIMES ARTICLE STATED THAT THE MAIN VICTIMS OF THE COMMUNISTS WERE SAID TO BE HAMLET AND VILLAGE CHIEFS AND THEIR DEPUTIES, CLASSIFICATION WORKERS, POLICEMEN AND MILITIAMEN. "BUT," THE ARTICLE POINTED OUT, "TEACHERS, DOCTORS, NURSES AND MINOR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF WORKERS, AS WELL AS SOME SOLDIERS, WERE AMONG THOSE REPORTED IMPRISONED." FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THE TIME STORY, A U.N. SPOKESMAN TOLD NEWSMEN ON AUG. 5 THAT, IF THE ACCOUNT IS TRUE, SECRETARY-GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM "DEEPLY DEPLORES SUCH A DEVELOPMENT AND THE LOSS OF LIFE IT ENTAILS,"

WITNESSES TELL OF NORTH VIETNAM MASSACRE OF CIVILIANS

BY NICHOLAS RUGGIERI

SAIGON, AUG. 7-- TWO U.S. MARINE CORPS OFFICERS HAVE PROVIDED EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE SLAUGHTER OF ABOUT 2,000 PERSONS, INCLUDING SICK AND ELDERLY ADULTS AND CHILDREN, WHO SOUGHT TO FLEE FROM THE COMMUNIST INVASION OF QUANG TRI LAST APRIL.

THE ACCOUNTS FURNISHED BY MAJOR ROBERT F. SHERIDAN AND MAJOR DONALD L. PRICE MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ACTION WAS DELIBERATE.

"WE JUST SAT THERE AND COULDN'T BELIEVE IT," SAID MAJOR SHERIDAN. "THE NORTH VIETNAM ARMY KNEW WHAT THEY WERE DOING. THEY HAD FORWARD OBSERVERS WHO WERE PROBABLY WITHIN A COUPLE OF HUNDRED METERS FROM THE REFUGEES. THESE WOULD HAVE SEEN THAT THERE WERE NO WEAPONS, NO VEHICLES, AND INDEED HARDLY ANY MEN AT ALL EXCEPT VERY OLD ONES. I USED TO HAVE SOME RESPECT FOR THE NORTH VIETNAM ARMY WITH REGARD TO THEIR ALLEGED DISCIPLINE TOWARD THE LOCAL POPULATION, BUT THIS WAS JUST CRIMINAL SLAUCHTER OF THE OLD AND THE WEAK."

MAJORS SHERIDAN AND PRICE WERE MEMBERS OF A U.S. MARINE ADVISORY TEAM ASSIGNED TO A SOUTH VIETNAMESE BATTALION TRYING TO STEM THE INITIAL COMMUNIST SWEEP INTO QUANG TRI PROVINCE FROM POSITIONS NOT FAR FROM THE SCENE OF THE MASSACRE. THE AMERICANS AND THEIR VIETNAMESE COMPANIONS WERE POWERLESS TO DO ANYTHING BUT WATCH THE HORRIFYING SPECTACLE. THEY SAY THREE OR FOUR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS WERE WITH THEIR TEAM, AND SOME TOOK MOTION PICTURES OF THE CARNAGE.

THE ASSAULT ON THE HAPLESS REFUGEES APPARENTLY BEGAN ON APRIL 24 WHEN THEY BOARDED A VARIETY OF VEHICLES, INCLUDING THREE-WHEELED LAMBRETTAS, AND CIVILIAN AND MILITARY TRUCKS AT A POINT ON HIGHWAY NUMBER ONE.

MAJOR PRICE SAID THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS AMBUSHED THE COLUMN ON THE HIGHWAY AND RAKED IT WITH SMALL ARMS FIRE AND ARTILLERY. THE CONVOY WAS BLOWN TO PIECES, HE SAID, AND THE ROAD AND SURROUNDING FIELDS SOON WERE LITTERED WITH THE BODIES OF WOMEN, OLD MEN AND CHILDREN.

FIVE DAYS LATER, ON APRIL 29-30, THOUSANDS OF OTHER CIVILIANS FLEEING FROM THE OCCUPIED PROVINCE WERE HIT BY NORTH VIETNAMESE ARTILLERY FIRE FURTHER SOUTH ON THE HIGHWAY.

MAJOR SHERIDAN SAID: "IT WAS THE WORST SIGHT I HAVE EVER SEEN."

HE SAID THE REFUGEES WERE PRIMARILY SMALL CHILDREN AND ELDERLY PEOPLE, MANY OF THE LATTER STOOPED FROM ARTHRITIS AND UNABLE TO WALK MORE THAN A FEW METERS WITHOUT PAUSING FOR A REST. SOME OF THE OLD PEOPLE WERE CARRYING CHILDREN OR BELONGINGS GATHERED IN BASKETS SUSPENDED FROM POLES SLUNG ACROSS THEIR BACKS.

THE AMERICAN OFFICER SAID THERE WERE NO SOUTH VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS AMONG THE REFUGEES AND NO SIGN OF WEAPONS. A FEW OF THE MEN APPEARED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE POPULAR SELF DEFENSE FORCE. HE SAID THAT IN THE INCIDENTS HE WITNESSED THE REFUGEES HAD NO VEHICLES, EITHER MILITARY OR CIVILIAN. FROM HIS OWN POSITION IN A SMALL VILLAGE JUST OFF ROUTE ONE, ABOUT ONE KILOMETER NORTH OF MY CHANH BRIDGE, MAJOR SHERIDAN SAID HE COULD SEE A NORTH VIETNAMESE REGIMENT FIRING 130MM. ARTILLERY SHELLS WITH VARIABLE-TIME FUSES OVER THE HEADS OF THE REFUGEES. THE SHELLS EXPLODED BETWEEN 30 AND 60 METERS ABOVE THE REFUGEE COLUMN, TEARING THE REFUGEES LIMB FROM LIMB.

THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARTILLERY KEPT FIRING ON THE TRAPPED REFUGEES THE ENTIRE DAY.

"WE COUNTED THE SHELLS COMING IN BY THE HUNDREDS. WHEN THE VICTIMS FELL UNDER THE TERRIBLE OVERHEAD BLASTS, THERE WAS NO ONE TO PICK UP THE WOUNDED. WHEN AN EXPLOSION BLEW A HOLE IN THE REFUGEE COLUMN, THOSE FOLLOWING PRESSED ON OVER THE BROKEN BODIES. THERE WAS NO ONE STRONG ENOUGH TO DO MORE THAN MOVE DUMBLY ON..."

MAJOR SHERIDAN SAID THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE MARINES WITH HIM WEPT AT THE CARNAGE, IN ANGER, GRIEF AND FRUSTRATION OVER THEIR INABILITY TO DO ANYTHING. HE SAID THEY SAVE ALL THEIR FOOD AND MONEY TO THOSE REFUGEES WHO CAME STUMBLING AND STACCERING OUT OF THE MURDEROUS ZONE OF FIRE.

MAJOR SHERIDAN SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO ESTIMATE THE NUMBER KILLED BY NORTH VIETNAMESE ARTILLERY DURING THE INCIDENTS HE WITNESSED ON APRIL 29 AND 30. HE COULD ONLY SAY THAT THE TOTAL WAS "IN THE HUNDREDS."

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NEWS ROUNDUP

AROUND THE NATION:

IN WASHINGTON, SARGENT SHRIVER SEEMED CERTAIN TO WIN OVER-WHELMING APPROVAL AS THE DEMOCRATIC VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE. THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE SCHEDULED ITS MAIN SESSION FOR THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 8, AT WHICH TIME IT IS EXPECTED THAT MR. SHRIVER WILL BE OFFICIALLY APPROVED, NOTE ACCORDING TO VOA AUGUST 9 (VIENTIANE) MR. SHRIVER WAS OFFICIALLY NOMINATED.

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IN A ROUND OF SPEECHES ON THE SENATE FLOOR, FOUR LIBERAL REPUBLICAN SENATORS CALLED FOR WIDESPREAD REFORMS IN THEIR PARTY'S STRUCTURE AND CONVENTION PROCEDURES. AIM OF THE REFORMS, THE SENATORS SAID, IS TO OPEN THE PARTY TO WIDER PARTICIPATION AMONG WOMEN, MINORITIES, AND THE YOUNG. THE SENATORS WERE CHARLES H. PERCY OF ILLINOIS, BOB PACKWOOD OF OREGON, CHARLES MATHLAS OF MARYLAND, AND JACOB K. JAVITS OF NEW YORK.

IN PHILADELPHIA, A BID BY PEACE ACTIVISTS TO HALT THE INDOCHINA WAR FAILED WHEN A SPECIAL THREE-MAN PANEL OF FEDERAL JUDGES DISMISSED A SUIT CHALLENGING THE WAR'S CONSTITUTIONALITY. IN A TWO-TO-ONE DECISION, THE JUDGES RULED THAT THE LEGALITY OF THE WAR WAS A QUESTION WHICH HAD TO BE SETTLED BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS.

THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MET AUGUST 3 TO DISCUSS SENATOR JACKSON'S AMENDMENT TO THE FIVE-YEAR U.S.-SOVIET AGREEMENT LIMITING OFFENSIVE NUCLEAR ARMS BUT TOOK NO ACTION ON THE AMENDMENT.

IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, FORMER PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN BROKE TRADITION AND VOTED BY ABSENTEE BALLOT IN THE STATE PRIMARY. THE 37-YEAR-OLD MR. TRUMAN IS RECUPERATING FROM THE GASTRO-INTESTINAL AILMENT WHICH HOSPITALIZED HIM LAST MONTH. (PRIMARY ELECTIONS ALSO ARE BEING HELD IN MICHIGAN, GEORGIA, AND IDAHO.)

IN NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, VICE PRESIDENT SPIRO AGNEW TOLD A GATHERING ORANGE COUNTY REPUBLICANS THAT THE G.O.P. SHOULD RECRUIT YOUNG VOTERS FOR PRESIDENT NIXON TO OFFSET THE YOUTH SUPPORT FOR SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN.

IN SACRAMENTO, REPORTS FILED ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE JUNE 6 CALIFORNIA PRIMARY SHOWED THAT CANDIDATES WHO SPEND THE MOST MONEY GET THE MOST VOTES. STATISTICS AVAILABLE IN THE CALIFORNIA CAPITAL REVEALED THAT ALMOST EVERY RACE WAS WON BY THE CANDIDATE WHO SPENT THE MOST.

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

IN LONDON, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS BOUGHT ANOTHER SIX TRIDENT AIRLINERS FROM BRITAIN. OFFICIALS OF HAWKER-SIDDELEY AVIATION SAID THE ORDER, INCLUDING SPARE PARTS, WAS WORTH ABOUT 60 MILLION DOLLARS.

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IN ISLAMABAD, THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT PAKISTAN WILL RELEASE 6,850 CIVILIANS HELD SINCE LAST DECEMBER'S WAR OVER BANGLADESH.

IN DACCA, THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT BANGLADESH HAS APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS. THE FOREIGN OFFICE SAID THE APPLICATION WAS CABLED AUGUST 8 TO SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM.

MORE THAN 1,000 THAI TROOPS, MILITIAMEN AND POLICE LAUNCHED MAJOR OPERATIONS TO WIPE OUT COMMUNIST GUERRILLA UNITS IN TWO MOUNTAINOUS SOUTHERN THAILAND PROVINCES, GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN IN BANGKOK SAID. AT THE SAME TIME, GENERAL PRAPHAT CHARUSATHIEN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE RULING NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, CALLED ON THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THAILAND TO COME FROM THE JUNGLE AND TALK WITH THE GOVERNMENT .

MEANWHILE, NORTH VIETNAM SENT MORE TANKS INTO EASTERN CAMBODIA AND INTO THE QUANG TRI AREA IN NORTHEASTERN SOUTH VIETNAM, RAISING CONCERN THAT THE DORMANT COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE HAS RESUMED. NEW COMMUNIST THREATS APPEARED IN THE HUE AREA, WHICH IS CONSIDERED. TO BE THE MAIN TARGET FOR THE NEXT NORTH VIETNAMESE PUSH.

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EXCEPT FOR A FEW SHARP GROUND CLASHES AND SHELLINGS IN THE THA TAM BLEUNG - SAM THONG AREA NORTHEAST OF LONG TIENG IN NORTHERN LAOS, THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTIVITY IN THE COUNTRY AUGUST 6-7.

AMERICA'S 1972 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN SARGENT SHRIVER: DEMOGRATS' VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

(BY RICHARD P. WILSON)

SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN'S CHOICE AS HIS RUNNING MATE IN THE 1972 U.S. ELECTION CAMPAIGN IS A PERSONABLE, POLITICALLY LIBERAL AND REPUTEDLY TOUCH ADMINISTRATOR WITH AN UPPER-CLASS UPBRINGING WHO HAS WON SUCCESS AS A GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE, AMBASSADOR, BUSINESSMAN AND LAWYER, BUT WHO AT 56 HAS YET TO HOLD ELECTIVE OFFICE.

ROBERT SARGENT SHRIVER, JUNIOR, BROTHER-IN-LAW OF SENATOR ENDARD M. KENNEDY OF MASSACHUSETTS HAS AGREED TO BE THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT AFTER AT LEAST SIX OTHERS, INCLUDING SENATOR KENNEDY, TURNED DOWN THE OPPORTUNITY FOLLOWING WITHDRAWAL OF SENATOR THOMAS FAGLETON AS THE NOMINEE. OTHERS REPORTEDLY INCLUDED SENATORS HUBERT H. HUMPHREY OF MINNESOTA, ABRAHAM RIBICOFF OF CONNECTICUT AND GAYLORD NELSON OF WISCONSIN, AND GOVERNOR REUBIN ASKEW OF FLORIDA: LAST. TO DECLINE WAS SENATOR EDMUND S. MUSKIE OF MAINE, THE PARTY'S 1963 VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE AND PRESIDENTIAL FRONTRUNNER EARLY THIS YEAR.

MR. SHRIVER, LONG SAID TO BE THE CHOICE OF MANY OF SENATOR MCGOVERN'S STAFF STRATEGISTS, WAS SOUNDED OUT ON HIS AVAILABILITY WHILE SENATOR MUSKIE WAS STILL REACHING HIS DECISION. IT WAS THE THIRD TIME MR. SHRIVER'S NAME HAD BEEN MENTIONED AS A POSSIBLE VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON IN 1964 AND PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE HUBERT HUMPHREY IN 1968 BOTH HAD FLOATED RUMORS THAT HE WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR THE SPOT. THIS TIME THE OFFER BECAME A FIRM ONE, AND HE WAS GUICK TO ACCEPT.

MR. SHRIVER, WHO SIGNS HIS NAME R. SARGENT SHRIVER AND IS KNOWN TO HIS FRIENDS AS "SARGE," IS THE HUSBAND OF EUNICE KENNEDY SHRIVER, ONE OF THE FIVE SISTERS OF JOSEPH, JOHN, ROBERT AND EDWARD KENNEDY. HE GOT HIS LONG-SOUGHT OPPORTUNITY TO RUN FOR VICE PRESIDENT WHEN SENATOR EAGLETON WITHDREW JULY 31 AFTER THE DISCLOSURE THAT HE HAD FAILED TO INFORM SENATOR MCGOVERN PRIOR TO HIS CONVENTION NOMINATION JULY 13 THAT HE HAD A 1960-66 HISTORY OF PSYCHIATRIC THREATMENT.

MR. SHRIVER'S SELECTION WAS GENERALLY HAILED BY POLITICAL OBSERVERS AMONG THE DEMOCRATS. WELCOMING THE LINKING OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY NAME TO THE MCGOVERN CAUSE, THEY ASSESSED THE NEW CANDIDATE AS AN ABLE MAN WITH WIDE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE WHOSE PARTICIPATION SHOULD HELP THE TICKET.

RANKING DEMOCRATS FROM THE BIG STATES OF CALIFORNIA, NEW YORK AND ILLINOIS APPLAUDED THE SHRIVER CANDIDACY EVEN BEFORE IT WAS CONFIRMED. BUT ARKANSAS GOVERNOR DALE BUMPERS VOICED A CAUTIONARY COMMENT THAT MOST OBSERVERS WERE WELL AWARE OF: "HE'S A MAN WITH NO VOTING RECORD AND WILL HAVE TO MAKE HIS MARK DURING THE CAMPAIGN.

MR. SHRIVER IS FAIRLY WELL KNOWN TO AMERICANS AS THE FIRST PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR UNDER HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW, PRESIDENT KENNEDY, AND AS PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S ANTIPOVERTY PROGRAM DIRECTOR.

HANDSOME, ATHLETIC, WITH A FLASHING SMILE AND DARK HAIR STREAKED WITH GRAY, HE LIKES TO RIDE A HORSE AROUND HIS FARM IN MARYLAND, NEAR WASHINGTON, D.C. A SON OF MARYLAND OLD-FAMILY SOCIALITES, HE ALSO HAS A SUMMER HOME IN THE KENNEDY COMPOUND AT HYANNISPORT, ON MASSACHUSETTS'CAPE COD, AND MAINTAINS A FREQUENT VISITOR LINK WITH CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

IN TANDEM WITH SENATOR MCGOVERN, MR. SHRIVER BALANCES THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET WELL. HE IS FROM THE EAST; MR. MCGOVERN FROM THE MIDWEST (SOUTH DAKOTA). HE IS CATHOLIC; MR. MCGOVERN IS PROTESTANT. HIS BACKGROUND IS URBAN; MR. MCGOVERN'S RURAL (THOUGH BOTH NOW ARE SUBURBANITES). WHILE HE IS SIX YEARS OLDER THAN SENATOR MCGOVERN, HE IS PHOTOGENIC AND HAS A YOUTHFUL STYLE.

ENERGETIC AND CHARMING, MR. SHRIVER IS KNOWN AS A SKILLED FUND RAISER, WHICH THE MCGOVERN STAFF BADLY NEEDS. HE RETAINS SOLID INKS WITH THE POOR AND OTHER MINORITY GROUPS, AND HAS MAINTAINED EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH THE EASTERN JEWISH COMMUNITY, A VOTING BLOC REPORTEDLY WAVERING IN ITS TRADITIONAL DEMOCRATIC ALLEGIANCE. BOTH MEMBERS OF THE TICKET SHARE A STRONG LIBERAL ORIENTATION.

AMONG MR. SHRIVER'S FOLITICAL DRAWBACKS ARE THE FACT THAT HIS WIFE PUBLICLY OPPOSES LEGALIZED ABORTION WHILE THE MCGOVERN STAFF WOULD LIKE TO STAY NONCOMMITTAL ON THAT SUBJECT, AND THE FACT THAT HE WAS WORKING IN BOTH THE KENNEDY AND JOHNSON ADMINISTRATIONS WHEN THEY MADE COMMITMENTS OF TROOPS TO THE VIETNAM WAR THEATER. (MCGOVERN, A STRONG CRITIC OF U.S. INVOLVE-MENT, SAYS HE WILL WITHDRAW ALL U.S. FORCES WITHIN 90 DAYS IF ELECTED PRESIDENT.)

MR. SHRIVER ATTENDED CANTERBURY SCHOOL IN NEW MILFORD, CONNECTICUT, YALE COLLEGE AND YALE LAW SCHOOL. DURING WORLD WAR TWO HE SERVED IN THE U.S. NAVY, FIRST ON BATTLESHIPS AND THEN SUBMARINES.

HIS FIRST JOB WAS WITH A LAW FIRM ON WALL STREET IN NEW YORK CITY. LATER HE WORKED BRIEFLY, ALSO IN NEW YORK, AS AN EDITORIAL ASSISTANT ON A NEWS MAGAZINE. AS SUCH HE WAS INVITED BY JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, THE FAMILY PATRIARCH AND FORMER AMBASSADOR TO LONDON, TO EDIT SON JOSEPH'S DIARIES, WRITTEN BEFORE HIS DEATH WHILE THE OLDEST KENNEDY BOY WAS IN SPAIN DURING THE FRANCO-REPUBLICAN CIVIL WAR. TWO YEARSLATER, IN 1943, EX-AMBASSADOR KENNEDY NAMED MR. SHRIVER AS ASSISTANC CHNERAL MANAGER OF HIS HUGE CHICAGO MERCHANDISE MART. IN 1953 MR. SHRIVER MARRIED THE BOSS'S THIRD ELDEST DAUGHTER, EUNICE, AND SUBSEQUENTLY FATHERED FIVE CHILDREN.

HE WAS A CIVIC LEADER IN CHICAGO, SERVING ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE ILLINOIS SCHOOL PROBLEMS COMMISSION, THE YALE ART GALLERY ASSOCIATION, A FORD FOUNDATION COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AND HIGHER EDUCATION, AND VARIOUS UNIVERSITY BOARDS. ACCORING TO A MAGAZINE BIOGRAPHER AT THAT TIME, HE WAS "TOUGH, BRIGHT AND CURIOUS," A MAN WHO "TALKS EASTLY ON SUBJECTS FROM MODERN ART AND POETRY TO RELIGION AND ECONOMICS." BUT INTELLIGENT AND SENSITIVE AS HE HAS SUBSEQUENTLY PROVED HIMSELF TO BE, HE IS NOT REGARDED AS AN INTELLECTUAL AND HAS LITTLE OF THE PENSIVE, REFLECTIVE NATURE COMMON TO THE KENNEDY SONS.

WHEN PRESIDENT KENNEDY NAMED HIM HIS PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR AND GAVE HIM THE TASK OF WINNING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM, MR. SHRIVER'S ENERGETIC LOBBYING AND PERSUASIVE APPEARANCES BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DID MUCH TO MAKE THE PEACE CORPS ONE OF THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION'S LASTING ACHIEVEMENTS. THE PRESIDENT DESCRIBED HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW THEN AS "THE MOST EFFECTIVE LOBBYIST ON THE WASHINGTON SCENE."

AFTER PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S DEATH, MR. SHRIVER STAYED ON IN GOVERNMENT. PRESIDENT JOHNSON NAMED HIM HIS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, IN EFFECT HIS COMMANDER OF THE "WAR AGAINST POVERTY." IN THAT POST, ACCORDING TO A SHARP REPUBLICAN CRITIC OF THE OEO, HE WAS "A. LOUSY ADMINISTRATOR BUT THE BEST SALESMAN IN. WASHINGTON!"

IN 1968 PRESIDENT JOHNSON SENT MR. SHRIVER TO PARIS AS HIS AMBASSADOR. A FEW MONTHS AFTER THE DEMOCRATS LOST THE WHITE HOUSE HE RETURNED TO MARYLAND, HOPING TO BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR THAT STATE'S GOVERNORSHIP, BUT UNFAVORABLE PUBLIC OPINION POLLS KILLED HIS FIRST HOPES FOR ELECTION OFFICE.

MR. SHRIVER CAMPAIGNED VIGOROUSLY FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CON-GRESSIONAL TICKET IN THE 1970 OFF-YEAR ELECTIONS AND THEN JOINED A LAW FIRM WHOSE SENIOR PARTNER, MAX KAMPEIMAN, WAS INVOLVED IN THE POLITICAL FORTUNES OF SENATOR HUMPHREY. ONE OF MR. SHRIVER'S 1970 CAMPAIGN SPEECHES IN MICHIGAN SERVES TO ILLUMINATE HIS ATTITUDES ON ISSUES.

"THERE ARE THOSE WHO SAY THE WAY TO WIN AN ELECTION IS TO APPEAL TO THE MAJORITY, TO INDULGE YOUR PREJUDICES IF YOU WANT," HE NOTED. "IF YOU DON'T LIKE NEGROES, GO AHEAD, EXPRESS IT. THEY'RE NEVER GOING TO BE A MAJORITY OF AMERICANS. IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE POOR, GO AHEAD, SAY IT. THEY'RE ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE. IF YOU DON'T LIKE STUDENTS, OR THE YOUNG, OR LONG HAIR, GO AHEAD, LET THEM HAVE IT, SURE, YOU MIGHT WIN AN ELECTION, BUT AT THE SAME TIME YOU'RE GOING TO TEAR THIS COUNTRY APART AND CAUSE AMERICA TO LOSE HER SOUL."

HIS SELECTION AS VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE SHOULD ENABLE THE DEMOCRATIC ELECTION CAMPAIGN TO GET STARTED QUICKLY NOW, ALTHOUGH SENATOR 'MCGOVERN CAUTIONS: "WE KNOW WE HAVE TO COME FROM BEHIND. I FEEL WE'RE ABOUT WHERE WE WERE IN FEBRUARY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY."

THERE IS GENERAL CONFIDENCE AT MCGOVERN HEADQUARTERS THAT THE SHRIVER CANDIDACY WILL BE AN ASSET IN COMING FROM BEHIND.

THE FORMER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, BLACK CONGRESSWOMAN SHIRLFY CHISHOLM OF BROOKLYN, IN A TELEGRAM TO SENATOR MCGOVERN, SAID THIS ABOUT MR. SHRIVER:

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"HE IS ATTRACTIVE, PERSONABLE AND WELL LIKED BY A BROAD CROSS-SECTION OF GROUPS. HE KNOWS THE HILL (CAPITAL HILL, THE U.S. CONGRESS) AND IS AN L. PERIENCED AND RESPECTED BUSINESSMAN, BUT HE IS EQUALLY AT HOME WITH THE POOR AND MINORITY GROUPS WHOSE AFFECTION AND SUPPORT HE EARNED DURING HIS TENURE AS HEAD OF THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY."

HANOI'S PATTERN OF ATROCITIES

(BY JOHN ALBERT)

WASHINGTON, AUGUST 8--THERE HAS BEEN NO TIME YET TO COMPILE FULL RECORDS OF THE ATROCITIES COMMITTED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST OCCUPATION FORCES IN AREAS HELD DURING THE EARLY STAGE OF HANOI'S OFFENSIVE AGAINST SOUTH VIETNAM. HOWEVER, WHAT HAS BEEN LEARNED FROM SURVIVING REFUGEES, FROM SOUTH VIETNAMESE AND AMERICAN EYE-WITENESS, HAS PROMPTED THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TO STATE THAT THE SAME PATTERN SEEMS TO APPLY IN MANY AREAS OF REPRISALS AND EXECUTIONS OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS AS WELL AS PRIVATE CITIZENS.

THE SAIGON CORRESPONDENT OF THE NEW YORK TIMES, IN HIS FRONT-PAGE REPORT OF AUGUST 4, DESCRIBED HOW NORTH VIETNAMESE POLITICAL OFFICERS PUBLICLY EXECUTED HUNDREDS OF SAIGON GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND IMPRISONED THOUSANDS OF OTHERS DURING THEIR OCCUPATION OF BINH DINH PROVINCE. EYE-WITNESSES, THE REPORT SAID, HAVE CONFIRMED THE DEATHS OF APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED FIFTY PERSONS. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VICTIMS IS BELIEVED TO BE CLOSER TO FIVE HUNDRED. ABOUT SIX THOUSAND PRISONERS WERE HELD IN THREE CAMPS.

HORRIBLE AS THESE ATROCITIES ARE IN THEMSELVES, THEY HAVE A MUCH MORE OMINOUS MEANING FOR SOUTH VIETNAM AS A WHOLE.

PRESIDENT NIXON RECENTLY SINGLED OUT WHAT HE CALLED THE HYPOCRITICAL DOUBLE STANDARD IN REPORTING EVENTS IN VIETNAM. MANY WELL-INTENTIONED AND NAIVE PEOPLE, HE SAID, ATTACK THE AMERICAN POLICY OF BOMBING MILITARY TARGETS IN NORTH VIETNAM WHICH, UNFORTUNATELY, HAVE THE UNINTENDED RESULT OF ALSO HURTING CIVILIANS IN CERTAIN CASES. BUT, SAID THE PRESIDENT, NOT ON E WORD IS RAISED AGAINST THE DELIBERATE BOMBING AND SHELLING OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE. THE PRESIDENT WARNED THAT LETTING HANOI TAKE OVER THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT WOULD MEAN VISITING ON SOUTH VIETNAM THE SAME ATROCITIES THAT OCCURRED IN NORTH VIETNAM IN THE PROCESS OF REMOVING ALL NON-COMMUNISTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS COUNTRY-WIDE APPARATUS. AT LEAST ONE MILLION PEOPLE HAVE FOUGHT AGAINST HANOI'S TAKE-OVER OF THE SOUTH---AND ARE IN MOST CASES ALREADY ON HANOI'S LISTS.

HANOI'S TACTICS TOWARD THE CIVILIAN POPULATION HAVE VARIED IN LINE WITH THE NEEDS OF THE DAY. EVEN DURING THIS OFFENSIVE, TERROR HAS NOT BEEN APPLIED EVERYWHERE. AND WHEN THE GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY WAS FORMED IN NORTH VIETNAM AFTER THE VIETMINH TOOK OVER, TERROR DID NOT COME RIGHT AWAY. THEN, AS NOW, THE PEOPLE WERE TOLD THAT NO COMMUNIST DICTATORSHIP WAS ENVISAGED. THE MASS ARRESTS, THE EXECUTIONS, THE REMOVAL OF EVERY NON-COMMUNIST IN A POSITION OF CONSEQUENCE--ALL THIS CAME LATER. THOSE WHO SAY THAT ATROCITIES OCCUR IN ALL WARS, AND ON BOTH SIDES, HAVE MISSED ONE POINT. HANOI'S COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP DOES NOT USE TERROR JUST IN THE HEAT OF BATTLE. IT USES IT AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF ITS POLICY TO OBTAIN FULL AND COMPLETE POWER OVER THE PEOPLE. THAT IS WHY PRESIDENT NIXOW BELIEVE IT WOULD BE THE HEIGHT OF IMMORALITY TO IMPOSE ON THE 17 MILLION PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM A COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT WITH THE BLOODBATH THAT WOULD FOILOW. U.S. MISSION TO LAOS

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VOTERS IN MICHIGAN, GEORGIA, MISSOURI, AND IDAHO PRIMARIES GENERALLY WENT ALONG WITH THE FAVORITES AUGUST 8, PRODUCING FEW CLUES TO POPULAR SENTIMENT WHICH COULD INFLUENCE THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS.

IN MICHIGAN, INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMEN CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN, EDWARD HUTCHINSON, AND WILLIAM BROOMFIELD DEFEATED CHALLENGERS. REPUBLICAN SENATOR ROBERT P. GRIFFIN AND STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL FRANK J. KELLEY, A DEMOCRAT, WERE UNOPPOSED FOR THEIR PARTIES' NOMINATIONS FOR THE U.S. SENATE.

GEORGIA VOTERS PICKED INCUMBENT SENATOR DAVID GAMBRELL AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE SAM NUNN FROM A CROWDED FIELD TO MEET IN A DEMOCRATIC RUNOFF ELECTION FOR THE U.S. SENATE. REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMAN FLETCHER THOMPSON WAS AN EASY WINNER. MISSOURI VOTERS GAVE THE REPUBLICAN GUBERNATORIAL NOMINATION TO STATE AUDITOR CHRISTOPHER BOND. HE WILL FACE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE EDWARD L. DOWD IN NOVEMBER.

IN IDAHO, REPUBLICANS NOMINATED INCUMBENT CONGRESSMAN JAMES A.MCCLURE. DEMOCRATS CHOSE DR. WILLIAM E. DAVIS, PRESIDENT OF IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY, TO RUN AGAINST INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN SENATOR LEN B. JORDAN IN THE FALL ELECTIONS.

THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE VOTED ON THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 8 TO CONFIRM SARGENT SHRIVER AS THEIR VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. HE GOT 2,936 VOTES. MISSOURI DELEGATES CAST 73 VOTES FOR SENATOR THOMAS F. EAGLETON, AND FORMER SENATOR WAYNE MORSE OF OREGON GOT FOUR VOTES.

ACCORDING TO THE LOUIS HARRIS POLL PUBLISHED IN THE WASHINGTON POST AUGUST 9, SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN TRAILS PRESIDENT NIXON BY 23 PERCENTAGE POINTS IN A SURVEY OF PUBLIC OPINION TAKEN AFTER THE SOUTH DAKOTAN DROPPED SENATOR EAGLETON AS HIS RUNNING MATE. UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL REPORTED THAT MCGOVERN AIDES "EXPRESSED NO ALARM" ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE HARRIS POLL.

IN ALBANY, NEW YORK, UNITED AUTOMOBILE WORKERS PRESIDENT LEONARD WOODCOCK PREDICTED THAT MOST OF HIS UNION'S LOCAL LEADERS WOULD SUPPORT SENATOR MCGOVERN.

EN DENVER, THE COLORADO LABOR COUNCIL AND ITS COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL EDUCATION RECEIVED ORDERS FROM A.F.L.-C.I.O. PRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY TO RESCIND ITS ENDORSEMENT OF SENATOR MCGOVERN.

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AND IN WASHINGTON, SENATOR JACOB JAVITS WARNED IN A SENATE ADDRESS THAT FAILURE BY JAPAN TO TAKE FRESH INITIATIVES IN NARROWING ITS TRADE DEFICIT WITH THE UNITED STATES WOULD UNDER-MINE U.S. JAPANESE RELATIONS AND COULD LEAD TO A FURTHER UFWARD REVALUATION OF THE YEN.

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

RED CROSS OFFICIALS OF SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA REACHED FULL AGREEMENT ON ALL PENDING ISSUES AND THE PROJECTED TALKS ON REUNITING SEPARTED FAMILIES ARE EXPECTED SOON, OFFICIALS IN SEOUL SAID.

IN SOUTH VIETNAM, GOVERNMENT RANGERS BACKED BY U.S. JETS COUNTERATTACKED A COMMUNIST GUERRILLA BATTALION 17 MILES EAST OF SAIGON IN THE CLOSEST GROUND FIGHTING TO THE CAPITAL IN THE CURRENT NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFENSIVE.

IN REYKJAVIK, ICELAND, THE 12TH GAME IN THE WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP ENDED IN A DRAW AFTER 55 MOVES IN A BITTERLY-CONTESTED STRUGGLE. AMERICAN CHALLENGER BOBBY FISHER IS NOW LEADING SOVIET CHAMPION BORIS SPASSKY SEVEN POINTS TO FIVE IN THE 24-GAME SERIES.

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THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT REPORTS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY IN LAOS AUGUST 7-8.

HERE FOLLOWS THE THIRD AND LAST PART OF MR. PIKE'S ARTICLE

"WHEN THE COMMUNISTS COME"

COMMUNIST CONTROLLED QUANG TRI LIES BETWEEN THE MY CHANH RIVER WHICH SEPARATES IT FROM THUA THIEN PROVINCE, AND QUANG BINH PROVINCE WHICH IS THE SOUTHERN MOST OF THE NORTH VIETNAM PROVINCES. THERE IS HERE, AT PRESENT, SOMETHING OF A MILITARY FRONT WITH A NO-MAN'S LAND TWO TO THREE MILES WIDE SEPARATING THE CONTENDING FORCES, THE FIRST SUCH FRONTAL-WAR SITUATION IN THE ENTIRE WAR.

THE QUANG TRI PROVINCE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED APRIL 24 TO GOVERN THE ESTIMATED 70,000 PERSONS REMAINING IN THE PROVINCE (PRE-OFFENSIVE POPULATION WAS ABOUT 300,000). THE CHAIRMAN IS ONE NGUYEN VIET TRAC, AN EX-HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER FROM QUANG TRI CITY. HIS DEPUTY IS A FORMER GOVERNMENT POLICEMAN, LE CHI DAI.

IN ITS COMMUNIQUES ISSUED MAY 4 AND MAY 11, THE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED THAT ALL FORMER GOVERNMENT -- PROVINCE, DISTRICTS, VILLAGE AND HAMLET -- HAD BEEN ABOLISHED AND WAS BEING REPLACED BY THE REVOLUTIONARY ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM. THE COMMITTEE ALSO ABOLISHED ALL MAJOR PRIVATE SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND ORDERED THE LEADERS OF VARIOUS POLITICAL PARTIES, RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS (APPARENTLY CHRISTIAN ONLY, NOT BUDDHIST) AS WELL AS MILITARY AND POLICE ORGANIZATIONS TO TURN THEMSELVES IN, ALONG WITH ANY WEAPONS THEY MIGHT HAVE. THE COMMITTEE ALSO PROMULGATED A SERIES OF REGULATIONS WHICH PREVENT TRAVEL WITHOUT WRITTEN AUTHORITY; PROHIBIT THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION WITHOUT COMMITTEE APPROVAL; AND ESTABLISH INTERNAL SECURITY MEASURES AGAINST ESFIONAGE, SARDTAGE AND LOOTING. THIS GOVERNMENT IN QUANG TRI IS ONLY PROVINCE LEVEL AND IS NOT THE OFT-PREDICTED PLANTING OF THE PRG FLAG, THAT IS, ESTABLISHMENT OF A CAPITAL FOR AN ALL-SOUTH VIETNAM COMMUNIST-BACKED GOVERNMENT.

PAVN PRESENCE ALSO IS REPORTED UBIQUITICUS. CERTAINLY THIS IS TRUE IN TERMS OF PAVN ORDER-OF-BATTLE. BACKING UP THE NEW QUANG TRI GOVERNMENT ARE FOUR PAVN INFANTRY DIVISIONS: THE 304TH, THE 308TH, THE 324TH (IN THE MOUNTAINS TO THE WEST OF HUE) AND THE 325 TH.

THE SCENE IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE IS MARKED BY MASS RELOCATION OF VILLAGERS, SOMETHING NOT COMMON ELSEWHERE IN THE PRESENT OFFENSIVE. ENTIRE VILLAGES AND HAMLETS IN HAI LA DISTRICT --INCLUDING PHUOC DI EN, KIM SANH, TRUNG DONG, HAI THANH, KIM LONG, HAI NEI, KIM GLAO AND HAI DUONG (ALL IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE PROVINCE) -- WERE FORCIBLY EVACUATED, THE PEOPLE MOVED NORTH INTO CAMPS IN TRIEU PHONG DISTRICT. APPARENTLY THE PURPOSE OF THIS WAS TO CREATE A CORDON SANITAIRE BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES.

ALSO, THE SECURITY SCREENING IN QUANG TRI IS FAR MORE ELABORATE AND THOROUGH THAN ELSEWHERE. PERSISTENT REPORTS FILTERING OUT OF THE PROVINCE TELL OF THE MASS ISSUANCE OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS AS A POPULATION-CONTROL MEASURE. DETAILS ONTHESE CONFLICT. ACCORDING TO SOME REPORTS THE CARDS VARY IN COLOR DEPENDING ON THE HOLDER'S POLITICAL RELIABILITY: RED FOR EX-CIVIL SERVANTS, EX-ARVN OR THOSE WITH RELATIVES IN THE GOVERNMENT AREA; GREEN FOR THOSE POLITICALLY NEUTRAL; YELLOW FOR THOSE CONSIDERED RELIABLE.

DURING THE SCREENING PROCESS, ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, THOSE RECEIVING RED OR NON-RELIABLE CARDS WERE ORDERED TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY A POLITICAL INDOCTRINATION COURSE. RED CARD HOLDERS ARE ALSO TOLD THAT SOON THEY WILL BE SENT TO NORTH VIETNAM TO WORK IN THE LABOR-SHORT AGRICULTURAL COMMUNES THERE. SEPARATE REPORTS, FROM TRIEU PHONG DISTRICT, SAY A NUMBER OF VILLAGE FARMERS WERE SENT TO NORTH VIETNAM IN LATE MAY. AS AN ALTERNATE CHOICE, THE RED-CARD HOLDER CAN AGREE TO JOIN THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY AND SERVE IN THE SOUTH.

IF ANY EVENT, THE REPORTS ON THE SCREENING PROCESS ADD, THE PEOPLE OF QUANG TRI PROVINCE ARE GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY NO LON GER ARE CITIZENS OF SOUTH VIETNAM BUT ARE NOW CITIZENS OF NORTH VIETNAM AND MUST ASSUME ALL THE OBLIGATIONS WHICH THAT STATUS CONFERS. THESE ASSERTIONS, BASED ON HEARSAY EVIDENCE AND IF THE REPORTS ARE TRUE, THIS MAY INDICATE A SERIOUS NORTH VIETNAMESE INTENT TO ANNEX QUANG TRI PROVINCE AND INCORPORATE IT INTO NORTH VIETNAM.

POSTSCRIPT. IT IS PREMATURE TO DRAW ANY GENERAL CONCLUSIONS ABOUT THE LONG TERM MEANING OF NORTH VIETNAM'S OCCUPATION OF THREE SECTORS OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

IN THE SHORT RUN AND IN A NARROW SENSE THE NORTH VIETNAMESE OCCUPATION WAS A SUCCESS. IT SEIZED THE TERRITORY. IT REORGANIZED AND SYSTEMATIZED THE LIFE OF THE PEOPLE -- AS THE COMMUNISTS PHRASE IT -- AND THAT REORGANIZATION GENERATED FOOD, MONEY, MANPOWER AND INTERNAL SECURITY.

THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT MAY BE SHORT LIVED. EVEN AS THIS IS BEING WRITTEN SOME FOUR BRIGADES OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS AND MARINES ARE ENGAGED IN AN EFFORT TO DRIVE THE NORTH VIETNAMESE FROM QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

THE NORTH VIETNAMESE LEADERS INVESTED HEAVILY IN THE NON-MILITARY SECTOR OF THEIR OCCUPATION, IN TERMS OF MANPOWER, TIME AND MONEY. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THEY DID NOT GET A RETURN PROPORTIONATE TO THEIR RATHER LAVISH OUTLAY. AN INDICATION OF THE INVESTMENT CAN BE SEEN IN THE BINH LONG SECTOR. IN THE NORTHERN HALF OF THIS PROVINCE, WHICH HAD A RESIDUAL POPULATION OF ABOUT 50,000 AFTER THE REFUGEE EXODUS, A SPECIAL 200-MAN COMMUNIST CIVILIAN TEAM, CODE-NAMED D-97, BEGAN WORK SHORTLY AFTER THE FALL OF LOC NINH, IN EARLY APRIL.

THESE ARE VALUABLE AND RARE OFFICIALS, EXPERIENCED IN ADMINISTRATION, ORGANIZATION, AGIT-PROP, FUND-RAISING, ETC. THEY ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY. NORMALLY AN AREA THAT SIZE AND OF THAT POPULATION WOULD HAVE BEEN HANDLED BY AT MOST A DOZEN SENIOR CADRES. THAT 200 WERE EMPLOYED INDICATES THE SERIOUS INTENT OF THE LEADERSHIP AS WELL AS THE MAGNITUDE OF THE NON-MILITARY DIMENSION OF THE OFFENSIVE.

A COMBAT ORDER ISSUED BY THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMED FORCE (PLAF) ON APRIL 12 DETAILED THE PARAMETERS OF THE COMMUNIST CALCULATION RATHER CANDIDLY. IT ORDERED UNDERGROUND CADRES AND AGENTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM TO TRIGGER REVOLTS AND UPRISINGS IN THE CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES. IT STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF INFILTRATING THE REGIONAL FORCE AND POPULAR FORCE -- THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE VILLAGE AND RURAL MILITIA -- TO ENGENDER UNIT REVOLTS. THE ORDER ALSO CALLED FOR INCREASED SAPPER TEAM RAIDS AND ACTS OF SABOTAGE. THESE RAIDS AND SABOTAGE, IT SAID, SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH THE ATTACK OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY.

THE THEME RUNNING THROUGH THIS, AS WELL AS THROUGH ALL COMMUNIST PUBLIC STATEMENTS SINCE THE OFFENSIVE BEGAN, IS REVERSAL-OF MOMENTUM, A CALL TO THE LOYAL IN THE SOUTH TO BRING THE WAR HOME TO SOUTH VIETNAM, OUT OF NORTH VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIA.

ALL OF THIS SUGGESTS THAT THE ORIGINAL COMMUNIST GRAND STRATEGY WAS TO EMPLOY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY TO DRAW OFF AND TIE DOWN THE BULK OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE ARMED FORCES. THE PLAF WOULD THEN BE RELATIVELY FREE TO STRIKE THE MILITIA DEFENDED VILLAGES, WHILE COVERT AGENTS WERE GENERATING RIOTS, UPRISINGS AND CHAOS IN THE TOWNS AND CITIES. GIVEN THIS CONDITION, AT THE LEAST, THE COMMUNISTS WOULD BE ABLE TO REBUILD MUCH OF THEIR RURAL APPARAT AND THUS ROLL BACK THE PACIFICATION PROGRAM. POSSIBLY IT WOULD CREATE ENORMOUS DIVISIVE PRESSURES ON THE POLITICAL ESTABLISHMENT IN SAIGON AND MIGHT WELL COLLAPSE IT, OR IF NOT COLLAPSE IT FORCE A MAJOR CHANGE IN ITS STRUCTURE, PAVING THE WAY FOR A COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED COALITION GOVERNMENT IN THE SOUTH.

IF SUCH WAS THE COMMUNIST CALCULATION IT HAS FAILED TO DATE AND GIVES EVERY PROSPECT OF FAILING ULTIMATELY. BUT SINCE WE CANNOT YET SAY WITH TOTAL CERTAINTY WHAT WAS THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE ORIGINAL COMMUNIST INTENTION -- WAS IT REALLY A GO-FOR-BROKE DRIVET -- WE CANNOT ACCURATELY MEASURE THE DEGREE OF FAILURE.

ONE FACT STANDS OUT CLEAR ABOCE ALL THIS. IF THIS WAR EVER WAS A BATTLE FOR THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF MEN, IT HAS BEEN DEFAULTED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE. THEIR EASTER OFFENSIVE MAY HAVE WON THEM SOME REAL ESTATE BUT THE PRICE THEY PAID WAS LOSS OF ANY RESIDUAL SYMPATHY WHICH MIGHT STILL HAVE EXISTED AMONG THE ORDINARY PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM -- THE 97 PERCENT THEY DID NOT SEIZE.

FOR THAT THREE PERCENT OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE STILL IN COMMUNIST HANDS AT THIS WRITING (JULY 1) ALL THAT IS LEFT IS HOPE, THE HOPE OF LIBERATION. WHEN THEY ARE LIBERATED, AS WILL HAPPEN SOONER OR LATER, WE WILL THEN HEAR, FIRST HAND AND IN ABUNDANT DETAIL, WHAT IT IS LIKE WHEN THE COMMUNISTS COME.

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SENATOR BARRY M. GOLDWATER SAID IN WASHINGTON THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAVE NEGLECTED TO MAINTAIN THEIR DIKES AND ARE SEEKING TO BLAME U.S. BOMBING FOR THE DEVASTATION THAT WILL RESULT. THAT'S WHAT ALL THE FUSS IS ABOUT, AND BELIEVE ME IT IS AN ESPECIALLY FILTHY CHAPTER IN THE WAGING OF PROPAGANDA WARFARE." THE SENATOR SAID.

ALSO IN WASHINGTON, TWO SEPARATE ORGANIZATIONS WERE FORMED WITH THE COMMON GOAL OF ENTICING DISSIDENT DEMOCRATS INTO SUPPORTING PRESIDENT NIXON. FORMER TREASURY SECRETARY JOHN CONNALLY, ONETIME DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR OF TEXAS, WILL SERVE AS NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE DEMOCRATS FOR NIXON COMMITTEE. FLOYD B. MCKISSICK, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY, SAID HIS GROUP -- THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR A TWO-PARTY SYSTEM --- WILL ENABLE DEMOCRATS AND OTHER BLACKS WHO WOULD NOT SUPPORT ANY OTHER PRO-NIXON ORGANIZATION TO WORK FOR THE PRESIDENT'S REELECTION IN NOVEMBER.

IN MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE, SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN AGAIN CHALLENGED PRESIDENT NIXON TO A SERIES OF FACE TO-FACE CAMPAIGN DEBATES, SAYING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAD A RIGHT TO AN OPEN DISCUSSION OF ISSUES. SENATOR MCGOVERN CAME TO NEW ENGLAND FOR HIS FIRST CAMPAIGN TRIP SINCE RECEIVING THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION.

IN MILWAUKEE, DELEGATES TO THE 114TH INTERNATIONAL TYPO-GRAPHICAL UNION CONVENTION MAINTAINED THE UNION'S TRADITION OF NOT MAKING POLITICAL ENDORSEMENTS AND REJECTE A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT SENATOR MCGOVERN.

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

IN LONDON, A STUDY PUBLISHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES SAID THE RISK OF THE SOVIET UNION ACHIEVING A STRATEGIC ADVANTAGE OVER THE U.S. THROUGH AGREED NUCLEAR ARMS CURBS IS "VERY LOW." VERIFICATION BY OBSERVATION SATELLITES AND ELECTRONIC RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEMS HAS GREATLY REDUCED THE POSSIBILITY OF CHEATING ON A S.A.L.T. TREATY, THE STUDY SAID.

U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM ARRIVED IN PARIS ENROUTE TO PEKING WHERE HE IS TO MEET CHINESE LEADERS. MR. WALDHEIM TOLD REPORTERS HIS DISCUSSIONS IN PEKING WILL CENTER ON THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.

IN GENEVA, SWEDEN CAME OUT IN FAVOR OF A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE PROVIDED THAT ALL NUCLEAR POWERS WOULD TAKE PART AND THAT ALL NATIONS WOULD BE INVITED.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN RAWALPINDI, PAKISTANI PRESIDENT ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO RULED OUT HIS GOVERNMENT'S RECOGNITION OF BANGLADESH AND PREDICTED THAT BANGLADESH LEADER SHELK MULTPUR

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RAHMAN WILL FIND THE DCORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS CLOSED; HE SAID HE WAS REFERRING TO THE VETO POWER HELD BY THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN THE U.N. SECURITY CCONCIL.

IN MANILA, OFFICIALS REPORTED THAT THE KNOWN DEATH TOLL FROM MORE THAN THREE WEEKS OF FLOODING HAD RISEN TO 531.

IN SOUTH VIETNAM, GOVERNMENT MARINES CAPTURED THE HIGHWAY ONE BRIDGEHEAD A MILE SOUTH OF THE QUANG TRI CITADEL. FURTHER SOUTH OF QUANG TRI, HUNDREDS OF GOVERNMENT TROOPS MOVED TOWARD HUE IN ANTICIPATION OF A COMMUNIST ASSAULT. IN NEIGHBORING CAMBODIA, GOVERNMENT SOURCES SAID THE CURRENT NORTH VIETNAMESE DRIVE SOUTHEAST OF FHNOM PENH POSED A DIRECT THREAT TO THE CAPITAL.

THE U.S. COMMAND IN SAIGON REPORTED THAT SEVEN AMERICANS WERE KILLED IN COMBAT LAST WEEK AND ANOTHER 36 WERE WOUNDED, MOST OF THEM IN A PAIR OF COMMUNIST ROCKET ATTACKS ON U.S. BASES.

INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, AND LAOS BOYCOTTED THE NONALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE IN GEORGETOWN, GUYANA, TO PROTEST THE SEATING OF A VIET CONG DELEGATION. MALAYSIAN MINISTER OF INFORMATION MUHAMMAD GHAZALI BIN SHAFIE SAID ADMIBSION IS IMPOSED OVER THE OBJECTION OF A SIZEABLE SECTION."

NEW YORK GOVERNOR NELSON ROCKEFELLER ARRIVED BY PRIVATE PLANE IN TEL AVIV ON A FOUR-DAY VISIT. HE WILL CONFER WITH PRIME MINISTER GOLDA MEIR AND OTHER ISRAELI OFFICIALS.

DOW	JONES	CLOSING	STOCK AVERAGES:	30 INDUS 952.89 UP 1.73
				20 TRANS 237.35 UP 0.70
				15 UTILS 107.46 UP 0.64
				65 STOCKS 314.88 UP 0.87
				VOLUME 15,260,000 SHARES.

USINFO:

IN NORTHERN LAOS, ENEMY FORCES ATTACKED AND ƏVERRAN A GOVERNMENT POSITION 35 KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF LUANG PRABANG ON AUGUST 7 INFLICTING MØDERATE TO HEAVY CASUALTIES ON THE LOCAL DEFENSE FORCE.

A FEW SHARP GROUND CLASHES WERE REPORTED NORTHEAST OF THE SOUTHERN LAOTIAN TOWN OF KHONG SEDONE AUGUST 8-9.

ELSEWHERE IN IAOS, THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT REPORTS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY AUGUST 8-9.

PARIS, AUG . 10--U.S. AMBASSADOR WILLIAM J. PORTER HAS CHALLENGED THE COMMUNIST SIDE AT THE VIETNAM TALKS TO "ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ENDING THE COMBAT IS THE FOREMOST PROBLEM HERE, AND WE CAN BEGIN TO DISCUSS CONCRETE MEASURES TO RESTORE PEACE."

AMBASSADOR PORTER TOLD THE 154TH SESSION OF THE TALKS AUGUST 10 THAT THE COMMUNISTS, WHILE CALLING FOR "COMPREHENSIVE" POLITICAL AND MILITARY SETTLEMENT "IN PRACTICE...GIVE ABSOLUTE PRIORITY TO MILITARY OPERATIONS."

HE TOLD THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AND VIET CONG REPRESENTATIVES:

"YOU HAVE SENT AS MANY AS TWELVE REGULAR NORTH VIETNAMESE DIVISIONS TO INVADE SOUTH VIETNAM."

HE ADDED THAT "WHEN SET BESIDE YOUR RECORD OF SEVERITY AND HARSHNESS DURING YOUR CURRENT MASSIVE OFFENSIVE" COMMUNIST CHARGES OF WAR CRIMES BY THE ALLIES ARE. "UNCONVINCING PROPAGANDA."

AMBASSADOR PORTER SAID:

"REGARDING UNITED STATES AIR AND NAVAL ACTIVITIES AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM, YOU ARE FULLY AWARE THAT YOU HAVE CALLED DOWN THESE MEASURES UPON YOURSELVES BY UNLEASHING YOUR INVASION OF THE SOUTH."

BOTH AMBASSADOR PORTER AND AMBASSADOR PHAM DANG LAM OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM URGED THE COMMUNIST SIDE TO ACCEPT PRESIDENT NIXON'S CALL FOR A CEASEFIRE TO HELP CHANCES FOR A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT.

AMBASSADOR LAM DESCRIBED COMMUNIST OPPOSITION TO CEASEFIRE AS "YOUR MEANS OF PRESSURE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT TO YOUR LIKING, INCLUDING THE THREAT OF PERPETUATING A HOTBED OF WAR IN THE INDOCHINESE PENINSULA."

OCCUPATION SHOWS COMMUNIST PLANS FOR SOUTH VIETNAM

NEW YORK, AUG. 10 --- THREE MONTHS OF COMMUNIST RULE IN NORTHERN BINDINH PROVINCE OF SOUTH VIETNAM PROVIDE A RARE PICTURE OF HOW T HE COMMUNISTS WOULD PROCEED---IF THEY HAD THE CHANCE-IN A COMPLETE TAKE- OVER OF THE COUNTRY.

JOSEPH B. TREASTER, NEW YORK TIMES SAIGON CORRESPONDENT WRITING FROM RECENTLY LIBERATED BONGSON IN THE CENTRAL COASTAL PROVINCE, RELATES A STORY OF MASSACRES AND CRUEL TREATMENT OF THE POPULACE.

IN A PAGE ONE STORY PUBLISHED AUGUST 10 MR. TREASTER WROTE:

NYA MORANGERICE:

"IN NUMEROUS INTERVIEWS, PEOPLE WHO LIVED THROUGH THE (COMMUNIST) OCCUPATION HAVE TOLD OF PUBLIC EXECUTIONS, GROUPS OF PEOPLE BEING LED AWAY TO FORCED LABOR OF WORSE, ENORMOUSLY HIGH TAXES, STIFF CONTROLS ON EVERYDAY TRAVEL BETWEEN HAMLETS, AND MANDATORY NIGHTLY POLITICAL LECTURES."

DURING THE OCCUPATION FROM THE END OF APRIL UNTIL SAIGON FORCES OUSTED THEM INCLATE JULY, THE COMMUNISTS REPLACED THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT, HAMLET AND VILLAGE CHIEFS, PLANNED THE DEFENSE AND FINANCING OF TOWNS? AND INITIATED THEIR OWN DISCIPLINES.

AMERICAN OFFICIALS, MR. TREASTER REPORTED, SAW THE COMMUNIST MOVES AS A REVEALING PICTURE OF HOW THEY WOULD GOVERN IN THE COMPLETE TAKEOVER THEY SEEK.

IT WAS THE NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT WHO ON AUGUST 4 REVEALED THAT ALLIED INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS HAD LEARNED THAT DURING THE OCCUPATION 250 TO 500 SAIGON GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN THE PROVINCE HAD BEEN KILLED BY THE COMMUNISTS AND ANOTHER 5,000 PERSONS IMPRISONE) IN DISTANT CAMPS.

"WHEN THE COMMUNISTS CAME A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE WERE VERY HAPPY," MR. TREATER QUOTED A BINDINH PROVINCE FARMER AS SAYING. "ONLY NOW, PEOPLE HAVE HAD THEIR EYES OPENED. THE COMMUNISTS MADE NICE SPEECHES. BUT LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED."

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MANY OF THE MORE THAN 200,000 PERSONS OF NORTHERN BINDINH WERE "SHOCKED BY THE HARSHNESS OF THE COMMUNISTS," MR. TREASTER SAID.

IN HOAI DUC VILLAGE THE COMMUNISTS INSISTED THAT THE PEOPLE SHOW PROOF OF OWNERSHIP OF THEIR BICYLES. "NO ONE COULD PROVE ANYTHING," ONE MAN SAID, "SO WE JUST LOST THE BICYCLES."

IN FOUR WEEKS OF GRADUAL LIBERATION OF THE PROVINCE BY SOUTH VIETNAMESE FORCES, ROUGHLY 130,000 PERSONS HAVE BROKEN AWAY FROM THE COMMUNISTS, MR. TREASTER REPORTED, AND ALLIED OFFICIALS BELIEVE THERE ARE MANY MORE UNABLE TO GET AWAY.

SOME HAVE FLED WITH THE COMMUNISTS INTO THE HILLS BECAUSE THEY WERE EITHER COMPELLED, WERE RELATIVES OF THE OCCUPYING VIET CONG, OR WERE TOLD TERROR STORIES OF WHAT WOULD BE DONE TO THEM .BY THE LIBERATING FORCES.

ONE MAN IN THE PHY MY REFUGEE CENTER SET UP BY THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT, WHEN ASKED BY MR. TREASTER ABOUT THE FEELINGS OF THE BINDINH PEASANTS AND WHICH GOVERNMENT THEY PREFERRED THE STMMUNISTS OR SAIGON -- REPLIED: "OUR PRESENCE HERE SHOWS OUR CHOICE."

U.S. ELECTIONS: "THE CLEAREST CHOICE IN THIS CENTURY"

(BY JOHN ALBERT)

WASHINGTON, AUGUST 10 - THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY ONLY THIS WEEK COMPLETED ITS TICKET FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER. AND FORMALLY AT LEAST, THE REPUBLICANS STILL HAVE TO SELECT THEIR STANDARD BEARER AT THE CONVENTION IN MIAMI BEACH WHICH STARTS ON AUGUST 21. BUT THE OLD AMERICAN TRADITION TO START THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN WITH THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND IN THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER HAS BEEN DISCARDED. AND THERE IS A GENERAL BELIEF THAT THIS YEAR THE VOTERS WILL FACE PARTICULARLY CLEAR CHOICES. IT IS ALSO

ASSUMED THAT THEIR VERDICT CAN SET THE COURSE OF AMERICAN FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC POLICIES IN A MORE CLEAR CUT MANNER THAN IN THE PAST. BEYOND THE BITTERNESS OF THE CAMPAIGN AND THE EXAGGERATED CLAIMS AND COUNTER CLAIMS TRADITIONALLY MADE IN THE PAST THERE WAS A WIDE BODY OF AGREEMENT ON BASIC FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES, AND EVEN ON SOME MAJOR DOMESTIC QUESTIONS. THIS YEAR, THE CONTENDERS, PRESIDENT NIXON AND SENATOR MCTOVERN, SEEM TO BE AGREED ONLY ON ONE BASIC MATTER -- THE GULF OF THEIR ISAGREEMENTS. MR. NIXON WAS FIRST TO CALL THE ISSUES WHICH DIVIDE THE TWO SIDES AS BEING SO WIDE THAT THEY PROVIDE "THE CLEAREST CHOICE IN THIS CENTURY" FOR THE AMERICAN ELECTORATE. IN ANNOUNCING HIS NEW RONNING MATE, SARGENT SHRIVER, SENATOR MCGOVERN TOOK UP THE CHALLENGE BY FULLY AGREEING WITH THE NIXON CHARACTERIZATION OF THEIR CONTEST.

THERE ARE WIDE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO CANDIDATES ON HOW TO END U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM AND ON THE ENTIRE FOREIGN POLICY AND DEFENSE POSTURE THIS COUNTRY SHOULD TAKE. THE DISA-GREEMENT ON ECONOMIC POLICY AND ON PRIORITIES IN GENERAL ALSO COULD HARDLY BE SHARPER. BUT HERE, TOO, THIS CAMPAIGN IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FROM PAST ELECTION CONTESTS. DESPITE THE EARLY START OF THIS CAMPAIGN IT REMAINS DIFFICULT TO SEE WHICH OF THE TWO BROAD ISSUES - DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN PALICY -- WILL GET MAXIMUM ATTENTION. PRESIDENT NIXON HAS PREDICTED ALL ALONG THAT IF THE OPPOSITION STICKS TO VIETNAM AS THE MAJOR ISSUE OF THE CAMPAIGN IT WILL BE CREATLY DISAPPOINTED. MANY INDEPENDENT OBSERVERS TENDED TO AGREE WITH HIM AND TO EXPECT THE MAJOR OPPOSITION ONSLAUGHT AGAINST HIS ECONOMIC POLICIES. WITH THE ECONOMY IN THE UPSWING AND, AT LEAST IN THE ADMINSTRATION VIEW, INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT SIGNIFICANTLY ON THE WAY DOWN, THE REPUBLICAN VULNERABILITY ON DOMESTIC POLICY MAY BE MUCH LESS THAN IT APPEARED TO BE A FEW MONTH AT THE SAME TIME, VIETNAM IS AGAIN IN THE FORE-GROUND AND MUCH WILL DEPEND ON BATTLEFRONT EVENTS AND PROGRESS ---OR LACK OF IT -- IN THE METATIONS DEFORE NONEMBER COMES AROUND.

THE MCGOVERN CAMPAIGN, HOWEVER, IS CLEARLY LINKING ITS ATTACK ON FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC POLICY. IT CLAIMS THAT ONLY A SHARP REVISION IN FOREIGN COMMITMENTS AND SPENDING CAN MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO SOLVE LONG-NEGLECTED DOMESTIC ISSUES.

AS TO PREDICTIONS OF THE OUTCOME OF THIS ELECTION CONTEST, THERE IS ALSO VERY LITTLE MIDDLE GROUND. PUBLIC OPINION POLLS AND COMMENTS BY MANY EDITORIAL WRITERS PUT PRESIDENT NIXON FAR AHEAD AT THIS POINT. SENATOR MCGOVERN AND HIS AIDES FRANKLY ADMIT THAT THEY FACE AN UPHILL FIGHT, BUT POINT TO THE TRUMAN CAMPAIGN IN 1948 AND THE ALMOST SUCCESSFUL HUMPHREY CAMPAIGN OF 1968 AS EXAMPLES OF STARTLING DEMOCRATIC COMEBACKS. THEY ADMIT THAT THEY ARE IN FINANCIAL TROUBLE, BUT PUT THEIR HOPE ON THE ENTHUSIASM AND SUPPORT OF THE MANY SMALL CONTRIBUTORS RATHER THAN BIG DONATIONS OF A FEW. THERE IS ALSO THE INTERESTING PHENOMENON THAT THE NEWS MEDIA---LONG ACCUSED BY THE NIXON FORCES AS EXTREMELY BIASED AGAINST THE REPUBLICANS---HAVE BEEN TREATING SENATOR MCGOVERN AND HIS TROUBLES IN SOLVING THE CRISIS AROUND THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN ANYTHING BUT GENTLE FASHION.

ALL IN ALL, IF THE DECLARED INTENTIONS OF BOTH SIDES ARE FOLLOWED, THE AMERICAN VOTER SHOULD HEAR A LOT ON THE ISSUES, RATHER THAN PERSONALITIES, FROM NOW UNTIL NOVEMBER. AND AS FAR AS PRESIDENT NIXON HIMSELF IS CONCERNED, WHO PROMISED A REAL POLITICAL NEWS CONFERENCE RIGHT AFTER THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION, HE IS NOT PREDICTING EASY VICTORY FOR HIMSELF. RECARDLESS OF WHAT THE PUBLIC OPINION POLLS SHOW, HE RECENTLY SAID, THIS WILL BE A CLOSE, HARD-FOUGHT ELECTION BATTLE RIGHT TO THE END.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

AROUND THE NATION:

SENATOR J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT SAID IN WASHINGTON AUGUST 10, AFTER A C.I.A. BRIEFING OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, THAT THERE WAS NO BASIS FOR CHARGES THAT THE SOVIET UNION LIED ABOUT THE NUMBER OF ITS NUCLEAR MISSILE SUBMARINES. THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED THE BRIEFING IN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOLLOWING CLAIMS BY SENATOR HENRY JACKSON OF WASHINGTON THAT THE SOVIETS MISLED THE U.S. DURING NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS AGREEMENT.

A HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ARMED SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE WHICH HAS BEEN STUDYING THE NATO COMMITMENT RECOMMENDED AGAINST ANY CUTS IN U.S. TROOP STRENGTH IN EUROPE.

ALSO IN WASHINGTON, TOP LEADERS OF THE UNITED AUTO WORKERS AND THE MACHINISTS UNION HELD A JOINT "UNITY OF PURPOSE AND PROGRAM" MEETING AND HINTED THEY MIGHT MERGE SOME DAY TO FORM THE NATION'S LARGEST UNION. A MERGER WOULD RESULT IN A UNION WITH NEARLY 2.4 MILLION MEMBERS.

IN MIAMI BEACH, SENATOR ROBERT GRIFFIN OF MICHIGAN URGED THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM COMMITTEE TO ADOPT A "STRONG, UNEQUIVOCAL PLANK MAKING IT CLEAR" THE G.O.P. OPPOSES COURT-ORDERED BUSING OF SCHOOL CHILDREN ON THE BASIS OF RACE.

IN SAN FRANCISCO, THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION APPROVED A NEW CODE OF ETHICS FOR THE NATION'S 15,000 JUDGES REQUIRING THEM TO REPORT ALL PAY FOR ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THEIR JUDICIAL CFFICE.

IN SEATTLE, THE SOVIET UNION'S DELEGATION TO THE SEATTLE TRADE FAIR AGREED TO PURCHASE 40 MILLION DOLLARS-WORTH OF CRAWLER TRACTORS AND EQUIPMENT FROM INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY. THE SOVIET OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED THAT THEY EXPECTED THE U.S. TO RECIPROCATE BY IMPORTING SOVIET GOODS.

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

AT THE HAGUE, THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE RULED THAT ICELAND SHOULD NOT EXTEND ITS FISHERIES LIMIT FROM 12 TO 90 MILES NEXT SEPTEMBER 1. THE COURT RULED IN A CASE BROUGHT BY BRITAIN AND WEST GERMANY. ICELAND DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE COURT'S JURISDICTION IN THE DISPUTE, AND A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN IN REYKJAVIK SAID HIS COUNTRY WOULD NOT COMPLY WITH THE RULING.

IN BRITAIN, STRIKING LONGSHOREMEN REBUFFED AN ANGRY GROUP OF MILITANT DOCKERS AND DECIDED TO GO BACK TO WORK AUGUST 21. MASS MEETINGS OF STRIKERS AT SEVEN PORTS, INCLUDING LONDON, VOTED OVERWHEIMINGLY TO GO ALONG WITH A DECISION BY UNION LEADERS AND END THE 21-DAY-OLD NATIONWIDE STRIKE.

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IN GENEVA, THE SOVIET UNION CALLED FOR NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THE FIVE NUCLEAR POWERS PRIOR TO THE CONVENING OF A WORLD DISARM.MENT CONFERENCE.

IN ROME, POLICE SAID AN EXPLOSION AUGUST 16 ABOARD AN EL AL JET CARRYING 149 PERSONS TO TEL AVIV WAS CAUSED BY A BOMB CARRIED ABOARD, APPARENTLY UNWITTINGLY, BY TWO ENGLISH GIRIS WHO SAID THEY WERE DUPED BY TWO ARAB YOUTHS THEY MET IN A ROME TERMINAL, THE PLANE RETURNED TO THE AIRPORT AND LANDED SAFELY. SEVERAL PASSENGERS RECEIVED MINOR INJURIES.

PILOTS OF SEVERAL ROYAL MOROCCAN AIR FORCE JETS ATTEMPTED TO ASSASSIMATE KING HASSAN II AUGUST 10 AS HIS PLANE ARRIVED OVER RABAT FROM FRANCE. THE REBELLIOUS PILOTS STRAFED THE KING'S PLANE WHICH MANAGED TO LAND SAFELY. THE KING WAS REPORTED UNHURT. REUTER REPORTED FROM RABAT AUGUST 17 THAT GENERAL MORAMED OUFKIR, MOROCCO'S MINISTER OF DEFENSE, HAD COMMITTED SUICIDE." GOVERNMENT SOURCES SAID THE ATTEMPTED COUP HAD FAILED.

IN JOHANNESBURG, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS ASSOCIATION WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT FOR PERMISSION TO STAGE AN EXHIBITION MATCH NEXT NOVEMBER IN CAPE TOWN BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA'S GARY PLAYER AND AMERICAN NEGRO LEE ELDER.

USINFO:

IN SOUTHERN LAOS, GOVERNMENT UNITS AUGUST 15, SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY FIRE, SUCCESSFULLY ROUTED ENEMY FORCES PREVIOUSLY LOCATED 17 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF PAKSE.

THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTIVITY ELSEWHERE IN LAOS AUGUST 14-15.

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ANOTHER CONVENTION STARTS

BY RICHARD P. WILSON

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUG. 17 -- NOW ANOTHER U.S. POLITICAL PARTY IS HOLDING ITS QUADRENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION.

AGAIN THE CONVENTION SCENE IS THE SEASIDE RESORT CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, BUT ANY RESEMBLANCE BETWEEN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S TURBULENT, SUSPENSEFUL CONVENTION OF JULY 10-13 AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY'S ORDERLY, PRE-PLANNED CONVENTION OF AUGUST 21-23 IS CONFINED ALMOST SOLELY TO THE FACT THAT THE ORGANIZERS OF BOTH DECIDED TO USE THE SAME VAST ASSEMBLY HALL.

THE DEMOCRATS HAD TO GO THROUGH A PARLIAMENTARY CONFLICT OVER THE MAKE UP OF THE CALIFORNIA DELEGATION BEFORE REALIZING THAT THEIR PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE COULD BE NO ONE BUT GEORGE MCGOVERN. CIRCUMSTANCES SUBSEQUENTLY INSURED THAT IT WOULD BE MORE THAN A MONTH LATER BEFORE THEY COULD FINALLY CHOOSE SARGENT SHRIVER AS HIS RUNNING MATE.

THE REPUBLICANS PROBABLY WILL HAVE NO SUCH CONFLICT OVER THE CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES FROM CALIFORNIA OR ANY OTHER STATE. AND THEY HAVE KNOWN FOR SOME TIME THAT THE TICKET WILL BE RICHARD NIXON AND SPIRO T. AGNEW.

IN MIAMI BEACH HOTELS WHERE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEES WERE CAUCUSING, VOTING AND HOLDING HEARINGS THIS WEEK, IT WAS EVIDENT THAT THIS IS A YEAR OF DISSENT FOR THE PARTY RANK AND FILE. NO OTHER NAME BUT MR. NIXON'S WILL BE PUT IN NOMINATION FOR THE PRESIDENCY THIS YEAR. THE LAST POSSIBILITY OF COMPETITION EVAPORTED WHEN TWO COMMITTEES, IN SEPARATE RULINGS, QUASHED U.S. REPRESENTATIVE PAUL MCCLOSKEY'S PLANS. HE HAD HOPED TO HAVE HIS NAME PUT INTO CONTENTION, EVEN THOUGH IN THE PRIMARIES HE WON ONLY ONE DELEGATE COMPARED WITH THE 1,347 NOW SUPPORTING PRESIDENT NIXON.

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BUT THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE DECIDED TO ALLOW A PRO-NIXON DELEGATE TO TAKE THE SEAT OF A NEW MEXICAN DELEGATE MR. MCCLOSKEY HAD BEEN RELYING ON TO PLACE HIS NAME IN NOMINATION. THEN THE RULES COMMITTEE DECREED THAT TO BE PLACED IN NOMINATION A CANDIDATE MUST HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE MAJORITY OF AT LEAST THREE STATE DELEGATIONS. MR. MCCLOSKEY, AN ANTIWAR LIBERAL CANDIDATE FROM CALIFORNIA, HOPES THE NULINGS WILL BE OVERTURNED ON THE CONVENTION FLOOR, BUT POLITICAL OBSERVERS SEE LITTLE CHANCE OF THAT HAPPENING.

EVERYTHING ABOUT THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION CAN BE EXPECTED TO RUN MORE SMOOTHLY THAN DID THE DEMOCRATIC. THIS IS NORMALLY THE SITUATION WHEN THE PARTY IN POWER IS RENOMINATING ITS TICKET, BUT THE CONTRAST IS EVEN SHARPER THIS YEAR.

LESS THAN TEN PERCENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC DELEGATES HAD EVER ATTENDED A CONVENTION; MORE THAN 30 PERCENT TO THE REPUBLICAN DELEGATES ARE VETERANS OF ONE OR MORE PREVIOUS CONVENTIONS. THERE WILL BE FEWER WOMEN, FEWER YOUTHS AND FEWER BLACKS ON THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION FLOOR. BUT THE REPUBLICAN BASE DEFINITELY HAS BEEN BROADENED COMPARED WITH THE 1963 CONVENTION.

IN 1963 ONLY ONE PERCENT OF THE DELEGATES WERE UNDER 30; THIS YEAR YOUTH REPRESENTATION HAS CLIMBED TO 8.7 PERCENT. FOUR YEARS AGO 1.9 PERCENT WERE BLACKS; THIS YEAR BLACK REPRE SENTATION HAS INCREASED TO FOUR PERCENT. WOMEN MADE UP 17 PERCENT OF THE LAST CONVENTION'S DELEGATES; THIS YEAR THE FIGURE IS 30.1 PERCENT.

WHILE THE BROADENING OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY BASE IS NOT AS DRAMATIC AS THAT OF THE DEMOCRATS, IT IS NEVERTHELESS EVIDENT THAT THE REPUBLICANS ARE IN TRANSITION. AND THERE ARE LIBERAL GROUPS WITHIN THE PARTY PRESSING FOR MORE SUCH REFORM. IF THERE ARE TO BE ANY FLOOR FIGHTS AT ALL THIS YEAR, THIS IS THE LIKELIEST ISSUE.

ONE LIBERAL GROUP WANTS DELEGATE APPORTIONMENT AT THE 1976 CONVENTION THAT WOULD INCREASE THE REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN AND MINORITY GROUPS. ANOTHER LIBERAL GROUP WANTS GREATER REPRESENTATION FOR THE MORE POPULOUS STATES. THEY ARE OPPOSED BY THE CONSERVATIVES WHO ARE SATISFIED WITH THE WAY THINGS ARE; AS ONE PUT IT, THE LIBERAL MOVES AS AN EFFORT TO PREVENT THE PARTY MACHINERY FROM PASSING INTO THE HANDS OF MR. AGNEW IN 1976.

WHETHER REFORM MEASURES SATISFACTORY TO THE MAJORITY CAN BE WORKED OUT IN COMMITTEE MEETINGS OR WHETHER THEY WILL HAVE TO BE THRESHED OUT ON THE CONVENTION FLOOR REMAINED ONE OF THE VERY FEW UNDECIDED QUESTIONS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SESSION'S GAVELING TO ORDER.

EXERPTS FROM "SOUTH EAST ASIA GAINES IN HEROIN CONTROL, OPIUM SURVEY FINDS" BY RON MOXNESS

WASHINGTON, AUG. 17--SOUTHEAST ASIA TODAY IS THE SOURCE OF FROM FIVE TO TEN PERCENT OF THE HEROIN RACHING THE UNITED STATES, BUT DRUG CONTROL EFFORTS ARE IMPROVING.

THIS IS A MAJOR CONCLUSION OF A 1972 WORLD OPHUM SURVEY RELEASED AUGUST 15 BY PRESIDENT NIXON'S CABINET COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL. THE COMMITTEE REPORT PRAISED THE INCREASED TEMPO OF NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES IN SOME OF WHICH U.S. AGENTS ARE ASSISTING, IN THE MIDDLE EAST, EUROPE, AND ASIA.

WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE PROBLEMS OF LAOS AND SOUTH VIETNAM RESULT FROM WAR AND INSURGENT GROUPS WHICH CONTROL LARGE AREAS OF OPIUM POPPY REGIONS, THE REPORT SAID "SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS" IN ATTACKS ON NARCOTICS PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN MADE IN BOTH THESE COUNTRIES AND IN THAILAND.

"THE PASSAGE LAST NOVEMBER OF AN ANTI NARCOTICS LAW IN LAOS-THE FIRST IN ITS HISTORY--AND THE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM'S TOUGH, NEW LAW PROVIDING THE DEATH PENALTY FOR MAJOA TRAFFICKERS, ARE GOOD EXAMPLES OF CHANGES IN ATTITUDE," IT WAS ASSERTED. "THEROYAL THAI GOVERNMENTS NEW SPECIAL NARCOTICS OPELATION (SNO) IS A MOBILE STRIKE FORCE THAT HAS BEEN MAKING THE LIFE OF DRUG THAFFICKERS IN NORTHERN THAILAND DIFFICULT, COSTLY AND DANGEROUS DURING RECENT MONTHS."

HANOI RESTRICTS FLOW OF MAIL BETWEEN PRISONERS, FAMILIES

WASHINGTON, AUG. 17--NORTH VIETNAM'S PERSISTENT REFUSAL TO PERMIT INSPECTION OF PRISONER OF WAR FACILITIES CAN ONLY FUEL DOUBT CONCERNING ITS TREATMENT OF PRISONERS, DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS MAINTAIN.

"WE CAN'T HELP'BUT WONDER WHAT THEY HAVE TO HIDE," SAID PENTAGON SPOKESMAN, MAJOR GENERAL DANIEL C. JAMES, DURING A PRESS BRIEFING AUGUST 17. "WE WOULD LIKE SOME REASSURANCE OF THEIR WELL-BEING. HANOI HAS NEVER PERMITTED EVEN A PARTIAL INSPECTION OF POW CAMPS."

GENERAL JAMES CHARGED HANOI WITH IMPEDING THE FLOW OF MAIL BET-WEEN PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND HOLDING SOME OF THEM "INCOMMUNICADO AS WELL AS INCOGNITO."

THE TEN U.S. PRISONERS WHO APPEAR IN A FILM BROUGHT BACK FROM HANOI BY FORMER U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK, GENERAL JAMES SAID, "ARE THE SAME TEN THEY HAVE PUT ON DISPLAY FOR FOREIGN VISITORS SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE."

HE QUESTIONED WHY NO OTHER PRISONERS HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED OR FILMED BY FOREIGN VISITORS.

"WE HAVE ONLY THEIR WORD THAT THE PRISONERS ARE ADEQUATELY CARED FOR," THE GENERAL POINTED OUT. "WHAT ARE THEY HIDING ?"

AS FOR MR. CLARK'S STATEMENT BEFORE A SENATE COMMITTEE THAT SOME PRISONERS HE INTERVIEWED BELIEVE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SOMEHOW IS RESTRICTING THEIR CORRESPONDENCE WITH THEIR FAMILIES, GENERAL JAMES DENIED THAT THIS IS SO.

THE GOVERNMENT MAKES NO EFFORT TO MONITOR MAIL SENT THROUGH NORMAL POSTAL CHANNELS, ADDED PENTAGON SPOKESMAN JERRY FRIEDHEIM, ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS, SUCH AS CHRISTMAS, THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT DOES HELP COLLECT AND SHIP MAIL AND PARCELS, MANY OF WHICH ARE RETURNED BY NORTH VIETNAM.

HE DISPLAYED PHOTOS OF PARCEIS WHICH CAME BACK IN DECEMBEA, 1971, STAMPED "REFUSE PAR VIETNAM." NO EXPLANATION FOR THE REFUSALS HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING, HE NOTED.

IF ANYONE IS INTERFERING WITH PRISONER-OF-WAR MAIL, IT IS NORTH VIETNAM, GENERAL JAMES SAID, THE GENEVA CONVENTION OF 1949 AUTHORIZES PRISONERS OF WAR TO SEND TWO LETTERS AND FOUR POSTAL CARDS MONTHLY. THE FLOW OF MAIL FROM NORTH VIETNAM HAS BEEN FAR SHORT OF THAT, AND, IN ADDITION, LETTERS HAVE NEVER BEEN RECEIVED FROM SOME PRISONERS KNOWN TO BE IN NORTH VIETNAMESE HANDS.

HANOI HAS ACKNOWLEDGED CUSTODY OF 413 U.S. SERVICEMEN; THE VIET CONG, 104, LAO COMMUNISTS HOLD FIVE.

A TOTAL OF 1,240 U.S. SERVICEMEN ARE LISTED AS MISSING, AND NORTH VIETNAM REFUSES TO CLARIFY THEIR STATUS --- DEAD OR CAPTIVE.

FAMILIES OF 56 U.S. PRISONERS HAVE RECEIVED MAIL, INCLUDING 19 WHO ARE CAPTIVES OF THE VIET CONG. NO MAIL HAS COME FROM THE FIVE PRISONERS IN LAOS.

THE FLOW OF MAIL IS CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN THAT STIPULATED BY THE GENEVA CONVENTION, GENERAL JAMES POINTED OUT.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

AROUND THE NATION:

UNDER THE HEADING "WE'RE NOT LEAVING THE PARTY -- BUT WE CANNOT SUPPORT SENATOR MCGOVERN," 43 PROMINENT DEMOCRATS LAUNCHED A FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN TO RE-ELECT PRESIDENT NIXON WITH FULL-PAGE ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE WASHINGTON POST AND THE NEW YORK TIMES. FORMER TREASURY SECRETARY JOHN CONNALLY IS CHAIRMAN OF THE "DEMOCRATS FOR NIXON COMMITTEE." INCLUDED AMONG CO-VICE CHAIRMEN ARE: FORMER USIA DIRECTOR LEONARD H. MARKS, JAMES ROOSEVELT, SAMMY DAVIS, JR., FRANK SINATRA, AND FRANK FITZ-SIMMONS, PRESIDENT OF THE 1.9-MILLION-MEMBER TEAMSTERS UNION.

FORMER PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON, AT HIS RANCH NEAR STONEWALL, TEXAS, ENDORSED SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVEAN FOR PRESIDENT. "I BELIEVE THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY BEST SERVES THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE," MR. JOHNSON SAID, "THEREFORE, I INTEND TO SUPPORT THE 1972 DEMOCRATIC TICKET."

AND IN NEW YORK, TWO A.F.L...C.I.O. AFFILIATES REPRESENTING ALMOST HALF A MILLION WORKERS, ENDORSED SENATOR MCGOVERN AND SARGENT SHRIVER. THE UNIONS ARE THE 420,000-MEMBER INTERNATIONAL LADIES' GALMENT WORKERS' UNION AND THE 50,000 MEMBER FURNITURE WORKERS OF AMERICA.

PRESIDENT NIXON NAMED RETIRING CONGRESSMAN FRANK BOW OF OHIO TO REPLACE ROBERT M. SAYRE AS AMBASSADOR TO PANAMA.

ALSO IN WASHINGTON, SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER MIKE MANSFIELD SAID HE DID NOT THINK PRESIDENT NIXON WAS "BAMBOOZLED" AT THE MOSCOW SUMMIT DURING NEGOTIATIONS FOR A TEMPORARY AGREEMENT LIMITING OFFENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. SENATOR HENRY JACKSON OF WASHINGTON HAS CHARGED THAT THE SOVIETS LIED TO THE PRESIDENT ABOUT THE NUMBER OF NUCEAR SUBMARINES THEY. HAD, EITHER DEPLOYED OR BEING BUILT.

A U.S. MAGISTRATE IN NEW YORK FOUND MRS. CLIFFORD IRVING EXTRADITABLE TO SWITZERLAND TO FACE CRIMINAL CHARGES STEMMING FROM HER COLLABORATION WITH HER HUSBAND IN THE HOWARD HUGHES "AUTOBIOGRAPHY" HOAX.

IN COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ACTING F.B.I. DIRECTOR, L. PATRICK GRAY III, SAID HE WOULD PERSONNALY SUBMIT HIS RESIGNATION TO PRESIDENT NIXON AFTER THE NOBEMBER ELECTION, AND SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE A PRECEDENT WORTH FOLLOWING. MR. GRAY WAS IN COLUMBIA ON AN INSPECTION TOUR OF F.B.I. OFFICES.

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

IN OTTAWA, PAI HSIANG-KUO, FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, BEGAN A 10-DAY TOUR OF FIVE MAJOR CANADIAN CITIES. THE OPENING OF A CHINESE TRADE FAIR HEADED HIS ITINERARY.

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IN REYKJAVIK, ICELAND, BOBBY FISCHER AND BORIS SPASSKY TOOK THE DAY OFF AFTER BATTLING TO A DAAW IN THE 14TH ROUND OF THE 24-GAME WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP. FISCHER IS NOW WITHIN FOUR POINTS OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, WITH A LEAD OF EIGHT AND ONE-HALF TO FIVE AND ONE-HALF POINTS. -

IN LONDON, DELEGATES OF BRITAIN'S LONGSHOREMEN VOTED TO END THE 20-DAY-OLD DOCK STRIKE, BUT THE DOCKERS THEMSELVES WEAE SO ANGAY AT THE TERMS AGREED UPON THEY ATTACKED THEIR UNION LEADERS AND BATTLED WITH POLICE.

NOATH VIETNAMESE POLITBURO MEADER LE DUC THO LEFT PARIS FOR HANOI VLA MOSCOW AND WARNED REPORTERS AGAINST MAKING "INEXACT CONCLUSIONS." HE SAID HE WAS RETURNING TO HANOI FOR ROUTINE CONSULTATIONS.

ALSO IN PARIS, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT FRANCE AND BRITAIN HAVE GIVEN THE GO AHEAD FOR FINAL STUDIES ENVISAGING A START NEXT YEAR ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CHANNEL TUNNEL LINKING THE TWO COUNTRIES. LATEST ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT IS 815 MILLION DOLLARS.

U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM ARRIVED IN VIENNA FROM HIS FIRST VISIT TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. HE PLANS TO SPEND SEVERAL DAYS HOLIDAYING WITH HIS FAMILY AT THIS SUMMER RESIDENCE. THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION PERMITTING, MR. WALDHEIM WILL TRAVEL TO MUNICH LATER THIS MONTH FOR THE OPENING OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES.

IN SHANGHAI, THE ARRIVAL OF TWO JAPANESE AIRLINERS BROUGHT THE TWO ASIAN POWERS ONE STEP CLOSER TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC TIES. THE AIRLINERS WERE MAKING THE FIRST JAPANESE COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS TO CHINA SINCE WORLD WAR TWO.

DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER ARRIVED IN SAIGON FOR TALKS WITH SOUTH VIETNAM'S PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU. TALKS WITH AMBASSADOR ELLSWORTH BUNKER AND GENERAL FREDERICK C. WEYAND, COMMANDER OF U.S. FORCES IN SOUTH VIETNAM, ALSO ARE SCHEDULED.

ELSEWHERE IN SOUTH VIETNAM, THE FIGHTING FOR QUANG TAI CITY CONTINUED. NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS, ADVANCING UNDER COVER OF AN ARTILLERY BARRAGE, ATTACKED GOVERNMENT MARINES AT TWO POINTS WITHING A HALF MILE OF THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL BUT WERE DRIVEN BACK.

IN SANTIAGO, SIX HEAVILY ARMED URBAN GUERRILLAS WHO ESCAPED FROM AN ARGENTINE JAIL AND HIJACKED A JET AIRLINER TO CHILE, SURRENDERED TO POLICE. EARLIER, IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE HIJACKERS WERE TRYING TO GET TO CUBA.

PRICES CLOSED LOWER ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE SESSION. TRADING WAS MODERATE. DECLINES TOPPED. ADVANCES BY ABOUT 150 ISSUES AMONG THE MORE THAN 1,750 TRADES. PRICES ALSO MOVED LOWER ON THE AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

DOW JONES	CLOSING STO	CK AVERAGES	: 30	INDUS	964.25	OFF	5.72	
			20	TRANS	232.51	OFF	1.94	
			15	UTILS	109.15	UP	0.57	
			65	STOCKS	316.00	OFF	1.54	
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PRESIDENT NIXON VETOED AUGUST 16 A 0.5 BILLION DOLLAR SPENDING BILL FOR THE DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR AND HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE WHICH WAS 1,76 BILLION DOLLARS OVER HIS BUDGET REQUEST. MR. NIXON CITED THE BILL AS "A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF THAT KIND OF RECKLESS SPENDING THAT JUST CANNOT BE DONE WITHOUT MORE TAXES OR MORE INFLATION.

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IN SOUTHERN LAOS, GOVERNMENT UNITS AUGUST 15, SUPPORTED BY ARTIL-LERY FIRE, SUCCESSFULLY ROUTED EMEMY FORCES PREVIOUSLY LOCATED 17 KILOMETERS ELSEWHERE NORTHERST OF PARSE.

THERE WERE NO REFORTS OF SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTIVITY IN LAOS AUGUST 14-15.

WHITE HOUSE CAUTIONS ON KISSINGER SPECULATION

WASHINGTON, AUG. 16 DR. HENRY KISSINGER RETURNS TO WASHINGTON AUGUST 19 AND WILL REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO PRESIDENT NIXON ON HIS TRIPS TO PARIS, SAIGON AND TOKYO.

DR. KISSINGER MR. NIXON'S NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS ADVISEA, WAS IN SAIGON AUGUST 16 FOR A GENERAL REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND AT THE PARIS PEACE TALKS. HE HELD HIS 16TH PRIVATE MEETING WITH DE DUC THO, A SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATION AT THE PEACE TALKS, ON AUGUST 14 IN PARIS.

THE WHITE HOUSE SAID AUGUST 16 THAT MR. NIXON HAS ASKED DR. KISSINGER TO CONFER WITH JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER TANAKA AND FOREIGN MINISTER OHIRA IN TOKYO AUGUST 18 AND 19. DR. KISSINGER, IN THE COURSE OF THOSE CONVERSATIONS, WILL BE MAKING FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR MR. NIXON'S CONFERENCE WITH MR. TANAKA IN HAWAII AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 1.

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RONALD ZIEGLER AUGUST 15 TRIED TO SQUASH SPECULATION THAT DR. KISSINGER'S TRAVELS AND HIS CONFERENCE WITH SOUTH VIETNAM'S PRESIDENT THIEU MAY PORTEND SOME MOVEMENT IN WASHINGTON'S INTENSIVE AND PROTRACTED EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A SETTLEMENT IN INDOCHINA.

WHILE POINTING OUT THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT BEEN COMMENTING ON THE SUBSTANCE OF DR. KISSINGER'S PRIVATE SESSIONS IN PARIS WITH MR. THO, MR. ZIEGLER REMINDED NEWSMEN HE HAS ALSO CAUTIONED "MANY TIMES THAT YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT SPECULATION IS ONLY SPECULATION."

ASKED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT A REPORT PUBLISHED IN THE MIAMI HERALD, MR. ZIEGLER COMMENTED THAT "THOSE WHO ARE AWARE OF THE CONTENT OF THE KISSINGER-THO TALKS ARE VERY FEW, "ADDING THAT DR. KISSINGER'S TRIP TO SAIGON WAS FOR THE PURPOSE STATED ---A GENERAL REVIEW WITH MR. THIEU OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WAR AND AT THE PEACE TABLE.

THE HERALD STORY ASSERTED THAT DR. KISSINGER WOULD ASK MR. THIEU TO STEP ASIDE SO THAT AN INTERIM COALITION GOVERNMENT COULD TAKE POWER IN SAIGON.

MR. ZIEGLER SAID "IT IS INCORRECT SPECULATION TO SAY THE PURPOSE OF DR. KISSINGER'S TRIP" WAS TO MAKE ANY SUCH REQUEST.

ASKED IF THE PRESIDENT BELIEVES IT TO BE IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST OF BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND SOUTH VIETNAM FOR PRESIDENT THIEU TO REMAIN IN OFFDCE, MR. ZIEGLER REPLIED HE WOULD "NOT BE RESPONSIVE TO THIS LINE OF QUESTIONING."

RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS ON A RELATED SUBJECT, MR. ZIEGLER SAID THE PRESIDENT HAS NOT YET REACHED A DECISION ON THE U.S. TROOP LEVEL IN SOUTH VIETNAM AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, WHEN THE CEILING IS SCHEDULED TO DROP TO 39,000 MEN, WHILE AN ANNOUNCE-MENT OF MR. NIXON'S DECISION IS TO BE MADE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, MR. ZIEGLER ADDED THAT THE EXACT TIME HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED. WITHIN DAYS LOSSES SUFFELED IN THE FIELD IN VIETNAM WERE HEING MADE UP FROM SOURCES OF SUPPLY IN THE UNITED STATES, WHICH WAS MAKING GOOD ON ITS COMMITMENTS TO THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE.

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NORTH VIETMAMESE HEAVY EQUIPMENT LOSSES, BY CONTAINST, REMAIN LARGELY UNREPLACED. BETWEEN 400 AND 500 TANKS NOW LIE WRECKED AND RUSTING ALONG THE ROADS TO AN LOC, MUE AND QUANG TRI.

THEY WERE KNOCKED OUT OF OPERATION BY ALLIED GROUND AND AIL ATTACKS WHICH ALSO TOOK A HEAVY TOLL OF COMMUNIST ARTILLERY.

MAJOR NORTH VIETNAMESE PORTS ... ONCE SUPPLY POINTS FOR HANOI'S MILITARY MACHINE IN THE SOUTH ... HAVE BEEN SEALED OFF BY U.S. MINING OPERATIONS, AND INTERNAL HAIL, WATER, AND HIGHWAY LINES ... ALL ROUTES OF MILITARY SUPPLY MAVE BEEN INTERDICTED BY U.S. PLANES.

THE NORTH VIETNAMESE INVADELS ARE NOW BEING FORCED TO DALW HEAVILY ON PREPOSITIONED CACHES OF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY HIDDEN IN SOUTH VIETNAM DURING PREVIOUS EXPEDITIONS.

SOUTH VIETNAM NOT ONLY HAS MORE MEDIUM TANKS AND FIELD ARTILLERY PIECES THAN WHEN THE INVASION STARTED, BUT HAS SENT INTO THE FIELD NEW ANTI-TANK AND ANTI-PERSONNEL ARMS NOT PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED IN THE ARMY'S ARSENAL.

EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT OF EARLY SOUTH VIETNAMESE TANK LOSSES WAS MADE BY THE WORLD'S LARGEST CARGO PLANE, THE AMERICAN C-5, CAPABLE OF LIFTING TWO MEDIUM TANKS OR THREE LIGHT TANKS HALF WAY ROUND THE GLOBE.

THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE ANTI TANK CAPABILITY HAS BEEN BOLSTERED BY A WIRE-GUIDED MISSILE WHICH HAS PROVED EXTRAORDINARILY ACCURATE AND EASY TO MASTER, AND AN INDIVIDUAL INFANTRY WEAPON CALLED THE LAW (LIGHT ANTI-TANK WEAPON). THE LAW IS A SINGLE SHOT WEAPON WHOSE CARDBOARD CARRYING CASE DOUBLES AS A LAUNCHER WHICH IS DISCARDED AFTER FIRING.

BOTH ANTI-TANK DEVICES ARE CAPABLE OF PENETRATING ANY KNOWN ARMOR PLATE IN THE WORLD.

THE LAW WEIGHTS ONLY 2.2 KILOGRAMS AND HAS A RANGE OF 200 METERS. CAMBODIA ALSO IS BEING ISSUED THE LAW TO HELP COUNTER INCREASED NORTH VIETNAMESE USE OF ARMOR IN THAT COUNTRY.

ANOTHER DUAL PURPOSE WEAPON ADDED TO THE ARVN INVENTORY SINCE THE MARCH INVASION IN THE U.S. ARMY'S MULTIPLE. 50 CALIBER MACHINE GUN--FOUR GUNS AIMED AND FIRED AS A SINGLE ENTITY. DESIGNED ORIGINALLY AS AN ANTI AIRCHAFT WEAPON, THE "QUAD-FIFTY" IS DEVASTATING AGAINST MASSED GROUND TROOPS.

EACH OF ITS FOUR GUNS IS CAPABLE OF SUNSTAINED FIRE AT A WATE OF 450 TO 550 MOUNDS PER MINUTE, A TOTAL OF 1300 TO 2200 ROUNDS EVERY 60 SECONDS.

SOUTH VIETNAMESE AIR POWER ALSO IS BEING MODERNIZED WITH THE ADDITION OF AN IMPROVED SUPERSONIC MODEL OF THE F75 FREEDOM FIGHTER, A PLANE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR SMALL'S NATIONS WITH A STRONG NEED FOR MODERN AIR WEAPONRY.

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AROUND THE NATION:

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AT THE UNITED NATIONS, SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM, ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS OF SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, ADVISED WEST GERMANY THAT THE DELEGATION OF A RHODESIAN TEAM IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES AT MUNICH MIGHT CONFLICT WITH COUNCIL-ORDERED SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA. IT WAS THE FIRST FORMAL U.N. REACTION TO THE RISING CONTROVERSY OVER RHODESIA'S FIELDING OF WHITE AND BLACK ALTHLETES FOR THE OLYMPICS WHICH OPEN AUGUST 26.

UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL'S WASHINGTON BUREAU REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT NIXON CONFERRED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS AND DR. HENNY KISSINGER AT CAMP DAVID OVER THE WEEKEND. DR. KISSINGER RETURNED TO WASHINGTON AUGUST 19, AFTER VISITS TO PARIS, SAIGON, AND TOKYO.

ADMIRAL HAROLD R. STARK, CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS WHEN JAPAN ATTACKED PEARL HARBOR, DIED AT HIS WASHINGTON HOME, ADMIRAL STARK LATER COMMANDED NAVAL FORCES DURING THE ALLIED INVASION OF NORMANDY, HE WAS 91.

IN BOSTON, NOBEL PRIZE-WINNING-ECONOMIST PAUL A. SAMUELSON SAID FEDERAL TAXES WILL RISE AGAIN NEXT YEAR, REGARDLESS OF WHO IS ELECTED PRESIDENT. BUT, OVERALL, HE PREDICTED, "1973 WILL BE A GOOD YEAR" ECONOMICALLY. MR. SAMUELSON IS HEAD OF THE ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT AT MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

AT CAPE KENNEDY, THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION LAUNCHED COPERNICUS, THE FOURTH OF A SERIES OF ORBITING ASTRO-NOMICAL OBSERVATORIES. THE OBSERVATORY WEIGHS 4,900 POUNDS AND IS ONLY THE SECOND SUCCESSFUL ONE IN THE SERIES.

PRESIDENT NIXON HAS SIGNED LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING 38,520,000 DOLLARS FOR RADIO FREE EUROPE AND RADIO LIBERTY IN FISCAL YEAR IN 1973.

IN MIAMI BEACH, LABOR SECRETARY JAMES D. HODGSON PREDICTED THAT PRESIDENT NIXON WILL GET THE BIGGEST LABOR VOTE A REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE HAS WON FOR THE LAST 40 YEARS.

ALSO IN MIAMI BEACH, THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION SPOTLIGHT WILL FOCUS ON MRS. NIXON THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 21 FOR A UNIQUE TRIBUTE TO THE FIRST LADY FROM THE DELEGATES AND THE PARTY THEY REPRESENT.

SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN ARRIVED IN WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA, TO BEGIN A FIVE-DAY CAMPAIGN TRIP AROUND THE COUNTRY. HE WAS TO TOUR FLOOD-RAVAGED AREAS OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND MEET WITH FLOOD VICTIMS WHO SAY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SLOW IN MEFTING THEIR NEEDS.

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

IN REYKJAVIK, ICELAND, AUGUST 20, BOBBY FISCHER AND BORIS

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SPASSKY AGREED TO A DRAW AFTER OO MOVES IN THE 16TH GAME OF THE WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH. FISCHER NOW LEADS BY NINE AND-ONE-HALF TO SIX-AND-ONE-HALF POINTS IN THE 24-GAME SERIES.

IN SOUTH KOREA, NEARLY MALF A MILLION PUBLIC OFFICIALS, MILITIAMEN AND STUDENTS WERE ENGAGED IN CLEARING UP THE DEDRIS LEFT BY DISASTROUS RAINS WHICH KILLED 353 PEOPLE IN CENTRAL KOREA OVER THE WEEKEND. AND ADDITIONAL 362 SOUTH KOREANS WERE INJURED.

IN PEKING THE LARGEST TRADE FAIR EVER STAGED BY CANADA IS DESCRIBED AS THE MOST IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT IN SINO-CANADIAN RELATIONS SO FAR. MORE THAN 250 CANADIAN FIRMS ARE EXHIBITING AT THE FAIR.

IN CANBERRA, LABOR PARTY PARLIAMENTARIAN ALBERT GRASSBY SAID THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S INABILITY TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IS DAMAGING AUSTRALIA'S WHEAT EXPORT MARKET.

IN SOUTH VIETNAM, THE U.S. COMMAND ANNOUNCED THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAVE BROUGHT TANKS INTO AN AREA ONLY 15 MILES SOUTH OF THE AMERICAN AIR BASE AT DANANG. THE COMMAND ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE NUMBER OF U.S. TROOPS IN SOUTH VIETNAM FELL TO 39,200 LAST WEEK, JUST 200 MEN ABOVE THE LEVEL ORDERED BY PRESIDENT NIXON FOR THE END OF THE MONTH.

IN NEIGHBORING CAMBODIA, CABINET MINISTER SON NGOC THANH ESCAPED UNHURT AFTER TERRORISTS ATTEMPTED TO BLOW UP HIS CAR.

DOW JONES CLOSING STOCK AVERAGES: 30 INDUS 967.19 UP 1.36 20 TRANS 232.47 UP 0.38 15 UTILS 110.81 UP 0.57 65 STOCKS 317.28 UP 0.65 VOLUME 14,290,000 SHARES.

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IN NORTHERN LAOS, NINE GROUND CLASHES AND SHELLINGS WERE REPORTED OVER THE WEEKEND IN THE LONG TIENG-SAM THONG AREA, BUT THERE WAS NO BASIC CHANGE IN THE MILITARY SITUATION THERE.

IN SOUTHERN LAOS, A FEW CLASHES WERE REPORTED NORTHEAST OF KHONG SEDONE, AND NORTHEAST AND EAST OF PAKSE.

THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTIVITY ELSEWHERE IN LAOS AUGUST 19-20.

ROGERS MADE NO 'FLAT-OUT' PREDICTION ON WAR'S END, SPOKESMEN SAY

WASHINGTON, AUG. 21-- IN SAYING THAT PEACE IN VIETNAM MIGHT BE NEGOTIATED BEFORE THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER OR SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS WAS EXPRESSING A PERSONAL FEELING AND NOT MAKING A PREDICTION, THE WHITE HOUSE AND STATE DEPARTMENT SAY.

SPOKESMEN FOR BOTH MADE THIS CLEAR AUGUST 21 IN FIELDING NEWSMEN'S QUESTIONS ABOUT MR. ROGERS' STATEMENT IN AN INTERVIEW GIVEN TO THE KNIGHT NEWSPAPER CHAIN. THE SECRETARY WAS QUOTED AS SAYING:

"I THINK THAT EITHER WE WILL HAVE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BEFORE THE ELECTION, WHICH I THINK IS A POSSIBILITY, OR WE WILL HAVE ONE VERY SOON AFTER PRESIDENT NIXON'S RE-ELECTION."

... BECAUSE I THINK THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARE HAVING SERIOUS MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL DIFFICUMTIES. THE HOLE OF SEVERAL OF THEIR ALLIES INDICATED THAT IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD MOST NATIONS FEEL THAT THE WAR SHOULD BE ENDED BY NEGOTIATION. AND SO I THINK THAT WILL BE THE INEVITABLE RESULT OF THESE PRESSURES."

SOME EDITORS, IN WRITING THEIR MEADLINES FOR NEWS ACCOUNTS ABOUT THE INTERVIEW, HAD THE SECRETARY OF STATE FEATLY PREDICTING PEACE IN VIETNAM. NOT SO, SAID TOP GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN.

DEPUTY WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY GERALD WARREN TOLD NEWSMEN "IT WAS CLEAR" THAT MR. ROGERS WAS GIVING AN EVALUATION "DASED ON MIS PERSONAL APPRAISAL...MOT MAKING A PREDICTION BASED ON ANY EXCHANGES THAT MAY OR MAY NOT MAVE OCCURRED."

STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN KOLERT J. MCCLOSKEY TOLD QUESTIONERS MR. ROGERS HAD NOT MADE "A FLAT-OUT PREDICTION" WHEN THE WAR WOULD END, AND WOULD STAND DEHIND WHAT HE HAD SAID. MR. MCCLOSKEY EXPRESSED BELIEF THE SECRETARY'S APPRAISAL "WILL STAND IN LIGHT OF SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS."

HEABERT G. KLEIN, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, TOLD A TELEVISION PANEL SHOW THE DATE OF A VIETNAM SETTLEMENT "WILL DEPEND ON WHEN THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WILL DE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT." HE ADDED HE REGARDED SECRETARY ROGERS' COMMENT "MORE AS A HOPE THAN, .. ANY PINNED DOWN DATE."

IN THE INTERVIEW, MR. ROGERS SAID HE THOUGHT A SETTLEMENT IS NEAR DECAUSE HANOI'S MASSIVE INVASION ACROSS THE DE-MILITARIZED ZONE BETWEEN THE TWO VIETNAMS MAS NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL, AND THAT INTERNATIONAL OPINION IS BEHIND PRESIDENT NIXON'S POLICIES. AND, HE ADDED, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARE BEGINNING TO BELIEVE THE WAR IS HOPELESS.

"I THINK ALL OF THESE THINGS WILL COMBINE TO MAKE THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WANT TO WORK OUT A SETTLEMENT," HE SAID. "NOW, WHTHEN THAT HAPPENS BEFORE THE ELECTION, OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER, I DON'T KNOW. BUT I AM CONVINCED IT WILL HAPPEN."

MR. WARKEN POINTED OUT THAT BOTH NORTH VIETNAM AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE AGREED NOT TO DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF THE PRIVATE TALKS BETWEEN DR. HENNY KISSINGER, THE PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS ADVISER, AND LE DUC THO, HANOI'S SPECIAL ADVISER TO ITS PARIS PEACE TALKS DELEGATION. THE TWO OFFICIALS HELD THEIR 16TH SESSION IN PARIS AUGUST 14, AFTER WHICH MR. KISSINGER TRAVELLED TO SAIGON FOR CONFERENCES WITH SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRESIDENT THIEU, AND MR. THO RETURNED TO HANOI BY WAY OF MOSCOW AND PEKING.

REPUBLICAN PARTY ENDORSING PRESIDENT'S EAST ASIAN POLICIES

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUGUST 21-- THE REPUBLICAN PARTY'S PLAT-FORM FOR 1972 WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CARRY A STRONG ENDORSEMENT OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S EAST ASIAN POLICIES OF THE PAST FOUR YEARS AND A PROMISE OF THEIR CONTINUATION.

A DRAFT PLATFORM WHICH SETS THE PARTY'S PRINCIPLES AND GOALS FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS CONTAINS A FOREIGN POLICY SECTION WHICH IS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE OVERWHEIMING SUPPORT FROM THE 1,34 DELEGATES WHO OPENED THE PARTY'S NATIONAL CONVENTION HERE AUGUST 21.

THE PLATFORM PROMISES A CONTINUED U.S. EFFORT "TO SEEK A SETTLEMENT OF THE VIETNAM WAR WHICH WILL PERMIT THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHEAST ASIA TO LIVE IN REACE UNDER POLITICAL APPANGEMENTS OF THEIR OWN CHOOSING..." IT NOTES THAT SINCE WORLD WAR 11 THE UNITED STATES HAS PLAYED A MAJOA ROLE IN THE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO ASSIST DEVELOPING NATIONS -- INCLUDING THOSE IN EAST ASIA--AND PROMISES TO REPORM U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND TO INDUCE GREATER INTERNATIONAL SHARING OF THE AID EFFORT.

THE PLATFORM RECALLS THAT DURING THE 1960'S A NUMBER OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ISSUES DEVELOPED IN U.S. RELATIONS WITH JAPAN WHICH PRESIDENT NIXON HAS ATTEMPTED TO RESOLVE BY TERMINATING U.S. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATION OF OKINAWA AND THROUGH REDUCTION OF THE U.S. TRADE DEFICIT WITH JAPAN.

IT PLEDGES CLOSE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTAIES IN THEIR SEPARATE EFFORTS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH PEKING.

IN THESE TWO WAYS, THE PLATFORM SAYS, THE UNITED STATES HAS SHIFTED THE VITAL ALLIANCE WITH JAPAN TO A MORE SUSTAINABLE BASIS FOR LONG TERM RELATIONSHIPS, RECOGNIZING THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF UNITED STATES-JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP ADVANCES THE INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

ALSO LOOKING BACK OVER THE DECADE OF THE 1960'S, THE PLATFORM SAYS IT SEEMED BEYOND POSSIBLILITY THAT THE UNITED STATES COULD DISPEL THE INCRAINED HOSTILITY AND CONFRONTATION WITH THE CLINESE MAINLAND.

PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WAS, THEREFORE, AN HISTORIC MILESTONE IN HIS EFFORT TO TRANSFORM THE TIMES FROM ONE OF CONFRONTATION TO NEGOTIATION.

WHILE PROFOUND DIFFERENCES REMAIN BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA, THE PLATFORM ACKNOWLEDGES, AT A LEAST A GENERATION OF HOSTILITY HAS BEEN REPLACED BY FRANK DISCUSSIONS.

IN FEBRUARY OF 1972 RULES OF INTERNATIONAL CONDUCT WERE AGREED UPON--BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND PEKING--WHICH SHOULD MAKE THE PACIFIC REGION A MORE PEACEFUL AREA NOW AND IN THE FUTURE, THE PLATFORM ADDS.

BOTH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES AFFILMED THE USEFULNESS OF PROMOTING TRADE AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES IS WAYS OF IMPROVING UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE PLATFORM NOTES.

ALL OF THIS IS BEING DONE WITHOUT AFFECTING THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY AND CONTINUED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON TAIWAN, A VALUED FRIEND AND ALLY, THE PLATFORM SAYS.

THE PLATFORM FULLY RECOMMITS THE UNITED STATES TO THE NIXON DOCTRINE, SAYING "THE THEME OF THIS DOCTRINE IS THAT AMERICA WILL REMAIN FULLY INVOLVED IN WORLD AFFAIRS, AND YET DO THIS IN WAYS THAT WILL ELICIT GREATER EFFORT BY OTHER NATIONS AND THE SUSTAINED SUPPORT OF OUR PEOPLE."

"WE STAND WITH OUR PRESIDENT FOR HIS STRATEGY FOR PEACE--A STRATEGY OF NATIONAL STRENGTH, A NEW SENSE OF INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP, A WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE INTERNATIONAL DIFFERENCES," THE PROPOSED PLATFORM SAYS.

IT ADDS:

"WE WILL STRENGTHEN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR ALLIES, RECOGNIZING THEM AS FULL-FLEDGED PARTNERS IN SECURING THE PEACE AND PROMOTING THE COMMON WELL-BEING.

"WITH OUR ADVERSARIES, WE WILL CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE IN ORDER TO IMPROVE OUR SECURITY, REDUCE TENSION AND EXTEND THE REALM OF COOPERATION. ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IS CONTINUED NEGOTIATION TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM ESTABLISHED BY THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMI-TATION AGREEMENTS TO LIMIT OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS SYSTEMS AND FURTHER REDUCE THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR CONFLICT. IN ADDITION, WE WILL ENCOURAGE INCREASED TRADE FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR CONSUMERS, BUSINESSMEN, WORKERS AND FARMERS.

"ALONG WITH NATO ALLIES, WE WILL SEEK AGREEMENT WITH THE WARSAW PACT NATIONS ON A MUTUAL AND BALANCED REDUCTION OF MILITARY FORCES IN EUROPE.

"WE WILL PRESS FOR EXPANSION OF CONTACTS WITH THE PEOPLE'S OF EASTERN EUROPE AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, SO LONG ISOLATED FROM MOST OF THE WORLD."

A REGIONAL PROJECTION OF OTHER FOREIGN POLICY SECTION THE DRAFT PLATFORM FOLLOWS:

MIDDLE EAST--IT SUPPORTS THE RIGHT OF ISRAEL TO PROSPER IN PEACE AND SEEKS A STABLE PEACE FOR THE ENTIRE AREA. THERE IS A PLEDGE TO HELP IN ANY WAY TO BRING ISRAEL AND THE ARAB STATES TO A CONFERENCE TABLE. IT ALSO PLEDGES U.S. HELP TO FRIENDLY ARAB GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES.

ATLANTIC COMMUNITY--THE PLATFORM PLACES HIGH PRIORITY ON STRENGTHENING THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, RECALLING THAT ONE OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S FIRST INITIATIVES WAS TO VISIT WESTERN EUROPEAN CAPITALS TO REINVIGORATE THE NATO ALLIANCE.

SOVIET UNION--OVER MANY YEARS RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION HAVE HOPES HAVE REPEATEDLY BEEN FOLLOWED BY DISILLUSIONED CONFRONTATION, THE PLATFORM NOTES.

IN THE CLOSING MONTHS OF 1963 U.S. RELATIONS WITH THE U.S.S.R. DETERIORATED STEADILY, IT ADDS, FORCING CANCELLATION OF A SCHEDULED PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO MOSCOW AND IMMOBILIZING PROJECTED NEGOTIATIONS ON STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION.

PRESIDENT NIXON, IT RECALLS, IMMEDIATELY BEGAN THE TASK OF BUILDING A NEW RELATIONSHIP--ONE BASED ON A REALISTIC ACCPTANCE OF THE PROFOUND DIFFERENCES IN THE VALUES AND SYSTEMS OF THE TWO NATIONS.

THE PRESIDENT MOVED DECISIVELY ON KEY ISSUES--SUCH AS THE BERLIN PROBLEM AND STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION--SO THAT PROGRESS IN ONE AREA WOULD ADD MOMENTUM TO PROGRESS IN OTHER AREAS. THE SUCCESS OF THESE EFFORTS WAS DEMONSTRATED AT THE SUMMIT IN MOSCOW. AGREEMENTS WERE REACHED ON NEW AREAS OF COOPERATION--. PUBLIC HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, SPACE EXPLORATION AND TRADE.

THE FIRST HISTORIC AGREEMENTS LIMITING STRATEGIC ARMS WERE SIGNED MAY 26 IN MOSCOW, AND THE SOVIET UNION SUBSCRIBED TO A BROAD DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES GOVERNING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE PLATFORM PLEDGES TO BUILD UPON THESE PROMISING BEGINNINGS IN REORIENTING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE WORLD'S STRONGEST NUCLEAR POWERS TO ESTABLISH A TRULY LASTING PEACE.

LATIN AMERICA -- THE UNITED STATES WILL FOSTER A MATURE PARTNERSAIP AMONG NATIONS OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE WITH A WIDER SHARING OF IDEAS AND RESPONSIBILITY,... AND FIRM COMMITMENT TO THE COMMON PURSUIT OF ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

THE PLATFORM SAYS REPUBLICANS BELIEVE THE CONTINUING CAMPAIGN BY CUBA TO FOMENT VIOLENCE AND SUPPORT SUBVERSION IN OTHER COUNTRIES MAKES IT INELIGIBLE FOR READMISSION TO THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY. HOWEVER, THE PARTY ALSO LOOKS FORWARD TO CHANCES IN CUBA'S POLICIES WHICH WILL JUSTIFY ITS RE-ENTRY INTO THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY. AFRICA -- THE REPUBLICAN PARTY RESPECTS THE HARD -EARNED SOVEREIGNTY OF AFRICA'S NEW STATES AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO ITS UTMOST MAKE A MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTION TO THEIR DEVELOPMENT.

AMERICA CAN AND WILL ENCOURAGE NON-VIOLENT, REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE BY SUPPORING INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS PEACEFULLY TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTH AFRICA AND BY MAINTAINING CONTACTS WITH ALL RACES ON THE CONTINENT.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION ROUNDUP, MONDAY, AUG. 21:

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, ITS PROGRAM WELL PLANNED, MET FOR THE 30TH TIME IN PRESIDENTIAL CONVENTION TO RENOMINATE PRESIDENT NIXON AND VICE PRESIDENT AGNEW. SENATOR ROBERT DOLE, CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, PRESIDED AT THE OPENING SESSION.

A DEMOCRAT MADE THE FIRST SPEECH AT THE CONVENTION. GOVERNOR REUBIN ASKEW OF FLORIDA, WIDELY MENTIONED LAST MONTH AS A POSSIBLE RUNNING MATE FOR DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE GEORGE S. MCCGOVERN, WELCOMED THE REPUBLICAN DELEGATES. HE STRESSED THE NEFD FOR A CONTINUING TWO-PARTY SYSTEM AND DEPLORED ANY VIOLENCE THAT MIGHT OCCUR DURING THE CONVENTION OR THE CAMPAIGN.

THREE HOURS BEFORE THE FIRST GAVEL FELL, CONVENTION LEADERS HANDED A FINAL REBUFF TO LIBERAL, , ANTIWAR DISSIDENT REPRESENTATIVE PAUL N. MCCLOSKEY. THE RULES COMMITTEE REFUSED TO SEAT A NEW MEXICO DELEGATE SUPPORTING THE CALIFORNIA CONGRESSMAN, ENDING PROBABLY THE LAST CHANCE THAT ANY DISSENT WILL BE RAISED AGAINST PRESIDENT NIXON FROM THE FLOOR DURING THE CONVENTION. MR. MCCLOSKEY MOUNTED AN UNSUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN AGAINST MR. NIXON IN EARLY PRIMARIES THIS YEAR.

A MOVEMENT TO STRENGTHEN THE PLATFORM'S END-THE-DRAFT PLANK RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF A FLOOR SKIRMISH ON TUESDAY. A GROUP OF DELEGATES HEADED BY SENATORS CHARLES MATHIAS, JUNIOR, OF MARYLAND AND RICHARD S. SCHWEIKER OF PENNSYLVANIA IS FIGHTING FOR THE STRONGER LANGUAGE.

PRESIDENT NIXON PRESUMABLY WATCHED THE CONVENTION'S FIRST SESSION ON TELEVISION AT HIS MOUNTAIN RETREAT IN CAMP DAVID, MARYLAND. HE WAS POLISHING HIS NOMINATION ACCEPTANCE SPEECH, SLATED WEDNESDAY NIGHT. MR. NIXON WILL FLY TO FLORIDA TUESDAY.

THE RULES COMMITTEE SOUGHT TO WORK OUT A COMPROMISE ON A PROPOSED NEW METHOD OF SELECTING DELEGATES TO THE 1976 REPUBLICAN CONVENTION. THE COMMITTE WANTS TO KEEP THE ISSUE OFF THE FLOOR.

A SURVEY BY THE MIAMI HERALD SHOWS VICE PRESIDENT AGNEW A CLEAR FAVORITE OF 1972 REPUBLICAN CONVENTION DELEGATES FOR TOP SPOT ON THE PARTY'S 1976 TICKET. THE POLL OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES SHOWS THAT 36 PERCENT OF THOSE RESPONDING CURRENTLY FEEL THAT MR. AGNEW WOULD MAKE THE BEST CANDIDATE FOUR YEARS FROM NOW.

FLORIDA STATE TROOPERS CONFRONTED DEMONSTRATORS SUNDAY NIGHT IN WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS A "MINOR DISTURBANCE" AS PROTESTERS REPORTEDLY BLOCKED ENTRANCES AND EXISTS TO A HOTAL WHERE A REPUBLICAN FUND-RAISING PARTY WAS BEING HELD.

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AROUND THE NATION:

WASHINGTON - REPUBLICANS FROM THROUGHOUT THE U.S. ARE ARRIVING IN MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA FOR MONDAY'S OPENING SESSION OF THE CONVENTION TO FORMALLY NOMINATE PRESIDENT NIXON FOR ANOTHER TERM IN OFFICE. VICE PRESIDENT SPIRO AGNEW, WHO IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN ALSO TO BE NOMINATED, TOLD A GROUP OF SUPPORTERS AT THE MIAMI AIRPORT THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL SEEK CHANGES IN AMERICA BUT WILL NEVER DESCEND TO MOB RULE IN THE STREETS TO BRING THE CHANGES ABOUT. SEVERAL THOUSAND ANTI-WAR PROTESTERS ALSO ARE EXPECTED IN MIAMI BEACH. DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZERS SAID MASSIVE SIT-INS WOULD BLOCK ACCESS TO THE CONVENTION HALL WHEN MR. NIXON MAKES HIS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH. CONVENTION DELEGATES WILL VOTE ON A RECOMMENDED STATEMENT OF PARTY PRINCIPALS THAT INCLUDES SUPPORT OF MR. NIXON'S INDO CHINA POLICE AND FAVORING A MUTUAL REDUCTION OF MILITARY FORCES IN EUROPE. THE VOA WILL BEGIN LIVE COVERAGE OF THE THREE DAY CONVENTION WHEN IT OPENS MONDAY AT 1700 HRS. GREENWICH MEANTIME.

U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE WILLIAM ROGERS PREDITS THAT A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WILL END THE WAR IN VIETNAM THIS YEAR. SECRETARY ROGERS SAID HE BELIEVES THE SETTLEMENT COULD COME BEFORE THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS, OR SOON AFTER. THE SECRETARY'S VIEWS ARE CONTAINED IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED SUNDAY IN THE "PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER" AND OTHER PAPERS OF THE KNIGHT NEWSPAPER CHAIN. SECRETARY ROGERS SAYS HE BELIEVES HANOI IS NOW WILLING TO COME TO TERMS BECAUSE THE NORTH VIETNAMESE INVASION OF THE SOUTH HAS NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL WHILE THE U.S. BOMBING OF MILITARY TARGETS IN NORTH VIETNAM AND THE MINING OF HARBORS HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL. MR. ROGERS SAID WORD IS BEGINNING TO GET BACK TO THE NORTH VIET -NAMESE PEOPLE THAT THE WAR IS A HOPELESS ENDEAVOR. AND THAT WORLD OPINION LARGELY SUPPORTS PRESIDENT NIXON'S EFFORTS TO END THE CONFLICT.

AMERICAN FIGHTER BOMBERS HAVE CARRIED OUT MORE HEAVY STRIKES OVER NORTH VIETNAM. AIR STRIKES DAMAGED AN ARMY BARRACKS SOUTHEAST OF HAIPHONG AND A MILITARY TRAINING AREA NEAR HANOI. THE COMMAND ALSO SAID AN AMERICAN JET SHOT DOWN A NORTH VIETNAMESE MIG FIGHTER IN AN AIR BATTLE OVER HAIPHONG. IN SOUTH VIETNAM COMMUNIST FORCES OVER RAN THE DISTRICT TOWN OF QUE SON AND A NEARBY MILITARY BASE ABOUT 45 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF DANANG. MEANWHILE MORE HEAVY FIGHTING WAS REPORTED NEAR QUANG TRI CITY. SOUTH VIETNAMESE AND AMERICAN PILOTS REPORT KNOCKING OUT NORTH VIETNAMESE TANKS IN THE PAST TWO DAYS.

SOUTH KOREAN AUTHORITIES HAVE ORDERED MASSIVE CLEAN UP AND RESCUE OPERATIONS IN THE WAKE OF HEAVY RAINS AND FLOODING. OFFICIALS SAY AT LEAST 290 PERSONS ARE DEAD IN SEOUL CENTRAL KOREA AND ABOUT 200,000 HOMELESS.

KING HUSSAN OF MOROCCO TOLD HIS NATION SUNDAY THAT THOSE WHO PLOT ANY FURTHER MOVES TO OVER-THROW HIS RULE WILL BE FIRST VICTIMS OF THEIR ACTIONS. IN HIS FIRST ADDRESS SINCE LAST WEDNESDAY'S UNSUCCESSFUL PLOT, THE KING INVITED PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTORAL AND PARLI-MENTARY PROCESSES OF THE GOVERNMENT. KING HUSSAN CONFIRMED THAT GEN. MOHAMMAD OFKIR HAD LED THE UNSUCCESSFUL CONSPIRACY TO KILL HIM AND SET UP A NEW GOVERNMENT AND HE SAID HE IS TAKING DIRECT CONTROL OF ALL OF THE ARMED FORCES

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THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT ACCUSES THE SOVIET UNION OF LAUNCHING A CAMPAIGN OF OPPRESSION BY TAXING JEWISH PROFESSIONALS WHO WISH TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL. AFTER A CABINET MEETING SUNDAY, AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT WAS ISSED CALLING THE REPORTED SOVIET EXIT TAX A MANSOM FOR ELEMENTARY HUMAN RIGHTS.

SOME 2,000 CUBAN EXILES HAVE GATHERED AT THE MARINE STADIUM IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, TO DEDICATE A MONUMENT TO THEIR COUNTRYMEN WHO DIED WHILE FLEEING THEIR COMMUNIST HOMELAND. THE MEMORIAL ENTITLED "EMPTY RAFT" IS A FOUR METER WOODEN VESSEL BUILT BY THE REFUGEES AS SYMBOL OF THE VARIED MAKESHIFT CRAFT FOUND WASHED ASHORE IN FLORIDA WITHOUT OCCUPANTS.

THE 16 GAME OF THE WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP AT REYKJAVIK, ICELAND, HAS ENDED IN A DRAW ON THE 60TH MOVE.

USINFO:

IN NORTHERN LAOS, SEVENAL GROUND CLASHES AND SHELLINGS WERE REPORTED AUGUST 17-18 IN THE LONG TIENG SAM THONG AREA.

IN SOUTHERN LAOS, A FEW CLASHES WERE REPORTED AUGUST 18 EAST AND NORTHEAST OF PAKSE.

THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT REPORTS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY ELSEWHERE IN LAOS AUGUST 17-18.

NIXON TO ANNOUNCE MORE TROOP CUTS IN VIETNAM

WASHINGTON, AUG. 18---PRESIDENT NIXON WILL ANNOUNCE A FURTHER REDUCTION OF U.S. TROOP STRENGTH IN VIETNAM ON AUGUST 28, ACCORDING TO DEFENSE SECRETARY LAIRD.

UNDER PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED PLANS U.S. FORCES IN SOUTH VIETNAM ARE TO BE CUT FROM 42,400 TO 9,000 MEN BY SEPTEMBER 1.

MOST OF THE U.S. TROOPS REMAINING IN SOUTH VIETNAM ARE SERVING AS ADVISERS TO THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE FORCES AND IN ADMINISTRATION-LOGISTICS CAPACITIES.

THE LAST GROUND COMBAT ELEMENT OF THE AMERICAN FORCES DEPARTED VIETNAM AUGUST 11. AT PEAK STRENGTH, IN MID-1969, THE U.S. CONTINGENT IN VIETNAM EXCEEDED 500,000 MEN.

HANOI SHOWED NO PEACE SIGNS IN 1963, DOCUMENT SAYS

WASHINGTON, AUG. 18 AFTER AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH OF THE RECORDS, THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THE PENTAGON AND THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL HAVE FOUND "NOT A SPRED OF EVIDENCE" THAT HANOI "STERVALED" ITS INTENT IN LATE 1968 OR EARLY 1989 TO ACCEPT A REASONABLE NEGOTIATING OFFER FROM THE UNITED STATES.

THIS IS THE THRUST OF A 13-PAGE DOCUMENT RELEASED TO NEWSMEN AUGUST 13. THE DOCUMENT IS DESIGNED TO REFUTE THE ALLEGATION BY DEMOCRATIC VICE-PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE SARGENT SHRIVER AND OTHERS SUPPORING HIS CANDIDACY THAT PRESIDENT NIXON "BLEW" A CHANCE TO END THE VIETNAM WAR WHEN HE TOOK OFFICE IN 1969.

THE DOCUMENT ALSO HITS BACK AT A SIMILAR ALLEGATION BY W. AVERELL HARRIMAN AND CURYS VANCE, THE U.S. NEGOTIATORS AT THE PARIS PEACE TALKS BEFORE MR. NIXON WAS INAUGURATED.

HERBERT KLEIN, COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR FOR THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT, DISTRIBUTED THE DOCUMENT ON AUGUST 18. MR. HARRIMAN AND MR. VANCE CLAIMED THAT BY THE TIME THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION TOOK OFFICE, NORTH VIETNAM "HAD SIGNALED ITS WILLINGNESS TO REDUCE THE LEVEL OF VIOLENCE BY WITHDRAWING ALMOST O PERCENT OF ITS TROOPS... FROM THE NORTHERN TWO PROVINCES OF SOUTH VIETNAM."

THE KLEIN DOCUMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE "PEACE OPPONTUNITY, OR SIGNAL, ALLEGED BY AMBASSADORS HARRIMAN AND VANCE PURPONTEDLY OCCURRED IN OCTOBER OR PERHAPS EARLY NOVEMBER 1968."

"AT THAT TIME MESSRS. HARRIMAN AND VANCE WERE IN CHANGE OF THE U.S. NEGOTIATING TEAM AT THE PARIS TALKS," THE REPORT STATES. "THEY, THEREFORE, HAD THREE MONTHS TO ACT ON THE SUPPOSED SIGNAL BEFORE PRESIDENT NIXON TOOK OFFICE."

"IF THERE WAS ANY OPPORTUNITY LOST, THEY MISSED IT," THE DOCUMENT CHARGES.

IT FURTHER STATES THAT WHEN AMBASSADOR HENRY CABOT LODGE ASSUMED THE NEGOTIATING RESPONSIBILITIES ON JANUARY 20, 1909, NEITHER AMBASSADOR VANCE OR AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN "ADVISED HIM OF ANY 'SIGNAL' OR PEACE OPPORTUNITY."

AS FOR THE CONTENTION THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAD WITHDRAWN 90 PERCENT OF THEIR FORCES FROM SOUTH VIETNAM AS A PEACE SIGNAL, THE KLEIN REPORT SAYS THIS IS "NOT SUBSTANTIATED BY THE FACTS."

"AS FOR THE SIZE OF THE REDEPLOYMENT, OUR BEST ESTIMATES INDICATE THE NVA (NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY) WITHDRAWAL WAS ONLY ABOUT 50 PERCENT FROM THE NORTHERNMOST PROVINCES AND LESS THAN 20 PERCENT FROM SOUTH VIETNAM AS A WHOLE, "THE REPORT STATES.

IT POINTS OUT THAT IN EARLY 1969 THE WHITE HOUSE DIRECTED A "VERY CAREFUL STUDY" OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOP REDEPLOYMENTS, "AND IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT THEY DID NOT REPRESENT AN INDICATION OF ANY WILLINGNESS BY HANOI TO SETTLE ON ANY BUT ITS OWN STATED TERMS."

THE KLEIN REPORT SAYS THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES WERE ORDERED TO REDEPLOY FOR RESUPPLY PURPOSES AND TO PREPARE FOR SUBSEQUENT MILITARY OPERATIONS.

IT RECALLS THAT HANOI'S FORCES "IN FACT LAUNCHED INTENSIVE ATTACKS IN FEBRUARY, MARCH AND JUNE, 1969."

"DURING THIS PERIOD NORTH VIETNAM QUADRUPLED THE NUMBER OF TROOPS IT INFILTRATED INTO SOUTH VIETNAM, AND IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH MORE THAN DOUBLED ITS INPUT OF SUPPLIES THROUGHT THE LAOTIAN PANHANDLE," THE REPORT STATES.

THE KLEIN REPORT SAYS THAT MR. SHRIVER STATES HIS SUGGESTIONS REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS WERE CONVEYED TO WASHINGTON THROUGH AMBASSADORS HARRIMAN AND VANCE.

"AN EXAUSTIVE CHECK OF ALL CABLE TRAFFIC FROM AMBASSADORS HARRIMAN AND VANCE HAS FAILED SO FAR TO REVEAL ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OR SUGGESTIONS THAT CAME FROM MR. SHRIVER "WHILE HE WAS THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO PARIS," THE REPORT NOTES.

A STATMENT BY FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK, WHO SERVED DURING THE PERIOD WHEN MESSRS. HARRIMAN AND VANCE WERE IN PARIS, IS INCORPORATED IN THE KLEIN DOCUMENT. SAID MR. RUSK DURING A TELEVISION INTERVIEW AUGUST 16:

"I MUST CONFESS THAT I DON'T RECALL ANY PEACE OVERTURES MADE BY NORTH VIETNAM...THERE WERE SOME PEOPLE ON OUR SIDE WHO ATTACHED SOME SIGNIFICANCE TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES... BACK IN THE LATE PART OF 1968, BUT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE NEGOTIATORS DIDN'T GIVE ANY HINT THAT THIS WAS A SIGN OR SIGNAL."

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AROUND THE NATION:

IN WASHINGTON, THE LABOR DEPARTMENT SAID THE COST OF LIVING ROSE 0.4 PERCENT IN JULY, ITS BIGGEST JUMP IN FIVE MONTHS. SHARPLY HIGHER FOOD PRICES, ESPECIALLY FOR MEAT, WERE BLAMED. WHILE FOOD PRICES WERE SHOOTING UPWARD, PRICES FOR COMMODITIES OTHER THAN FOOD REMAINED UNCHANGED IN JULY, THE FIRST TIME IN SIX MONTHS THERE HAD NOT BEEN AN INCREASE.

ALSO IN MIAMI BEACH, THE DEMOCRATS FOR NIXON COMMITTEE CLAIMED IT HAD 50,000 SUPPORTERS SO FAR AND WAS STILL GROWING IN ITS DRIVE TO GET DEMOCRATS TO SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT FOR RE-ELECTION.

IN CHICAGO, MAYOR RICHARD DALEY SAID HE THINKS SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN'S PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN IS "DOING FINE" AND PREDICTED HE WILL BE "COMING FROM BEHIND ON THAT GREAT LAST SPURT." MR. DALEY DENIED THAT HE HAD RECENTLY SNUBBED THE DEMOCRATIC STANDARD BEARER BECAUSE HE WAS ANGRY. "I NEVER GET ANGRY AT ANYONE," HIS HONOR SAID SMILINGLY AT A NEWS CONFERENCE.

MEANWHILE, SENATOR MCGOVERN ARRIVED IN TEXAS TO CONFER WITH FORMER PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON IN HOPES OF PATCHING UP PARTY DIFFERENCES FOR A UNITED FIGHT AGAINST THE REPUBLICANS IN NOVEMBER.

IN HONOLULU, ARMY DECONTAMINATION EXPERTS SAILED FOR REMOTE JOHNSTON ISLAND TO DETERMINE HOW THE ATOLL AND ITS STOREHOUSE OF LETHAL NERVE AND MUSTARD GAS WITHSTOOD THE ONSLAUGHT OF HURRICANE CELESTE.

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

IN GENEVA, THE 25-NATION DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE WAS TOLD THAT BRITISH EXPERTS HAVE DESIGNED A SPECIAL COMPUTER FOR USE IN SEISMIC STATIONS WHICH COULD BE SET UP TO HELP POLICE A TREATY BANNING UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR WEAPON TEST BLASTS.

IN TOKYO, TRANSPORT MINISTER HIDEYO SASAKI ANNOUNCED DETAILS OF A PLAN FOR THE EMERGENCY IMPORT BY JAPAN OF 300 MILLION DOLLARS-WORTH OF AMERICAN GOODS, INCLUDING JETLINERS AND AIRBUSES. MR. SASAKI SAID THIS WOULD FORM PART OF THE ZONE-TIME IMPORTS" NOW BEING WORKED OUT BY THE GOVERNMENT TO CUT JAPAN'S TRADE SURPLUS WITH THE U.S.

IN PEKING, PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI MET WITH RODERICK W. BEATON, PRESIDENT OF UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL, TO DISCUSS FUTURE U.P.I. NEWS COVERAGE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AS WELL AS NEWS AND NEWSPHOTO AGREEMENTS WITH CHINESE MEDIA.

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IN SOUTH VIETNAM, TANK-LPD NORTH VIETNAMESE UNITS STORMED OUT OF THE CITADEL IN QUANG TRI CITY AND ATTACKED GOVERNMENT MARINES BUT WERE BEATEN BACK WITH HEAVY LOSSES, FIELD REPORTS SALD. IN THE DANANG AREA, A FORCE OF 7,000 GOVERNMENT TROOPS HIT COMMUNIST POSITIONS MENACING THE CITY FROM THE SOUTH.

A REUTER DISPATCH FROM SAIGON SAID SOUTH VIETNAM'S GOVERNMENT HAS OFFERED TO FREE DISABLED COMMUNIST PRISONERS OF WAR. THE OFFER WAS MADE ON THE EVE OF THE BUDDHIST FESTIVAL OF ALL SOULS.

THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, BY A VOTE OF 36 to 31, VOTED TO RESCIND RHODESIA'S INVITATION TO THE OLYMPIC GALES, UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL REPORTED FROM MUNICH.

DOW JONES CLOSING STOCKS AVERAGE: 30 INDUS 973.51 UP 6.32 0 TRANS 234.06 UP 1.59 15 UTILS 111.64 UP 0.83 65 STOCKS 319.43 UP .15 VOLUME 18,560,000 SHARES.

USINFO:

IN NORTHERN LAOS, FIVE GROUND CLASHES AND SHELLINGS WERE REPORTED 25-34 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF LUANG PRABANG, AUGUST 19-20.

THERE WERE REPORTS OF INCREASED GROUND ACTIVITY IN THE LONG TIENG-SAM THONG AREA AUGUST 20-21.

IN SOUTHERN LAOS, GROUND CLASHES AND SHELLINGS WERE REPORTED NORTHEAST AND EAST OF PAKSE AUGUST 20-21.

THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTIVITY ELSEWHERE IN LAOS AUGUST 20-21.

U.S. MARINES' RECORDS BELIE VIETNAM PEACE 'SIGNAL' CHARGES

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AUG. 22-HISTORIANS OF THE U.S. MARINE CORPS MAINTAIN THAT ENEMY TROOPS DID NOT LEAVE THE NORTHERNMOST PROVINCES OF SOUTH VIETNAM VOLUNTARILY BUT WERE DRIVEN OUT BY AMERICAN FORCES IN THE LAST PART OF 1968 AND THE FIRST MONTHS OF 1969.

THE MARINES' RECORD OF EVENTS, REPORTED IN THE AUGUST 22 ISSUE OF THE "LOS ANGELES TIMES" BY CORRESPONDENT JACK FOISIE, RUNS COUNTER TO RECENT CHARGES IN THE UNITED STATES THAT NORTH VIETNAM WITHDREW TROOPS TO INDICATE IT WAS READY TO TALK PEACE AND THAT PRESIDENT NIXON IGNORED THIS CHANCE TO END THE WAR SOON AFTER H TOOK OFFICE.

WRITING FROM BANGKOK, MR. FOISIE REPORTED THAT, ACCORDING TO MARINE HISTORIANS, THE EMEMY WAS DRIVEN OUT OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SOUTH VIETNAM "BY MARINE AGGRESSIVENESS AND NEW TACTICS" EMPLOYED BY MAJOR GENERAL RAYMOND G. DAVIS, JUNIOR, COMMANDER OF THE THIRD DIVISION.

THE MOVE "IS CONSIDERED BY VETERAN CORRESPONDENTS TO HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE MORE SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGNS OF THE VIETNAM WAR," THE "LOS ANGELES TIMES" CORRESPONDENT WROTE.

ALLEGATIONS THAT MR. NIXON MISSED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FEACE WERE MADE RECENTLY BY SARGEANT SHRIVER, FORMERLY U.S. AMLASSADOR TO FRANCE, AND BY AVERELL HARAIMAN AND CYRUS VANCE, WHO WERE IN CHARGE OF THE U.S. NEGOTIATING TEAM AT THE PARIS TALKS LATE IN 1968. ON AUGUST 18, A U.S. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN IN WASHINGTON STATED THAT THE PARTIAL WITHDRAWALS OF MORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS FROM THE NORTHERN PART OF SOUTH VIETNAM WAS MADE THE SUBJECT OF A "CAREFUL STUDY" BY WASHINGTON EARLY IN 1969.

"IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT THEY DID NOT REPRESENT AN INDICATION OF ANY WILLINGNESS BY HANOI TO SETTLE ON ANY BUT ITS OWN STATED TERMS," THE U.S. SPOKESMAN SAID.

REPUBLICAN CONVETNION ROUNDUP, TUESDAY, AUGUST 22:

PRESIDENT NIXON, HIS RENOMINATION ASSURED, ARRIVED AT MIAMI FROM WASHINGTON BY PLANE AND WAS GREETED BY THOUSANDS OF WELL WISHERS. AFTER A BRIEF WELCOMING CFREMONY, MR. NIXON WENT TO HIS VACATION HOME AT KEY BISCAYNE, A FEW MILES SOUTH OF MIAMI BEACH.

MR. NIXON WILL GO TO THE CONVENTION WEDNESDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 23, TO DELIVER HIS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BEFORE THE DELEGATES.

AT THE CONVENTION HALL, DELEGATES ADOPTED A CAMPAIGN PLATFORM PRAISING PRESIDENT NIXON AND HIS POLICIES AND DENOUNCING DEMOCRATIC PROPOSALS AS THE VIEWS OF A "RADICAL CLIQUE." ONLY ONE MINOR AMENDMENT -- PLEDGING TO TRY TO INCREASE AMERICAN INDIANS' LIVING STANDARDS -- WAS ADDED TO THE DOCUMENT THE PLATFORM COMMITTEE WROTE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE WHITE HOUSE. THE PLATFORM EMPHASIZES VIETNAM PEACE ON MR. NIXON'S TERMS, NO AMNESTY FOR DRAFT EVADERS, STRONG DEFENSE, AND IRREVOCABLE OPPOSITION TO BUSING SCHOOL CHILDREN FOR RACIAL BALANCE.

ONLY ONE ISSUE REMAINED UNRESOLVED: THE ALLOCATION OF STATE DELEGATE STRENGTH AT FUTURE REPUBLICAN CONVETNIONS. SOME BIG-STATE DELEGATIONS, LED BY NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA, VOWED A FLOOR FIGHT OVER A REFORM MEASURE APPROVED BY THE CONVENTION'S RULES COMMITTEE. THE BIG STATES ARE SEEKING GREATER PROPORTIONAL STRENGTH OF DELEGATES AT FUTURE CONVENTIONS; NEW YORK GOVERNOR NELSON ROCKEFELLER SAID THE ISSUE WOULD "CAST THE DIE" FOR THE REPUBLICANS FOR THE NEXT 20 TO 30 YEARS.

THE DEMOCRATS-FOR-NIXON COMMITTEE CLAIMED IT HAS 50,000 SUPPORTERS AND ISSTILL GROWING IN ITS DRIVE TO GET DEMOCRATS TO SUPPORT MR. NIXON FOR RE-ELECTION. JOHN B. CONNALLY, FORMER TREASURY SECRETARY, HEADS THE COMMITTEE. DELEGATES HAVE FORMER INVITED THE DEMOCRATS TO SWITCH OVER THIS YEAR, APPROVING A RESOLUTION BY TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY JOHN A. VOLPE TO PUT OUT THE WELCOME MAT.

HERE AND THERE: ALF M. LANDON, 84, THE REPUBLICANS' 1936 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, IS ATTENDING HIS FIRST REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION IN 24 YEARS. HE RECEIVED A PLAQUE AND AN AFFECTIONATE TRIBUTE ... FOR A MOMENT DURING THEIR FIRST SESSION, DELEGATES FORGOT PARTISAN POLTICS AND PAID TRIBUTE TO THE TWO LIVING FORMER U.S. PRESIDENTS -- THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S HARRY'S TRUMAN AND LYNDON B. JOHNSON ... VICE PRESIDENT AGNEW, STILL NOW-COMMITTAL ON WHETHER HE WILL RUN FOR PRESIDENT IN 1976, TOLD NEWSMEN, "I THINK I COULD APPEAL TO A BROAD CROSS-SECTION OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY" IN THE NEXT RACE ... A WIRE SERVICE SURVEY OF KEY DELEGATES SHOWS THAT THE DELEGATES, THOUGH CONFIDENT PRESIDENT NIXON WILL WIN RE-ELECTION, NONETHELESS BELIEVE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY CANNOT GAIN CONTROL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN NOVEMBER AND THAT ONLY UNPRECEDENTED GAINS IN LHE SOUTH CAN GIVE THEM A SENATE MAJORITY ... ABOUT 100 YOUNG DEMONSTRATORS WERE ARRESTED AFTER ALLEGEDLY BURNING NIXON PORTRAITS AND AMERICAN FLAGS AND HARASSING DELEGATES NEAR CONVENTION HALL.

EXCERPTS FROM U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE WILLIAM ROGERS INTERVIEW ON ENDING THE VIETNAM WAR.

WASHINGTON, AUG. 21--FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM AN INTERVIEW OF U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS BY JAMES MCCARTHEY OF THE KNIGHT NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHED AUGUST 20:

MR. MCCARTHEY: IN THE '63 CAMPAIGN PRESIDENT NIXON SUGGESTED THAT HE WOULD END THE WAR IN VIETNAM. THREE-AND-A-HALF YEARS HAVE PASSED, AND THE WAR IS STILL GOING ON. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS MET HIS CAMPAIGN COMMITMENT OR PROMISE?

SECRETARY ROGERS: HE HAS CARRIED OUT HIS CAMPAIGN PROMISE IN THE SENSE THAT AMERICANS ARE NOW OUT OF GROUND COMBAT AND THE ONLY REMAINING AMERICANS ARE THERE AS A LIMITED OR RESIDUAL FORCE RELATED TO OBTAINING THE RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS OF WAR. WE ARE, AS YOU KNOW, ENGAGED IN THE AIR WAR. BUT EVEN THAT IS BEING GRADUALLY TURNED OVER IN THE SOUTH TO THE VIETNAMESE, SO THAT THEY ARE NOW CARRYING A LARGER SHARE OF THE AIR WAR THERE THAN THEY HAVE DONE PREVIOUSLY.

WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING WE COULD TO BRING ABOUT A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WHICH WOULD COMPLETELY END THE WAR INSOFAR AS ALL COMBATANTS ARE CONCERNED, INCLUDING THE VIETNAMESE. BUT THAT CAN ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED IF THE OTHER SIDE IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY. AND THAT HAS NOT OCCURRED.

MCCARTHEY: WELL, I KNOW THAT THE PRESIDENT IN THE '63 CAMPAIGN DID TALK ABOUT HIS HOPES FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

ROGERS: THAT IS RIGHT.

MCCARTHEY: AND IT WAS IMPLICIT IN WHAT HE WAS DISCUSSING. I THINK IT IS A VERY COMPLEX SITUATION, HARD FOR PEOPLE TO FOLLOW. WHAT IS STANDING IN THE WAY OF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT RIGHT NOW?

ROGERS: THE REFUSAL OF THE OTHER SIDE TO DISCUSS WITH US A SOLUTION WHICH WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT WHAT WE BELIEVE ARE REASONABLE CONSIDERATIONS OF BOTH SIDES. IF YOU ANALYZE THE POSITION OF THE OTHER SIDE, IT IS SIMPLY THIS -- A MILITARY TAKEOVER OF SOUTH VIETNAM -- THEY WANT US TO LEAVE AND STOP GIVING ANY ECONOMIC OR MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE, AND IMPOSE A GOVERNMENT OF THEIR CHOOSING ON THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM. NOW, THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE. THE UNITED STATES SINCE 1965 HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN THIS VERY DIFFICULT WAR. WE ENCOURAGED THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE TO DEFEND THEIR COUNTRY. WE FOUGHT ALONGSIDE THEM. THEY HAVE SUFFERED TREMENDOUS CASUALTIES, AS WE HAVE. AND IF WE NOW REVERSED OUR POSITION COMPLETELY, AND BY THAT I MEAN JUST QUIT, GAVE THEM NO ECONOMIC SUPPORT AND SUPPORT BY WAY OF MILITARY SUPPLIES, AND FOR AT LEAST A PERIOD OF TIME CONTINUING AIR SUPPORT, WE WOULD BE RENEGING ON EVERYTHING WE HAVE REPRESENTED AMD ANYTHING WE HAVE STOOD FOR.

THE PRESIDENT HAS OFFERED A CRASEFIRE AND EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS, INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION OF SOME KIND AND WE HAVE AGREED TO LEAVE THE POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE PEOPLE IN THE AREA.

MR. MCCARTHEY: WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD HAPPEN IF SENATOR MCGOVERN'S PROGRAM FOR VIETNAM WERE ADOPTED?

SECRETARY ROGERS: WELL FIRST, BASED ON THE EXPERIENCE IN NORTH VIETNAM IN 1955, I THINK THERE WOULD BE A SLAUGHTEK OF MANY PEOPLE IN SOUTH VIETNAM. SECONDLY, I THINK THAT OUR MILITARY ALLIANCES, THE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WE HAVE WITH FORTY-FOUR COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD, WHICH HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF BIPARTISAN FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES, WOULD BE SERIOUSLY UNDERMINED. WE HAVE THESE ALLIANCES WHICH WE HAVE DEVELOPED SINCE WORLD WAR II BASED ON THE PREMISE THAT THEY ARE FOR MUTUAL SECURITY PURPOSES. WE THINK THEY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE STABILITY OF THE WORLD. WE THINK THAT WATO, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS BEEN A VERY IMPORTANT FACTOR IN PROVIDING PEACE IN EUROPE.

NOW, NO ALLY WOULD BELIEVE US FROM THAT POINT ON IF WE QUIT AND TOTALLY ABANDONED SOUTH VIETNAM AND THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM. THE ALLIANCES WHICH ARE SO VITAL TO WORLD SECURITY WOULD BE BADLY SHAKEN. OUR FOREIGN POLICY WOULD BE SERIOUSLY UNDERMINED.

MCCARTHEY: SENATOR MCGOVERN SEEMS TO BELIEVE THAT IF HE WITHDREW ALL U.S. FORCES FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA IN NINETY DAYS, HE WOULD AUTOMATICALLY GET AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR BACK. DO YOU THINK THAT WOULD HAPPEN?

ROGERS: I THINK HIS PROPOSAL GOES FURTHER THAN THAT - IF I UNDERSTAND IT. HOWEVER, THERE IS CERTAINLY NO REASON TO THINK SO. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE CONSISTENTLY HAVE USED THOSE PRISONERS AS POLITICAL HOSTAGES. AND IF THEY SUCCEEDED IM THE PURPOSES THAT THEY HAVE HAD IN MIND, WHY WOULDN'T THEY HOLD THE PRISONERS AND THEN DEMAND OTHER ACTION ON OUR PART? THEY MIGHT DEMAND THAT WE GET OUT OF THAILAND OR MOVE THE SEVENTH FLEET, OR THAT WE IMPOSE A GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMMUNISTS. IN OTHER WORDS, THERE IS NO REASON TO THINK THAT THEY ARE NOT GOING TO CONTINUE THE BLACKMAIL THEY HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN INVOLVING THE PRISONERS OF WAR TO ACHIEVE POLITICAL OBJECTIVES.

MCCARTHEY: SO YOU BELIEVE SEMATOR MCGOVERN IS NAIVE IN THIS BELIEF? DO I UNDERSTAND YOU TO SAY THAT?

ROGERS: NO, I DIDN'T SAY THAT. I JUST SAID IT WON'T WORK. AND I SAID ANY SUCH POLICY WOULD UNDERMINE OUR ENTIRY FOREIGN POLICY - IN ASIA, EUROPE AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

MCCARTHEY: JUST WON 'T WORK.

ROGERS: NO. THERE IS NO REASON TO THINK IT WILL WORK.

MCCARTHEY: ON HENRY KISSINGER'S TRIP TO SAIGON, CAN YOU GIVE US ANY INDICATION OF WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?

ROCERS: NO, I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT.

MCCARTHEY: TALKING ABOUT IT IN A GENERAL SENSE, THE WAR IS ABOUT THE CONTROL OF SOUTH VIETNAM, WHO IS GOING TO CONTROL IT. AND IS THE --

ROGERS: I WOULD RATHER SAY IT IS ON THE QUESTION OF THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF SOUTH VIETNAM -- WILL IT BE A COMMUNIST TAKE-OVER BY FORCE OR WILL IT REFLECT THE VIEWS OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE.

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MCCARTHEY: THERE HAVE BEEN SOME REPORTS OR SPECULATION THAT PRESIDENT THIEU IS SORT OF DRAGGING HIS HEELS AS HE APPEARED TO BE DOING IN 1963. AND THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS THAT SOME SOUTH VIETNAMESE GENERALS ARE THINKING IN TERMS OF AN INDEFINITE WAR, THAT THIS COULD HAPPEN. DO WE HAVE ANY EVIDENCE THAT PRESIDENT THIEU REALLY DOESN'T WANT PEACE?

ROGERS: NO -- ON THE CONTRARY, WE THINK HE IS, JUST AS WE ARE, ANXIOUS TO WORK OUT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. AND I THINK HIS WILLINGNESS TO RESIGN WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION LEAVING THE FATE OF THE GOVERNMENT TO THE ELECTORATE IS A CLEAR INDICATION THAT HE WANTS TO BRING ABOUT A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. AND HE IS ALSO PREPARED OF COURSE TO ACCEPT INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION.

MCCARTHEY: HAVE THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE BEEN PARTICIPATING IN ANY WAY IN THE SECRET NEGOTIATIONS IN PARIS IN WHICH HEARY KISSINGER HAS BEEN INVOLVED?

ROGERS: NO. BUT THEY ARE ADVISED, OF COURSE, ABOUT THOSE NEGOTIATIONS.

MCCARTHEY: I THINK TO MANY PEOPLE THE WAR IS SO CONFUSING THAT WHAT THEY WONDER REALLY IS WHEN IS THIS WAR GOING TO END, IN THOSE KIND OF SIMPLE TERMS.

ROGERS: I AM NOT SO SURE. I THINK THAT THE PEOPLE REALIZE THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS GOTTEN THE AMERICANS OUT OF THE COMLAT ROLE, DRAFT CALLS ARE WAY DOWN AND DRAFTEES ARE NOT BEING SENT TO THE AREA UNLESS THEY VOLUNTEER. WE KEEP TALKING ABOUT THE WAR AS WE DID IN 1968. IT IS QUITE A DIFFERENT SITUATION NOW. AND I THINK THE POLLS REFLECT THAT. THE POLLS REFLECT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE PRESIDENT'S DECISIONS AND THINK THAT HE IS DOING A GOOD JOB IN DEALING WITH A VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION WHICH HE INHERITED AND HAS GOTTEN AMERICAN GROUND COMBAT FORCES OUT OF VIETNAM.

MCCARTHEY: BUT WITH THE RECORD OF THREE AND -A -HALF YEARS HERE OF INABILITY, FOR WHATEVER REASONS, TO ACHIEVE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT -- IF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT CANNOT BE ACHIEVED, IF PEOPLE JUST WON'T TALK, WHAT IS THE PROSPECT?

ROGERS: WELL, IF ONE SIDE REFUSES TO BRING ABOUT AN END TO THE FIGHTING BY NEGOTIATION AND AVOWS TO CONTINUE MILITARY OR GUERRILLA ACTIVITY FOR A LONG TIME, THERE IS NO WAY TO PREDICT WITH CERTAINTY HOW LONG IT MIGHT LAST. BUT IN THOSE TERMS WE ARE NOW TALKING ABOUT A WAR INVOLVING THOSE IN THE AREA--NOT AMERICAN FORCES. IN ANY EVENT I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT QUESTION IS GOING TO BE A LIVE QUESTION. I THINK THAT EITHER WE WILL HAVE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BEFORE THE ELECTION, WHICH I THINK IS A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BEFORE THE ELECTION, WHICH I THINK IS A POSSIBILITY, OR WE WILL HAVE ONE VERY SOON AFTER PRESIDENT NIXON'S REELECTION, BECAUSE I THINK THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARE HAVING SERIOUS MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL DIFFI-CULTIES. THE ROLE OF SEVERAL OF THEIR ALLIES INDICATED THAT IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD MOST NATIONS FEEL THAT THE WAR SHOULD BE ENDED BY NEGOTIATION. AND SO I THINK THAT WILL BE THE INEVITABLE RESULT OF THESE PRESSURES.

MCGARTHEY: FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK HAS BEEN STIRRING UP SOMETHING OF A STORM WITH HIS STATEMENT THAT IF GEORGE MCGOVERN WAS ELECTED SOME AMERICAN PRISONERS WOULD BE RELEASED ON JANUARY 20 AND ALL OF THEM BY NEXT APRIL 20. DO YOU THINK THAT WOULD HAPPEN?

ROGERS: NO.

MCCARTHEY: I WANT TO RETURN TO VIETNAM, ON THE QUESTION OF A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT -THE WHOLE DEBATE OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF WHAT HAS BECOME A KIND OF A SCARE TERM OR A POLITICAL TERM, I BELIEVE -- A COALITION GOVERNMENT OF SOME SORT. WHAT IS THE PROSPECT FOR SOME KIND OF A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT THERE? WEAT KIND OF DEAL CAN BE MADE THELE? IS THERE ANY FRAMEWORK TEAT HAS SHAPED UP HERE?

ROGERS: WELL, YOU SEE, WHEN WE HAD MORE THAN HALF--MILLION MEN IN VIETNAM, AS WE DID IN THE BEGINNING OF 1969, THAT WAS ONE THING. NOW WE ARE JUST ABOUT OUT OF THERE. WE NOW HAVE 39,000 OR 40,000 SOMETHING LIKE THAT, AND THEY ARE NOT IN COMBAT AND ARE NOT COMBAT TROOPS.

THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF THAT AREA SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE PEOPLE OF THE AREA. THAT IS WHAT EVERYONE URGED US TO DO WHEN THIS ADMINISTRATION CAME IN OFFICE. OUR POSITION IS LET THE PEOPLE THERE WORK OUT THE POLITICAL SOLUTION -- JUST STOP THE FIGHTING AND HAVE INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION TO SEE THAT THE CEASE-FIRE IS HONORED, EXCHANGE PRISONERS OF WAR AND LET THE PEOPLE IN THE AREA DECIDE THEIR POLITICAL FUTURE. WHY SHOULD THE UNITED STATES BE ASKED TO DECIDE THE POLITICAL FUTURE? LET THEM WORK IT OUT.

WHAT WE HAVE SAID IS THAT WE PREFER THE ELECTIVE PROCESS. WHATEVER THE PEOPLE WANT AS EXPRESSED BY THEIR VOTES WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

BUT NOW WE ARE OUT OF THERE. WHY SHOULD WE BE CALLED UPON TO MAKE THE POLITICAL DETERMINATION? WHY SHOULD THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ASK US TO WORK OUT A POLITICAL SOLUTION? LET THE PEOPLE THERE WORK IT OUT.

MCCARTHEY: WELL, WHEN THEY WON'T TALK, AND WE DO HAVE A COMMITMENT THERE - WHAT I AM TRYING TO GET AT IS WHAT KIND OF THING MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. IT SEEMS TO BE AN IMPASSE.

ROGERS: THER IS NO DOUBT THAT IT IS AN IMPASSE, BUT IT IS AN IMPASSE BECAUSE THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WON'T TALK TO THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE. THAT IS WHY WE SAY STOP THE FIGHTING, HAVE EVERYONE STOP THE FIGHTING NOW, EXCHANGE PRISONERS OF WAR, HAVE AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY GET INTO THE ACT AND HELP SUPERVISE A CEASEFIRE, AND THEN LET TALKS START ABOUT THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF THE AREA.

THE ONE THING THAT WE CANNOT PERMIT NOW IS A MILITARY TAKEOVER OF SOUTH VIETNAM BY THE COMMUNISTS AFTER THE TREMENDOUS BURDEN WE HAVE BORN BOTH IN MEN AND RESOURCES. IF WE DID THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD LIVE IN SHAME FOR GENERATIONS. IF WE DID THAT, IF WE JUST PULLED OUT AND LET THE COMMUNISTS TAKE OVER AS A RESULT OF MILITARY FORCE AND DIDN'T CONTINUE TO GIVE LIMITED HELP TO THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE, WE WOULD BE RENEGING ON ALL REPRESENTATIONS THAT WE AS A NATION HAVE MADE.

WE HAVE SAID, "WE ARE PREPARED TO ASSIST YOU. WE ARE GOING TO GET OUR COMBAT FORCES OUT. YOU HAVE TO TAKEOVER THE ROLE NOW OF DEFENDING YOURSELF." AND AS I HAVE SAID WE HAVE DONE THAT TO A LARGE EXTENT. "BUT WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO GIVE YOU SOME ECONOMIC AID AND SOME MILITAR: SUPPLIES AS LONG AS THE NORTH VIETNAMESE CONTINUE THE INVASION OF YOUR COUNTRY. IN OTHER WORDS, WE EXPECT YOU TO DEFEND YOUR OWN COUNTRY NOW THAT WE ARE OUT, BUT WE ARE GOING TO HELP YOU FOR A PERIOD OF TIME WITH AIR POWER AND ECONOMICALLY. WE CANNOT STOP AT THIS POINT AND LET THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TAKE OVER AS A RESULT OF MILITARY FORCE.

I ASKED SOME OF OUR ALLIES AT AN ALLIANCE MEETING ONE TIME PRIVATELY HOW MANY OF THEM WOULD HAVE ANY CONFIDENCE IN OUR TREATY COMMITMENTS IF UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCE WE HAD A COMPLETE REVERSAL OF POLICY AND REFUSED TO GIVE ANY ALD OF ANY KIND TO THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE, AFTER FIGHTING ALONG SIDE THEM SINCE 1965. THE UNIVERSAL ANSWER WAS OUR TREATY COMMITMENTS WOULD BE NEXT TO MEANGINGLESS -- THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR OTHER NATIONS TO RELY ON A NATIONAL POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE QUESTION OF WHETHER WE SHOULD HAVE ENTERED THE WAR IN 1965 IS ONE THE HISTORIANS WILL HAVE TO DETERMINE. BUT THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT THE POLICY THAT PRESIDENT NIXON IS FOLLOWING IN VIETNAM IS THE RIGHT POLICY, AND ALSO I THINK IT HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THEY REALIZE IT WAS A VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION THAT HE INHERITED, AND I THINK THAT THEY BELIEVE HE HAS DONE A GOOD JOB.

FURTHERMORE, I THINK THEY REALIZE THAT ALL THE OTHER EFFORTS HE HAS MADE IN THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS FIELD, THE INITIATIVES HE HAS TAKEN TOWARDS THE SOVIET UNION, TOWARDS CHINA, THE SUCCESS OF OUR POLICY IN THE MIDDLE BAST, ALL OF THESE SHOW THAT HE IS A WORLD LEADER FOR PEACE. AND I THINK MOST OF THE NATIONS IN THE WORLD, NOT ONLY ALLIES BUT ADVERSARIES ALIKE, HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR HIM.

MCCARTHEY: IN THE ABSENCE OF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, WHAT IS THE PROSPECT FOR STOPPING OF THE BOMBING, WHICH THE DEMOCRATS SEEM TO BE MAKING SOMETHING OF AN ISSUE OF, AND WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES OUTSIDE OF VIETNAM, SOUTHEAST ASIA AND OFFSHORE FORCES?

ROGERS: WE PLAN TO CONTINUE THE PRESENT POLICY. THE OTHER SIDE IS HAVING SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES. FIRST, THEIR OFFENSIVE, THE INVASION THEY LAUNCHED IN SOUTH VIETNAM HAS NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL. THAT IS QUITE CLEAR. THEY COMMITTED ALMOST ALL OF THEIR DIVISIONS, COMBAT DIVISIONS, TO THAT INVASION, AND IT HAS NOT SUCCEEDED. SECONDLY, OUR BOMBING OF MILITARY TARGETS IN THE NORTH AND MINING THE HARBORS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL. THIRD, I THINK THE WORD IS BEGINNING TO GET BACK TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE THAT THIS IS A HOPELESS ENDEAVOR FOR THEM TO BE ENGAGED IN, THAT THEY REALIZE THAT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE ARE FIGHTING VERY WELL. YOU KNOW, THERE WAS THIS MYTH THAT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE COULDN'T FIGHT. THEY ARE DOING ALL THE FIGHTING ON THE GROUND AND DOING IT WELL.

FOURTH, YOU FIND THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS LARGELY SUPPORTING PRESIDENT NIXON IN THE PROPOSALS THAT HE HAS MADE TO BRING ABOUT A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. I WANT TO RECALL THAT SENATOR MANSFIELD SAID WHEN THE PRESIDENT MADE HIS LAST PROPOSAL THAT IT WAS AS FAR AS ANY REASONABLE MAN COULD GO UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

SO I THINK ALL THOSE THINGS WILL COMBINE TO MAKE THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WANT TO WORK OUT A SETTLEMENT.

NOW, WHETHER THAT HAPPENS BEFORE THE ELECTION OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER, I DON'T KNOW. BUT I AM CONVINCED IT WILL HAPPEN.

MCCARTHEY: IS THE BOMBING POLICY IN PART DESIGNED TO KEEP PRESSURE ON THEM AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE?

ROGERS: WELL, IT IS DESIGNED PRINCIPALLY TO PREVENT THE INVASION OF SOUTH VIETNAM FROM WORKING TO BE SURE THAT OUR TROOPS IN SOUTH VIETNAM ARE NOT IN JEOPARDY AND TO PREVENT THE COMMUNISTS FROM A MILITARY TAKEOVER OF SOUTH VIETNAM. INDIRECTLY I THINK IT PUT PRESSURE ON THEM AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE, YES.

MCCARTHEY: THANK YOU, MR. SECRETARY.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

AROUND THE NATION:

IN WASHINGTON, THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SAID IT IS PLANNING NO INVESTIGATION OF FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK OR FORMER WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY PIERRE SALINGER FOR POSSIBLY HAVING VIOLATED THE LAW BY HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS. MR. SALINGER TALKED TO NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS IN PARIS, AND MR. CLARK BRIEFED SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN AFTER RETURNING FROM HANOI.

SENATOR MCGOVERN WILL REMAIN "STALWART TO THE PRINCIPLES" OF HIS PROPOSED WELFARE REFORM PROGRAM, ARTHUR OKUN, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS AND NOW A MCGOVERN CONSULTANT, SAID IN WASHINGTON. SENATOR MCGOVERN'S WELFARE PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN STRONGLY CRITICIZED BY REPUBLICANS AS A GIVEAWAY.

WHEN A HOUSE ARMED SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE ASKED THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT FOR ONE COPY OF EVERY STANDARD FORM USED AT THE PENTAGON, IT RECEIVED 11,916 FORMS. CONGRESSMAN OTIS G. PIKE OF NEW YORK, THE SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, HAS ASKED FOR AN INVESTIGATION OF PENTAGON PAPER POLICIES. HE SAID THE MATERIAL HE RECEIVED WEICHED MORE THAN 200 POUNDS.

IN CHICAGO, SEMATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN TOLD THE AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION THAT HIS PROPOSED 30 BILLION DOLLAR CUT IN THE DEFENSE BUDGET STILL WOULD LEAVE THE U.S. STRONG ENOUGH TO RESIST ANY THREAT. IN THE FIRST MAJOR ADDRESS OF HIS CAMPAIGN, THE SEMATOR DEFENDED HIS DEMANDS FOR STEEP CUTBACKS IN DEFENSE EXPENDITURES AND TOTAL DISENGAGEMENT FROM THE VIETNAM WAR.

IN THE OKLAHOMA DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY AUGUST 22, VETERAN CONGRESSMAN ED EDMONDSON DEFEATED 10 OPPONENTS TO WIN A BERTH OPPOSITE FORMER REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR DEWEY BARTLETT AND THREE OTHERS IN THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION FOR A SENATE SEAT. HOUSE SPEAKER CARL ALBERT WON RENOMINATION OVER TOKEN OPPOSITION

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

IN REYKJAVIK, ICELAND, OFFICIALS AT THE WORLD CHESS CHAMPION-SHIP MATCH BETWEEN SOVIET CHESS MASTER BORIS SPASSKY AND AMERICAN CHALLENGER BOBBY FISCHER WERE CONFRONTED WITH YET ANOTHER PROTEST. THIS TIME THE SOVIET SIDE CHARGED THAT "ELECTRONIC DEVICES" AND "CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES" WERE BEING USED TO HARASS SPASSKY, FISCHER, WHO HAS A THREE POINT LEAD IN THE MATCH, "ROARED WITH LAUGHTER" UPON HEARING OF THE SOVIET CHARGES, UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL REPORTED. IN MUNICH, 58-YEAR-OLD LORD MICHAEL KILLANIN OF IRELAND WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE. HE SUCCEEDS AMERICA'S AVERY BRUNDAGE WHO HELD THE POST FOR 20 YEARS. LORD KILLANIN IS EXPECTED TO SUPPORT A MORE LIBERAL ATTITUDE TOWARD THE INTERPRETATION OF AMATEURISM IN OLYMPIC SPORT THAN DID HIS PREDECESSOR.

IN VATICAN CITY, THE OFFICIAL VATICAN RADIO ISSED A BARELY VEILED CRITICISM OF RHODESIA'S LAST MINUTE EXCLUSION FROM THE 1972 OLYMPIC GAMES AND SAID NOBODY IS COMPLETELY FREE OF FAULT. THE RADIO SAID IT WONDERED HOW THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE REACTED ON THE RHODESIAN QUESTION IF IT HAD RECALLED THE BIBLICAL PHRASE: "HE THAT IS WITHOUT SIN AMONG YOU, LET HIM FIRST CAST A STONE."

IN MOSCOW, TASS REPORTED THAT THE BICAMERAL SOVIET LEGISLATURE HAD APPROVED AUGUST 23 THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TREATY SIGNED DURING PRESIDENT NIXON'S MAY VISIT TO THE USSR.

IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER TUN ABOUL RAZAK WELCOMED THE ARRIVAL OF SEVEN NEW BOEING 737 JETS IN CEREMONIES AT THE SUBANG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. THE BOEING JETS ARRIVED FROM SEATTLE AND CARRIED A MESSAGE FROM WASHINGTON GOVERNOR DANIEL J. EVANS. THE PLANES WILL BE USED BY THE MALAYSIA AIRLINES SYSTEM.

NORTH KOREA HAS ISSUED A FORMAL STATEMENT GUARANTEEING THE SAFETY OF SOUTH KOREAN OFFICIALS AND NEWSMEN TRAVELING TO PYONGYANG AUGUST 30 FOR THE OPENING OF RED CROSS TALKS ON IMPROVING NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS, A UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL DISPATCH FROM TOKYO SAID.

IN PEKING, HEALTH OFFICIALS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA STRONGLY DENIED THAT THEIR NATION IS ENGAGED IN SMUGGLING NARCOTICS INTO SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE U.S., REUTER REPORTED.

IN SOUTH VIETNAM, COMMUNIST FORCES THREATENING DANANG SHELLED THE CITY WITH HEAVY ROCKETS AND LAUNCHED ATTACKS ON ITS OUTER DEFENSES, FIELD REPORTS SAID. THE U.S. COMMAND SAID AMERICAN JETS AND B-52 BOMBERS FLEW THE LARGEST NUMBER OF STRIKES IN THREE MONTHS ON AUGUST 22. MOST OF THE ATTACKS WERE AIMED AT COMMUNIST TROOPS THREATENING SOUTH VIETNAMESE POSITIONS IN THE NORTHERN SECTOR, THE COMMAND SAID.

IN BANGKOK, THE GOVERNOR OF NORTHEASTERN THAILAND'S NAKHORN PHANOM PROVINCE SAID A 75-MILE STRETCH OF THE THAI-LAO BORDER HAD BEEN CLOSED BECAUSE OF REPORTS THAT COMMUNIST TERRORISTS WERE READY TO INFILTRATE AFTER TRAINING IN LAOS.

IN REYKJAVIK, ICELAND, BOBBY FISCHER CLAIMED A DRAW IN THE 17TH GAME OF THE WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH WITH BORIS SPASSKY AFTER INVOKING A RULE AGAINST AN OPPONENT REPEATING THE SAME MOVE THREE TIMES. THE U.S. CHALLENGER NOW LEADS 10 POINTS TO SEVEN, AND NEEDS ONLY TWO-AND-ONE-HALF MORE POINTS TO WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

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USINFO:

IN NORTHERN LAOS, GOVERNMENT UNITS AUGUST 21-22 CONTINUED TO HAVE SPORADIC GROUND CLASHES WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES IN THE LONG TIENG-SAM THONG AREA.

IN SOUTHERN LAOS, GROUND CLASHES AND SHELLINGS WERE REPORTED EAST OF KHONG SEDONE, AND NORTHEAST OF PAKSE, AUGUST 21-22.

NIXON TEAM CHARTS CAMPAIGN STRATEGY

BY RICHARD P. WILSON

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUG. 23--RICHARD NIXON'S RENOMINATION BY THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION GAME AT THE PEAK OF THE PRESIDENT'S POPULARITY, A TIME WHEN HIS CAMPAIGN WORKERS WERE CAUTIOUSLY BEGINNING TO THINK ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A LANDSLIDE VICTORY NOVEMBER 7.

CAMPAIGN MANAGER CLARK MACGREGOR, THE MAN WHO HAD BEEN STERNLY WARNING HIS STAFF AGAINST OVERCONFIDENCE EVEN WHEN THE PRESIDENT'S LEAD OVER SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN IN ONE PUBLIC OPINION POLL REACHED 26 POINTS, VISIBLY RELAXED IN HIS MIAMI BEACH HEADQUARTERS THIS WEEK.

"WE CANNOT MAINTAIN THE FICTION THAT WE ARE NOT AHEAD," HE SAID. AND THEN HE PREDICTED THAT MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE NATION'S DEMOCRATIC VOTERS WOULD BE CASTING REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL BALLOTS THIS YEAR. MCGOVERN "EXTREMISM," HE SAID, WAS DRIVING THEM INTO THE NIXON CAMP.

WITH RARE CANDOR, MR. MACGREGOR OUTLINED SOME OF THE REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN TACTICS THAT WILL BE UNVEILED NOW THAT THE NOMINATION PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGNERS WILL NOT BE ATTACKING DEMOCRATS, HE SAID, BUT THEY WILL BE ATTACKING SENATOR 'MCGOVERN AND HIS "NEW POLIITICS" SUPPORTERS. AS CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN AND ARIZONA SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER INDICATED IN THEIR CONVENTION ADDRESSES, THE THEME WILL BE THAT THE MCGOVERNITES HAVE "CAPTURED" THE PARTY AND DENIED REGULAR DEMOCRATS A CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS.

AND AS REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRMAN ANNE ARMSTRONG STRESSED IN HER KEYNOTE SPEECH, THE REPUBLICAN DOOR IS WIDE OPEN TO RECEIVE DISAFFECTED DEMOCRATS.

ROBERT FLANIGAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE CONVENTION'S PROGRAM PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE, INDICATED SUCH A NAPPROACH WAS NOT A SPUR-OF-THE-MOMENT CONCEPT THAT CAME TO ALL THESE SPEAKERS ON THE SAME EVENING. THE THEME, HE HINTED, WAS CAREFULLY WORKED INTO THE CONVENTION PROGRAM WELL IN ADVANCE. "WE HAD THE FEELING," HE SAID, THAT THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE DOES NOT REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF VERY MANY DEMOCRATS. WE DECIDED WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET THEM."

MR. MACGREGOR ESTIMATED THAT 40 PERCENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS HAVE MOVED INTO THE NIXON CAMP, AND PREDICTED THAT AT LEAST 33 PERCENT OF THEM WILL STILL BE THERE NEXT NOVEMBER. PRESIDENT NIXON'S DECISION TO ADDRESS THE AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION IN CHICAGO AUGUST 24--THE DAY AFTER THE END OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION, AND THE DAY AFTER THE LEGIONNAIRES WERE TO BE ADDRESSED BY SENATOR MCGOVERN -- SIGNALED THE START OF A NEW PHASE IN THE CAMPAIGN, A PHASE IN WHICH MR. NIXON WILL BE MORE PERSONALLY ACTIVE.

BUT IT DID NOT MEAN, ACCORDING TO REPUBLICAN STRATEGISTS, THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS READY TO TANGLE WITH MR. MCGOVERN IN ROUGH-AND-READY FASHION.

MUCH AS THE DEMOCRATS WOULD LIKE TO PIT THEIR NOMINEE AGAINST MR. NIXON ON AN EVEN BASIS IN AN OPEN SLUGFEST, THE REPUBLICANS HAVE NO INTENTION OF RELINQUISHING THE PREROGATIVES AND THE ADVANTAGES OF AN INCUMBENT. THE POWER, PRESTIGE AND DIGNITY OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT WILL BE EXPLOITED TO THE HILT WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

"HE'S GOING TO BE VERY PRESIDENTIAL," SAID ONE AIDE. "AN INCUMBENT PRESIDENT HAS SO MUCH MORE CONTROL. MR. MCGOVERN IS TROMPING ACROSS CORNFIELDS BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO IN HIS POSITION. WE DON'T."

BUT DESPITE THIS SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE APPROACH TO CAMPAIGNING, THE REPUBLICANS ARE PLOTTING MORE AMBITIOUS NEW TECHNIQUES ON THE BASIS OF THE NEW CONFIDENCE THEY GAINED THIS WEEK.

THE CHANGE IN OUTLOOK ALREADY IS EVIDENT IN SMALL THINGS. "THE COMMITTEE TO REELECT THE PRESIDENT," FOR INSTANCE, IS REPORTED READY TO CHANGE ITS NAME TO "THE COMMITTEE TO REELECT PRESIDENT NIXON." THE OFFICE WILL CONTINUE TO BE FULLY EXPLOITED, BUT NOW THE MAN HIMSELF WILL LOOM EQUALLY AS LARGE. AND THE MONTHS-OLD REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN SLOGAN, "REELECT THE PRESIDENT," ALREADY HAS BEEN CHANGED TO "PRESIDENT NIXON NOW MORE THAN EVER" --AN IMPLICATION THAT THE DEMOCRATS' CHOICE OF A NOMINEE IS ONE THAT MAKES THE INCUMBENT'S RETURN TO OFFICE ALL THE MORE ESSENTIAL.

GRASSROOTS CAMPAIGNING, AT WHICH SENATOR MCGOVERN EXCELS, IS TO BE SUBORDINATED BY REPUBLICAN STRATEGISTS IN FAVOR OF TELEVISION APPEARANCES. BUT FEW TELEVISION "SPOTS" WILL SHOW MR. NIXON IN NEWSREEL-TYPE SHOTS PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENCY.

THE IMPORTANCE OF TELEVISION IN THE MINDS OF REPUBLICAN PLANNERS WAS EVIDENT DURING THE CONVENTION. NOT ONLY WERE CONVENTION EVENTS COMPRESSED INTO "PRIME TIME" WHEN MOST AMERICAN TELEVISION VIEWERS COULD WITNESS THEM, BUT THE CONVENTION PROGRAMS WERE ENLIVENED TO INDUCE VIEWERS NOT TO SWITCH TO OTHER CHANNELS.

FOUR MOVIES, FOR INSTANCE, WERE SHOWN DURING THE CONVENTION. ONLY ONCE DID THE METICULOUS REPUBLICAN PLANNERS SLIP UP. ONE NIGHT THE CONVENTION AUDIENCE SAW ONE MOVIE WHILE THE HOME AUDIENCE WAS WATCHING ANOTHER; THE NEXT NIGHT THE SITUATION WAS REVERSED, SO NO REAL HARM WAS DONE.

WILL REPUBLICANS CAPTURE BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS IN NOVEMBER?

BY WILLIAM H. STRINGER

WASHINGTON, AUG. 23--CONCEIVABLY, AN ELECTION VICTORY BY PRESIDENT NIXON COULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A REPUBLICAN PARTY CAPTURE OF CONTROL OF BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS--AN EVENT THAT SELDOM HAPPENS.

SUCH A VICTORY IS DISTINCTLY A VERY LONG SHOT, STRATEGISTS AGREE. BUT REPUBLICANS SAY THAT, IF PRESIDENT NIXON WINS A LANDSLIDE TRIUMPH, HE JUST MAY CARRY ENOUGH REPUBLICAN SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO VICTORY ON HIS COATTAILS TO GIVE THE REPUBLICANS MAJORITES IN BOTH HOUSES.

REPUBLICANS HAVE CAPTURED THE PRESIDENCY THREE TIMES IN RECENT DECADES: GENERAL EISENHOWER WON THE WHITE HOUSE TWICE; PRESIDENT NIXON ONCE. IN THE FIRST EISENHOWER ELECTION IN 1952, REPUBLICANS WON CONTROL OF BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS. THEY HELD THAT CONTROL FOR ONLY TWO YEARS. SINCE THEN, CONTROL OF NOT ONE BUT BOTH HOUSES HAS BEEN IN THE HANDS OF THE DEMOCRATS.

IT IS NOT DISASTROUS TO THE PRESIDENT, THE CONGRESS OR THE COUNTRY FOR CONTROL TO BE DIVIDED BETWEEN WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESS. THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ARE NOT BOUND TO ADHERE TO THE STRATEGIES OF THEIR PRESIDENT OR OF THEIR PARTY. THEY CAN CROSS PARTY LINES AND BUILD NEW--OR OLD--COALITIONS.

A REPUBLICAN SENATOR, FOR INSTANCE, CAN VOTE AGAINST A REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT. AND A DEMOCRATIC SENATOR CAN VOTE TO APPROVE AN ISSUE FAVORED BY A REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT. IN FACT, A COALITION OF REPUBLICANS JOINED BY SOUTHERN DEMOCRATS HAS OFTEN CONTROLLED CONGRESS, AND SOMETIMES SUPPORTED THE REPUBLICAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE, WHEN NOMINALLY BOTH HOUSES WERE SOLIDLY DEMOCRATIC IN PARTY AFFILIATION. AFFILIATION DOES NOT ALWAYS MEAN ALLEGIANCE IN AMERICAN POLITICS.

BUT OBVIOUSLY A PRESIDENT CAN CARRY OUT HIS PROGRAM WITH LESS STRIFE AND CONFUSION IF HE HAS A CONGRESS OF THE SAME POLITICAL PERSUASION.

THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH AN EVENT COMING TO PASS IN NOVEMBER, 1972, DEPENDS, POLITICAL EXPERTS SAY, ON SEVERAL FACTORS: A HEAVY VOTE, A NEAR LANDSLIDE FOR MR. NIXON, AND A TENDENCY OF VOTERS TO CARRY OVER THEIR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE INTO THEIR VOTING FOR CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES FROM THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY.

THE REPUBLICANS WOULD NEED TO COUNTER WHAT IS AN INCREASING TENDENCY OF AMERICANS: TO BE INDEPENDENT AND CHOOSY AND TO SPLIT THEIR VOTES BETWEEN THE PARTIES. AMERICANS NO LONGER TEND TO "VOTE THE STRAIGHT TICKET." THEY JUDGE CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES ON THE BASIS OF LOCAL ISSUES AND THE MERIT OF THE CANDIDATE AND NOT ON THE BASIS OF PRESIDENTIAL APPEALS FOR "LOYALTY" TO THE PARTY.

TO CONTROL THE SENATE, THE REPUBLICANS WOULD NEED TO PICK UP SIX SEATS (OR FIVE TO GAIN A TIE.) TO WIN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE REPUBLICANS WOULD NEED TO TAKE 40 SEATS AWAY FROM THE DEMOCRATS, NO SIMPLE TASK EVEN THOUGH THE HOUSE CONTAINS 435 MEMBERS.

SENATE CONTROL IS THE EASIER GOAL. REPUBLICAN STRATEGISTS HOPE THAT PRESIDENT NIXON WILL WIN IN EVERY SOUTHERN STATE. A NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE POLL TAKEN BY THE GALLUP ORGANIZATION SHOWS THE SOUTH FAVORING PRESIDENT NIXON OVER SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN BY 64-25 PERCENT, A WIDE MARGIN. THIS WIDE PREFERENCE COULD RESULT IN A SUB-STANTIAL REPUBLICAN GAIN IN SOUTHERN SENATE SEATS.

EVERY SOUTHERN STATE EXCEPTING FLORIDA HAS A SENATORIAL ELEC-TION. EIGHT OF THE 12 SEATS UP FOR GRABS IN THE SOUTH ARE HELD BY DEMOCRATS, WHO AS OF NOW APPEAR VULNERABLE IN SEVERAL. FOR INSTANCE, FORMER POSTMASTER GENERAL WINTON M.BLOUNT, A REPUBLICAN, IS MAKING A STRONG CHALLENGE IN ALABAMA TO SENATE VETERAN (AND DEMOCRAT) JOHN SPARKMAN VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN 1952. OUTSIDE THE SOUTH, REPUBLICANS COULD POSSIBLY WIN THREE SENATE SEATS. FOR INSTANCE, EARLY POLLS IN RHODE ISLAND HAVE SHOWN FORMER SECRETARY OF THE NAVY JOHN CHAFEE HOLDING A STRONG LEAD OVER INCUMBENT SENATOR CLAIBORNE PELL.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ANALYSTS SEE 14 DISTRICTS IN THE NORTHWEST, 13 IN THE SOUTH, TEN IN THE MIDDLE WEST AND 12 IN THE WEST WHICH WILL BE CLOSELY CONTESTED. SOME REPUBLICANS GAINS COULD RESULT.

BUT 40 SEATS?

EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON WHETHER PRESIDENT NIXON WINS, BY HOW MUCH AND WHETHER HIS KIND OF PUBLIC APPEAL CAN BE MADE TO CARRY OVER TO CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES. NEWSWEEK FINDS THAT VOTERS REGARD THE PRESIDENT AS REPRESENTING "A CERTAIN SAFE AND SOLID COMPETENCE." THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS WILL SHOW WHETHER THIS IMAGE-AT-THE-TOP IS PERSUASIVE WITH UNPREDICTABLE VOTERS WHEN THEY TURN TO CHOOSING MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

AROUND THE NATION:

THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT REPORTED THAT, WITH RETAIL BEEF AND PORK PRICES BREAKING RECORDS, THE COST OF A TYPICAL FAMILY FOOD MARKET BASKET JUMPED 1.8 PERCENT TO AN ALL-TIME HIGH IN JULY. THE REPORT SAID THE ADVANCE WAS PARTLY DUE TO NORMAL SEASONAL FACTORS.

ALSO IN WASHINGTON, THE U.S. EDITOR OF "JAME'S FIGHTING SHIPS" SAID THE SOVIET UNION HAS ALREADY SURPASSED THE UNITED STATES IN SOME MARITIME AREAS, INCLUDING MERCHANT MARINE AND FISHING, AND HAS THE MOMENTUM TO OVERTAKE AMERICA AS THE WORLD'S LEADING SEA POWER. NORMAN POLMAR SAID THE RISE OF THE USSR TO ITS POSITION AS A WORLD SEA POWER WAS BASED ON SUCCESSFUL INTEGRATION OF ITS FOUR FLEETS -- NAVY, MERCHANT MARINE, FISHING, AND RESEARCH AND INTELLIGENCE.

IN MIAMI BEACH, VICE PRESIDENT SPIRO AGNEW SAID HE HAD NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER HE WOULD BE A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN 1976. "THIS QUESTION HAS TO BE CONSIDERED RATHER PREMATURE," HE TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE.

ALSO IN MIAMI BEACH, MAYOR CHUCK HALL SAID "POLITICIANS ARE USUALLY FREE LOADERS," AND ADDED THAT AS FAR AS HE IS CONCERNED THEY CAN KEEP THEIR NATIONAL CONVENTIONS. MR. HALL SAID THAT AS LONG AS HE WAS MAYOR, HE WOULD NOT ASK EITHER POLITICAL PARTY TO MEET IN MIAMI BEACH UNLESS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PICKS UP THE TAB.

IN CINCINNATI, DEMOCRATIC VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE SARGENT SHRIVER ATTACKED THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION'S ECONOMIC RECORD AS THE WORST SINCE THE TIME OF HERBERT HOOVER.

CALIFORNIA STATE AUTHORITIES RELEASED FIGURES SHOWING THAT, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, THE POPULATION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAD DECLINED, DOWN NEARLY 75,000 RESIDENTS FROM A HIGH OF MORE THAN SEVEN MILLION. A "ZERO POPULATION GROWTH" GROUP BROKE OUT THE CHAMPAGNE UPON HEARING THE NEWS.

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

IN MEXICO CITY, AURORA RUVALCABA GUTIERREZ, 44, BECAME THE FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT OF THE MEXICAN SENATE WHICH ROTATES ITS PRESIDENCY EVERY MONTH. SHE WILL PRESIDE DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

IN SANTIAGO, TEN LEFT-WING GUERRILLAS -- ONE OF THEM A WOMAN WHO FLED FROM ARGENTINA ABOARD A HIJACKED JET NINE DAYS AGO, ASKED THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT TO GRANT THEM SAFE CONDUCT TO CUBA.

IN PARIS, TWO DELTA AIRLINES EXECUTIVES LEFT FOR NEW YORK WITH ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN RECOVERED RANSOM MONEY. THE MONEY WAS BROUGHT TO PARIS FROM ALGIERS AUGUST 23 AFTER BEING RETURNED TO DELTA BY ALGERIAN AUTHORITIES. THE RANSOM HAD BEEN PAID AUGUST 1 TO A GROUP OF EIGHT AMERICANS WHO HIJACKED A DELTA JET AND DIVERTED IT FROM MIAMI TO ALGIERS.

IN MUNICH, AN AMERICAN MANUFACTURER OF EXERCISE EQUIPMENT AND HEALTH FOODS SAID MR. NIXON IS THE HEALTHIEST PRESIDENT IN MORE THAN A CENTURY. BOB HOFFMAN, WHO IS IN MUNICH AS A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC WEIGHTLIFTING COMMITTEE, SAID THE PRESIDENT'S OBVIOUS HEALTH IS AN IMPORTANT SELLING POINT TO VOTERS IN AN ELECTION YEAR.

IN BELGRADE, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM WILL PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA FROM AUGUST 31 TO SEPTEMBER, AND WILL MEET WITH PRESIDENT TITO.

IN MOSCOW, THE SOVIET UNION FIRMLY REMINDED ARAB COUNTRIES THAT THEIR FRIENDSHIP WITH THE USSR WAS "NOT LIKE A DECORATION WHICH ONE CHANGES AFTER TIRING OF IT." THE REMINDER WAS MADE BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER SOVIETSKAYA ROSSIYA IN THE MOST OUTSPOKEN COMMUNISTY MADE SINCE EGYPT ASKED SOVIET MILITARY ADVISERS TO RETURN HOME.

MORE SOVIET MINESWEEPERS ARRIVED AUGUST 23 AT THE PORT OF CHITTAGONG, BRINGING TO 11 THE NUMBER OF SOVIET VESSELS HELPING CLEAR A 900-SQUARE MILE AREA MINED BY THE PAKISTANIS DURING THE WAR OVER BANGLADESH, UPI REPORTED FROM DACCA.

IN SOUTH VIETNAM, COMMUNIST GUNNERS FIRED FIVE ROCKETS INTO A PETROLEUM COMPLEX SIX MILES SOUTHEAST OF SAIGON. FAR TO THE NORTH, 1,000 COMMUNIST TROOPS MOVED TO WITHIN 16 MILES OF DANANG AND ATTACKED TWO GOVERNMENT POSITIONS BETWEEN HIGHWAY ONE AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

THE U.S. COMMAND IN SAIGON SAID THREE AMERICAN SERVICEMEN DIED IN COMBAT LAST WEEK, THE LOWEST WEEKLY TOTAL IN TWO MONTHS. DURING THE SAME PERIOD THERE WERE 21 WOUNDED AND EIGHT SERVICEMEN WERE LISTED AS MISSING OR CAPTURED.

IN VIENTIANE, GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN SAID PATHET LAO LEADER PRINCE SOUPHANOUVONG HAS REJECTED A CEASEFIRE PROPOSED BY LAOTIAN PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA.

PRICES ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE TURNED SHARPLY LOWER IN STEPPED UP TRADING. DECLINES LED ADVANCES BY ALMOST TWO-ONE AMONG THE 1,746 ISSUES TRADED.

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USINFO:

IN NORTHERN LAOS, EXCEPT FOR A FEW SHELLINGS AND GROUND CLASHES, THE MILITARY SITUATION REMAINED BASICALLY UNCHANGED AUGUST 22-23.

IN SOUTHERN LAOS, SEVERAL SHARP GROUND CLASHES WERE REPORTED 12-19 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF KHONG SEDONE AUGUST 22-23.

NIXON STATEMENT ON THE STATE OF THE VIETNAM WAR

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUGUST 24-- THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT REGARDING THE WAR IN VIETNAM HAS BEEN EXCERPTED FROM PRESIDENT NIXON'S ADDRESS TO THE REP UBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION AUGUST 23, WHEN HE ACCEPTED THE PARTY NOMINATION TO RUN FOR ANOTHER TERM IN THE WHITE HOUSE;

STANDING IN THIS CONVENTION HALL FOUR YEARS AGO, I PLEDGED TO SEEK AN HONORABLE END TO THE WAR IN VIETNAM. WE HAVE MADE GREAT PROGRESS TOWARD THE END. WE HAVE BROUGHT OVER HALF A MILLION MEN HOME AND MORE WILL BE COMING HOME. WE HAVE ENDED AMERICA'S GROUND COMBAT ROLE. NO DRAFTEES ARE BEING SENT TO VIETNAM. WE HAVE REDUCED OUR CASUALTIES BY 98 PERCENT. WE HAVE GONE THE EXTRA MILE, IN FACT, WE HAVE GONE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF MILES TRYING TO SEEK A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE WAR. WE HAVE OFFERED A CEASEFIRE, A TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF ALL AMERICAN FORCES, AN EXCHANGE OF ALL PRISONERS OF WAR, INTERNATIONALLY SUPERVISED FREE ELECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNISTS PARTICIPATING IN THE ELECTIONS AND IN THEIR SUPERVISION.

THERE ARE THREE THINGS, HOWEVER, THAT WE HAVE NOT AND THAT WE WILL NOT OFFER.

WE WILL NEVER ABANDON OUR PRISONERS OF WAR.

SECOND, WE WILL NOT JOIN OUR ENEMIES IN IMPOSING A COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT ON OUR ALLIES -- THE 17 MILLION PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

AND WE WILL NEVER STAIN THE HONOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

HANOI SEEKS MILITARY TAKEOVER WHILE TALKING 'PEACE', U.S. SAYS

PARIS, AUG. 24 -- THE ACTING HEAD OF THE U.S. DELEGATION AT THE PARIS TALKS HAS ACCUSED THE COMMUNISTS IN VIETNAM OF STRIVING FOR AN IMMEDIATE MILITARY TAKEOVER CF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM WHILE VERBALLY FAVORING NEGOTIATION AND COMPROMISE.

HEYWARD ISHAM, THE AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE AT THE 156TH PLENARY SESSION AUGUST 24, QUOTED FROM DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AND VIET CONG TO SHOW THAT THE MEANINGS IN PARIS WERE CHANGED FROM THE ORIGINALS IN HANOI CONCERNING THE CURRENT COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE.

"THUS, FOR EXAMPLE, YOU DELETED MENTION OF YOUR SIDE'S CIAIM TO BE 'STRUGGLING TO GAIN TIME IN ORDER TO GRADUALLY WEAKEN OR ANNIHILATE THE ENEMY FORCES, SMASH HIS PACIFICATION PIAN, DEVELOP OUR FORCES, AND ORGANIZE FIRM BATTLEGROUNDS SO AS TO CHANGE THE WAR SITUATION AND WIN INCREASINGLY GREATER VICTORIES'" MR. ISHAM SAID. HE ADDED THAT THE COMMUNISTS HAD ALSO "DELETED MENTION OF THE INJUNCTIONS TO 'DESTROY ENEMY POSTS, SUESECTORS AND DISTRICT TOWNS', TO 'LAUNCH CONTINUOUS ATTACKS', AND TO HAVE ALL PEOPLE 'CHANNEL THEIR FORCE TO THE BATTLEFIELDS'".

MR. ISHAM, ACTING FOR AMBASSADOR WILLIAM J. PORTER, WHO IS VACATIONING, SAID THE UNITED STATES FULLY SUPPORTED THE PROPOSAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TO REPATRIATE 600 SICK AND WOUNDED PRISONERS OF WAR. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE MOVE WAS IN KEEPING WITH THE GENEVA CONVENTION ON PRISONER-OF-WAR TREATMENT, BY WHICH BOTH HANOI AND SAIGON ARE BOUND. "WE HOPE THIS HUMANE INITIATIVE WILL MEET WITH A POSITIVE RESPONSE AND WILL OCCASION ADDITIONAL MEASURES OF THIS KIND," MR. ISHAM SAID.

THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE EMPHASIZED THE REASONABLENESS OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S MAY 8 PROPOSALS TO BRING ABOUT A HALT TO THE KILLING IN INDOCHINA IN THESE WORDS DIRECTED TO THE COMMUNIST SIDE:

"THERE IS, HOWEVER, A REMEDY FOR YOUR INTERNAL CONTRADICTIONS. YOU CAN GIVE PRIMACY HERE TO MILITARY PROBLEMS IN THIS CONFLICT, AS YOU DO IN PRACTICE. YOU CAN NEGOTIATE AN INDOCHINA-WIDE CEASE FIRE WITH THE ADDED SAFEGUARD OF INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION, TO END THE FRATICIDE YOUR PEOPLE LAMENT. YOU CAN RETURN AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR, WHICH TOGETHER WITH THE INTERNALIONALLY SUPERVISED CEASEFURE, WILL OCCASION THE COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF UNITED STATES POLITICAL QUESTIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, TO DEAL WITH THE SUBSTANCE OF DETERMINING THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF SOUTH VIETNAM, FREE FROM EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE, BY THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE THEMSELVES."

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, PHAM DANG LAM, ALSO CITED THE DUPLICITY OF THE COMMUNISTS IN SAYING THAT HANOI DEMANDED AN END TO AMERICAN AIR ATTACKS AND MINING OF NORTHERN PORTS WHILE MULTIPLYING ITS ATTACKS IN AREAS HELD BY THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE AND ALLIED FORCES.

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U.S. SEEKS HONORABLE SOLUTION TO VIETNAM WAR, ROGERS SAYS

ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AUGUST 24 -- SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS SAYS THE UNITED STATES MUST CONTINUE TO SEEK AN HONORABLE SOLUTION TO THE VIETNAM WAR BASED ON PROPOSALS BY PRESIDENT NIXON. "WHICH HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED AS FAIR AND REASONABLE BY MOST OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY."

IN AN ADDRESS AT THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF THE AMERICAN HELLENIC EDUCATIONAL AND PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION (AHEPA), MR. ROGERS STRESSED THAT ABANDONMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM, AS ADVOCATED BY SOME PERSONS IN THE UNITED STATES, WOULD BE UNCONSCIONABLE.

"WE ARE BEING URGED BY SOME NOW TO QUIT --TO REFUSE TO GIVE ANY FURTHER SUPPORT, ECONOMIC OR OTHERWISE -- TO THROW UP OUR HANDS -- TO ABANDON THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM, TO FORGET ALL THAT WE HAVE DONE AS A NATION, AND TO FORGET ALL THAT THEY HAVE DONE AS A NATION," THE SECRETARY NOTED.

"THIS THE PRESIDENT WILL NOT DO," MR. ROGERS ASSERTED.

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ALTHOUGH HE CONCEDED THAT AMERICANS SHOULD CONSIDER WHAT WAS BEST FOR THE UNITED STATES, MR. ROGERS SAID THE BEST SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT WAS ONE WHICH "TAKES INTO ACCOUNT NOT ONLY OUR INTERESTS BUT THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM AS WELL."

"A TOTAL ABANDONMENT OF OUR ALLY NOW AFTER FIGHTING ALONGSIDE EACH OTHER SINCE 1965 -- A COMPLETE ABOUT-FACE --WOULD BE UNCONSCIONABLE," HE SAID.

THE SECRETARY EMPHASIZED THAT THE WAY IN WHICH THE AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM IS ENDED IS "OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE." PRESIDENT NIXON, HE SAID, IN BRINGING HOME HALF A MILLION AMERICAN TROOPS AND ENDING THE U.S. COMBAT GROUND ROLE HAS "PREVENTED A COMMUNIST TAKEOVER OF SOUTH VIETNAM BY FORCE AND IN A WAY WHICH SHOULD GIVE THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN FUTURE. MR. ROGERS' STATEMENTS ON VIETNAM WERE PART OF A WIDE RANGING FOREIGN POLICY DISCUSSION. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE UNITED STATES MUST MAINTAIN ITS COMMITMENT "TO THE 42 NATIONS WITH WHICH WE HAVE ALLIANCES -- ALLIANCES WHICH UNDERLINE THAT THEIR SECURITY IS IMPORTANT TO US."

"EVEN IN AN ERA OF NEGOTIATIONS," HE SAID, "INDEED ESPECIALLY IN AN ERA OF NEGOTIATION, WE MUST REMAIN STEADFAST IN OUR SUPPORT FOR THE CONCEPT OF MUTUAL SECURITY."

ONE OF THE MAIN PILLARS OF THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM WAS THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION (NATO), MR. ROGERS STATES. HE SAID THE ALLIANCE HAD PROVIDED THE BASE "FROM WHICH WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MOVE FROM CONFRONTATION TO NEGOTIATION."

"TODAY THE COUNTRIES OF EUROPE, WITH OUR PARTICIPATION ARE ENGAGED IN UNPRECEDENTED NEGOTIATING ACTIVITY," HE OBSERVED.

THE SECRETARY SAID THE UNITED STATES WOULD LIKE TO SEE PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT REINSTITUTED IN GREECE, BUT HE DISAGREED WITH THOSE WHO WOULD EXERT PRESSURE TOWARD THAT END THROUGH THE NATO ALLIANCE.

"I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD THREATEN RETALIATION OR USE COERCIVE METHODS TO INSIST THAT ANOTHER GOVERNMENT CONDUCT ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN A MANNER TO COINCIDE WITH OUR VIEWS," HE SAID.

"SUCH A POLICY," HE ADDED, "VIOLATES THE CONCEPT OF SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE AND, IN MY OPINION, WOULD NOT BE EFFECTIVE OR IN OUR BEST INTERESTS."

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BY FRANK H. KUEST

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUG. - THE QUADRENNIAL CONVENTIONS OF THE REPUBLICAN AND THE DEMOCRATIC PARTIES HAVE ENDED, THE CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN SELECTED, THE CAMPAIGNS HAVE BEGUN. NOW, THE ORATORY WILL BE BLOSSOMING. BUT NO MATTER WHAT IS SAID AND DONE, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL HAVE THE FINAL SAY-- ON ELECTION DAY, NOVEMBER 7.

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THE REPUBLICANS HAD THEIR FINAL CONVENTION SAY AUGUST 23 WITH A TUMULTUOUS, RAFTER + RENDING OVATION AFTER THEIR CANDIDATE, PRESIDENT NIXON, ACCEPTED RENOMINATION FOR A SECOND RUN AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

THE DEMOCRATS DID THEIR THING SIX WEEKS AGO WHEN THEY NOMINATED SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN OF SOUTH DAKOTA AS THEIR STANDRARD-BEARER IN 1972.

IN ACCEPTING RENOMINATION, PRESIDENT NIXON SET THE THEME THAT HE HAS FOLLOWED AND WILL FOLLOW IF RE-ELECTED WHEN HE SAID:

"IT CAN BE TRULY SAID THAT WE HAVE CHANGED AMERICA AND AMERICA HAS HELPED TO CHANGE THE WORLD."

THIS WAS A DIRECT CHALLENGE TO SENATOR MCGOVERN'S THEME OF "COME HOME AMERICA, WHICH HAS BEEN INTERPRETED AS AN APPEAL TO AMERICANS TO FORGET WORLDWIDE PROBLEMS AND ISSUES AND CONCENTRATE ON INTERNAL PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS.

SENATOR MCGOVERN HAS BASED HIS MAJOR APPROACH ON THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN FORCES FROM VIETNAM AND A PLEDGE TO GO TO HANOI TO SEEK THE RETURN OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR.

MR. NIXON DID NOT FORGET THIS ASPECT OF MR. MCGOVERN'S POSITION IN HIS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH, SAYING:

"STANDING IN THIS CONVENTION HALL FOUR YEARS AGO, I PLEDGED TO SEEK AN HONORABLE END TO THE WAR IN VIETNAM. WE HAVE MADE GREAT PROGRESS TOWARD THAT GOAL. WE HAVE BROUGHT OVER A HALF-MILLION MEN HOME FROM VIETNAM AND MORE WILL BE COMING HOME.

"WE HAVE ENDED AMERICA'S GROUND COMBAT ROLE...WE HAVE GONE THE EXTRA MILE -- IN FACT TENS OF THOUSAND OF MILES -- TO SEEK PEACE ON THE NEGOTIATING FRONT. WE HAVE OFFERED A CEASEFIRE, A TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF ALL AMERICAN FORCES, AND EXCHANGE OF ALL PRISONERS OF WAR; INTERNATIONALLY SUPERVISED FREE ELECTIONS WITH PARTICIPATION BY THE COMMUNISTS IN THE ELECTIONS AND THEIR SUPERVISION."

THE PRESIDENT RECALLED THAT IN HIS POLITICAL LIFETIME FIVE PRESIDENTS -- FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, HARRY S. TRUMAN, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, JOHN F. KENNEDY AND LYNDON B. JOHNSON -- WERE UNITED, DESPITE MANY DIFFERENCES ON SOME ISSUES, IN THEIR TOTAL OPPOSITION TO ISOLATION FOR AMERICA AND IN THEIR BELIEF THAT THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE INTERESTS OF WORLD PEACE REQUIRE THAT AMERICA BE STRONG ENOUGH AND INTELLIGENT ENOUGH TO ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF LEADERSHIP IN THE WORLD COMMUNITY."

THE REPUBLICAN DELEGATES WHO HAD HEARD THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE LEFT MIAMI BEACH WITH A CALM AIR OF CONFIDENCE AND MEASURED OPTIMISM ABOUT RE-ELECTING HIM.

STILL, THEY WERE NOT UNMINDFUL OF THE ELECTION IN 1948 WHEN THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE, GOVERNOR THOMAS E. DEWEY OF NEW YORK WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE WON IN A WALK. BUT WHILE GOVERNOR DEWEY WAS WALKING, DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN WAS RUNNING, AND THE RUNNER BEAT THE WALKER IN ONE OF AMERICA'S GREAT POLITICAL UPSETS.

THE REPUBLICANS SAY THEY WILL RUN, NOT WALK, IN THE CAM PAIGN AHEAD.

OBVIOUSLY, SENATOR MC YOHERN PLANS TO DO THE SAME.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

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SOUTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS BOLSTERED BY RE-ENFORCEMENTS BATTLED NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES SUNDAY WHILE PRESSING THEIR DRIVE AROUND THE TOWN OF QUE SON. FIELD REPORTS DESCRIBE THE FIGHTING AS THE HEAVIEST IN THAT AREA SINCE GOVERNMENT TROOPS VITHDRAW FROM QUE SON UNDER COMMUNIST PRESSURE MORE THAN ONE WEEK AGO. ELSEWHERE HEAVY FIGHTING WAS AGAIN REPORTED AT QUANG TRI CITY. THE GOVERNMENT FORCES CAME UNDER INTENSIVE SHELLING. IN THE AIR WAR, U.S. NAVY JETS BOMBED A SHIP REPAIR YARD AND OTHER MILITARY TARGETS IN THE NORTH VIETNAMESE PORT CITY OF HAIPHONG, ON SATURDAY.

PRESIDENT NIXON HAS SUMMONED DEFENSE SECRETARY LAIRD TO MEET MONDAY AT THE WESTERN WHITE HOUSE IN SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA TO DISCUSS MR. NIXON'S NEXT ANNOUNCEMENT ON VIETNAM TROOP LEVELS. THE PRESIDENT IS EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY A NEW SCHEDULE FOR REDUCING U.S. FORCES IN VIETNAM BELOW THEIR CURRENT 39,000 MAN LEVEL. PRESS SECRETARY RONALD ZEIGLER SAID MR. LAIRD WOULD ALSO REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT ON STUDIES UNDERTAKEN TO SHIFT THE CURRENT MANDATORY DRAFT TO AN ALL VOLUNTEER ARMED FORCE. MR. NIXON SAID IN A MAGAZINE INTERVIEW HE BELIEVES THE VIETNAM WAR WILL END SOON. THE MAGAZINE QUOTED THE PRESIDENT AS SAYING THIS CONFIDENCE WAS DERIVED FROM HIS READING OF THE LOGIC OF VIETNAM RATHER THAN FROM THE NEGOTIATIONS IN PARIS BY HIS ADVISOR HENRY KISSINGER.

THE WORLD ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE ENDED ITS THREE-DAY CONFERENCE IN MEXICO CITY IN CITICISM OF FREE WORLD MOVES TOWARD ACCOMMODATION WITH COMMUNISM. THE LEAGUE'S NEW PRESIDENT ROMUNDO GORRAL OF MEXICO, DENOUNCED TACTICS OF NEGOTIATION AND RAPPROCHMENT WHICH HE SAID THE COMMUNISTS USE. HE SAID SOME LEADERS OF FREE COUNTRIES HAVE ALLOWED THEMSELVES TO BE LED INTO NEGOTIATIONS THAT YIELD NOTHING. HE SAID THE CONFERENCE CALLED ON FRESIDENT NIXON TO HALT WHAT IT CALLED A POLICY OF APPARENT SURRENDER TO CHINA.

THE 19TH GAME OF THE WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP IN REYKJAVIK, ICELAND BETWEEN SOVIET CHAMPION BORIS SPASSKY AND AMERICAN CHALLENGER BOBBY FISCHER HAS ENDED IN A DRAW ON THE 40TH MOVE. FISCHER LEADS NOW WITH 11 POINTS TO SPASSKY'S 8, AND HE NEEDS ONLY ONE AND HALF POINTS TO TAKE THE TITLE. THE 20TH GAME IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY.

THE U.S. COMMERCE SECRETARY PETER PETERSON SAID IN A MAGAZINE INTERVIEW THAT THE CHANCES ARE GOOD THIS YEAR OF CONCLUDING A MAJOR TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION. THE SECRETARYU DENIED THE EXPANSION OF U.S. TRADE WITH THE SOVIET UNION DEPENDED ON SOVIET HELP TO END THE VIETNAM WAR.

TWO GOLDMEDALS HAVE BEEN AWARDED, AND TWO OLYMPIC RECORDS SET IN THE FIRST DAY OF COMPETITION AT THE SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES IN MUNICH.

UGANDIAN PRESIDENT IDI AMIN SAYS THAT SOME ASIANS WITH FOREIGN PASS-PORTS WILL BE SPECIALLY INVITED TO REMAIN IN THE COUNTRY IN SPITE OF HIS EXPULSION ORDER. HE SAID THESE WOULD BE WELCOME BUT HE DID NOT INDICATE HOW MANY ASIANS WOULD BE INVOLVED.

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FORMER TREASURY SECRETARY JOHN CONNALLY SAYS ANY DAMAGE TO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY THIS YEAR IS BEING DONE BY THE IDEOLOGY OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE GEORGE MCGOVERN. MR. CONNALLY TOLD T.V. NEWSMEN THAT HIS GROUP, DEMOCRATS FOR NIXON, WILL NOT SPLIT THE PARTY. HE SAID THAT HIS GROUP IS INVOLVED IN RE-ELECTING PRESIDENT NIXON AND WILL NOT SUPPORT REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS. ON ANOTHER T.V. INTERVIEW VICE PRESIDENT SPIRO AGNEW CRITICIZED THE EMPHASIS DEMOCRATS AND THE MEDIA PLACED ON THE U.S. BOMBING OF VIETNAM. THE VICE PRESIDENT CALLED THE BOMBING OF THE NORTH A RETAILATORY MOVE AND HE NOTED NORTH VIETNAMESE'S SHELLING OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE CITIES AND SHOOTING OF REFUGEES.

USINFO:

IN NORTHERN LAOS THERE WERE REPORTS OF CONTINUED GROUND CLASHES . AND SHELLINGS IN THE SAM THONG-LONG TIENG AREA.

IN SOUTHERN LAOS, SIMILAR MILITARY ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED 14-18 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF KHONE SEDONE, AND 10-15 KILOMETERS EAST AND NORTHEAST OF PAKSE.

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NIXON, MCGOVERN DIFFER ON DEFENSE NEEDS, MILITARY COMMITMENTS

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AUG. 25 -- PRESIDENT NIXON, THE REPUBLICAN NOMINEE FOR RE ELECTION, AND U.S. SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN, HIS DEMOCRATIC CHAILENGER, HOLD DIFFERENT VIEWS ON THE DEFENSE NEEDS AND MILITARY COMMITMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

CURRENT SPENDING FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE IS ABOUT 80,000 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY, AND PRESIDENT NIXON WANTS TO CONTINUE AT THIS LEVEL. SENATOR MCGOVERN PROPOSES TO SLASH IT BY AT LEAST 30,000 MILLION DOLLARS OVER A THREE YEAR PERIOD.

SOME OF THE DIFFERENCES IN THE VIEWPOINTS OF THE TWO CANDIDATES WERE SPELLED OUT IN SPEECHES THIS WEEK AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION IN CHICAGO. THE LEGION IS AN ORGANIZATION OF ARMED FORCES VETERANS. MR. MCGOVERN SPOKE AUGUST 23; MR. NIXON AUGUST 24.

FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THEIR PREPARED TEXTS:

BEGIN MR. MCGOVERN EXCERPTS:

... THE MILITARY SERVICES ARE NOW TIED DOWN TO THE LONGEST WAR IN OUR HISTORY. WHILE THE FORCE CEILING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA HAS BEEN REDUCED BY HALF A MILLION MEN SINCE 1969, OVER A MILLION MEN HAVE BEEN SENT THERE TO FIGHT IN THAT SAME PERIOD. OVER 140,000 STILL REMAIN, ON LAND AND SEA...

AMERICANS WILL FIGHT AND WE WILL DIE, FOR A CAUSE. WE ALWAYS HAVE. THE ARMY THAT SO FIGHTS WILL RESPECT ITS OFFICERS -AND IT WILL BE HONORED AND ADMIRED BY THE PEOPLE BACK HOME. OUR PRESENT PROBLEMS CAME ABOUT BECAUSE THE MILITARY WAS ASKED -- AND IT IS STILL ASKED -- TO CONTINUE A WAR IN WHICH THE NATION NO LONGER BELIEVES.

WAR IS NEVER FAIR. WE SHALL ALWAYS ASK MUCH MORE OF THE MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE THAN WE CAN GIVE THEM. BUT AT LEAST WE CAN GIVE THEM A MISSION IN KEEPING WITH THE HONOR AND DIGNITY OF THEIR SERVICE -- A MISSION IN KEEPING WITH THEIR OWN SELF RESPECT AS HUMAN BEINGS -- A MISSION THEY CAN PROUDLY CALL AMERICAN.

THE WAR IN VIETNAM IS NOT AND CANNOT BE THAT KIND OF MISSION. GENERAL THIEU IS NOT WORTH ONE MORE DROP OF AMERICAN BLOOD. OR ONE MORE OUNCE OF SUFFERING AND ANQUISH ON THE PART OF OUR PRISONERS AND THEIR LOVED ONES. AND THE SOONER WE CAN STOP THE BOMBING AND THE SHELLING AND BRING OUR BOYS BAWK HOME, THE SOONER OUR MILITARY CAN TURN TO THE REAL NEEDS OF OUR SECURITY AND OUR COUNTRY.

WE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT EVERY DOLLAR WE SPEND DESTROYING VIETNAM DEPRIVES US OF MONEY WE NEED TO BUILD AMERICA. ... I AM OPPOSED TO THE BOMBING OF VIETNAM, NOT ONLY BECAUSE I BELIEVE IT IS WRONG, NOT ONLY BECAUSE I BELIEVE IT IS MILITARILY INEFFECTIVE, BUT ALSO BECAUSE IT IS SO WASTEFUL...

LET'S STOP BOMBING ASIA AND BEGIN BULDING AMERICA. THAT IS THE ONLY WAY TO END THE KILLING AND IT IS THE ONLY WAY TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF OUR PRISONERS. OUR PRESENT POLICY IS NOT RELEASING PRISONERS. IT SIMPLY LOCKS THEM IN TIGHTER AND ADDS EACH WEEK TO THE NUMBER OF AIRMEN SHOT DOWN AND TAKEN AS PRISONERS...

IT IS NOT TRADITIONAL FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES TO DETAIL THEIR MILITARY POSTURE BEFORE THEY ARE ELECTED. BUT THE MILITARY PROGRAM HAS SUCH A VITAL IMPACT ON OUR ECONOMY, AND INVOLVES SUCH A HIGH PROPORTION OF OUR GOVERNMENT EFFORT, I BELIEVE THE PUBLIC SHOULD KNOW JUST WHAT MY INTENTIONS ARE.

FIRST, I MAKE THIS PLEDGE: SO LONG AS I AM PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AMERICA WILL NEVER BECOME A SECOND RATE POWER. WE ARE AND WILL REMAIN THE STRONGEST NATION IN THE WORLD.

I HAVE DEVOTED MORE TIME AND EFFORT TO MY DEFENSE POSTURE THAN TO ANY OTHER PART OF MY PREPARATION FOR THE PRESIDENCY. I HAVE MADE A CAREFUL CALCULATION OF THE SECURITY NEEDS OF THE COUNTRY. THERE IS NOT A SINGLE POSSIBILITY THAT IS NOT PROVIDED FOR AND THEN SOME: MY BUDGET RETAINS A FIRM COMMITMENT TO CONVENTIONAL DEFENSE AND TO NUCLEAR DETERRENCE. IT PROVIDES ABUNDANT INSURANCE AGAINST ATTACK, BY GIVING THE NATION MORE, NOT LESS, OF THE NUCLEAR SYSTEMS WE DEPEND ON TO ASSURE THE DESTRUCTION OF ANY POTENTIAL ENEMY.

TO GIVE JUST ONE EXAMPLE, MY BUDGET WOULD GIVE US ENOUGH FIREPOWER TO DESTROY RUSSIA AND CHINA SIMULTANEOUSLY 20 TIMES OVER. AND I WILL, OF COURSE, REVIEW MY DEFENSE BUDGET WITH OUR MILITARY COMMANDERS CONSTANTLY, AND MAKE WHATEVER CHANGES NEW CONDITIONS AND NEW TECHNIQUES REQUIRE.

I ASSURE YOU THAT NO HOSTILE POWER WILL SUCCEED IN THREATENING T HIS COUNTRY IF I AM PRESIDENT. NO FOREIGN COUNTRY WILL FUSH US AROUND. WE WILL ALWAYS HAVE SUFFICIENT POWER TO RESIST ATTACK, THE THREAT OF ATTACK, OR DIPLOMACY BY BLACKMAIL.

THE DANGER OF ISOLATIONISM DOES NOT COME FROM THOSE WHO WANT A SENSIBLE POLICY IN INDOCHINA. THE DANGER DOES NOT COME FROM THOSE WHO QUESTION THE NEED FOR THIS COUNTRY TO POLICE ALL OF ASIA AND AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA AND EUROPE. THE DANGER HAS COME FROM THOSE WHO PERSIST IN A POLICY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE KNOW TO BE FOOLISH AND FUTILE AND COSTLY IN TREASURE AND LIVES. THEY ARE THE ONES WHO INVITE A REALLY CATASTROPHIC RETREAT FROM THE WORLD... (END MCGOVERN EXCERPTS)

BEGIN PRESIDENT NIXON EXCERPTS:

...MY GUIDING PRINCIPLE HAS BEEN, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE, THAT AMERICA WILL NEVER BE THE SECOND STRONGEST NATION IN THE WORLD.

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AS LONG AS I AM PRESIDENT, AMERICA WILL NEVER HAVE TO NEGOTIATE WITH OUR ADVERSARIES FROM A POSITION OF WEAKNESS...

THIS IS NOT FOR A MOMENT TO SAY THAT WE SHOULD NOT SAVE AS MUCH. MONEY AS POSSIBLE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE, AND DEVOTE AS MUCH MONEY AS WE CAN AFFORD TO OTHER VITAL NATIONAL NEEDS.

WE HAVE ECONOMIZED AND WILL CONTINUE TO ECONOMIZE ON MILITARY SPENDING WHENEVER AND WHEREVER IT IS SAFE TO DO SO. BUT I NEVER HAVE GAMBLED -- AND I NEVER WILL GAMBLE -- WITH THE SAFETY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE UNDER A FALSE BANNER OF ECONOMY. LASTING PEACE IS BUILT ONLY ON STRENGTH.

ECONOMY, ALWAYS. WEAKNESS, NEVER. LOOK AT THE RECORD AND YOU WILL SEE THAT ALREADY WE HAVE MADE SAFE AND SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMY MEASURES. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REDUCE DEFENSE SPENDING TO A SAFE MINIMUM WITHOUT BETRAYING OUR SECURITY OR DISHONORING OUR TREATY AGREEMENTS.

WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY REDUCED OUR OVERALL MILITARY MANPOWER B Y NEARLY ONE-THIRD.

WE HAVE CLOSED OVERSEAS BASES NO LONGER VITAL TO OUR NATIONAL SECURITY WITHOUT UNDERMINING THE CONFIDENCE OF OUR ALLIES.

AND WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY PERSUADED THOSE ALLIES TO TAKE UP A GREATER SHARE OF THE FREE WORLD DEFENSE BURDEN THAN THEY HAVE IN THE PAST.

SEPARATE THE FACTS FROMTHE CAMPAIGN RHETORIC AND YOU WILL FIND THAT THE 1973 DEFENSE BUDGET ACCOUNTS FOR ONLY 6.4 PERCENT OF THE ESTIMATED GROSS NALTIONAL PRODUCT -- THAT IT IMPOSES THE SMALLEST ECONOMIC BURDEN ON OUR GOUNTRY OF ANY DEFENSE BUDGET IN MORE THAN 20 YEARS. THAT IS REAL PROGRESS.

BUT I AM SURE THAT I SPEAK FOR THE GREAT MAJORITY OF AMERICANS WHEN I SAY I FIRMLY DRAW THE LINE AT MEASURES THAT CUT AT THE MUSCLE, INSTEAD OF TRIMMING THE FAT, OF OUR DEFENSE PROGRAM.

BUT IF, AS SOME SUGGEST, WE HALT THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR MINUTEMAN III AND POSEIDON MISSLE PROGRAMS -- PROGRAMS NECESSARY FOR A CREDIBLE DEFENSE, AND PROGRAMS ALREADY APPROVED BY THE CONGRESS - THEN AMERICA WOULD BECOME THE SECOND STRONGEST POWER IN THE WORLD.

IF WE SLASH AWAY 60 PERCENT OF OUR STRATEGIC BOMBER FORCE--IF WE CANCEL DEVELOPMENT OF THE B-1 BOMBER AND CUT BACK THE NUMBER OF OUR AIRCRAFT CARRIERS FROM 16 to 6 -- THEN AMERICA WOULD BECOME THE SECOND STRONGERST POWER IN THE WORLD.

IF WE CUT BACK DRASTICALLY ON OUR NAVAL STRENGTH AT A TIME WHEN THE SOVIET UNION IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE GREATEST NAVAL BUILD UP IN ALL HISTORY, THEN AMERICA WOULD BECOME THE SECOND STRONGEST POWER IN THE WORLD.

IF WE MAKE A MAJOR UNILATERAL TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM NATO-A WITHDRAWAL THAT WOULD SERIOUSLY WEAKEN OUR CAPABILITY IN EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST, THEN WE WOULD UNDERCUT THE CONFIDENCE OF OUR FRIENDS AND DESTROY HOPES FOR ANY MUTUAL TROOP REDUCTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES...

MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, IF WE ABANDON UNILATERALLY THE B-1 AND MIRV PROGRAMS, AS SOME SUGGEST, WE CAN NEVER HOPE TO MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS IN ARMS LIMITATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION. THE SOVIET UNION, FACED WITH AN AMERICA STRIPPING ITS MILITARY STRENGTH UNILATERALLY, WOULD HAVE NO INCENTIVE WHATEVER TO CUT BACK ITS OWN PROGRAMS.

WEAKNESS IS A RISK WE MUST NEVER TAKE.

BECAUSE THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT BEEN IRRESPONSIBLE; BECAUSE THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN CALM AND RATIONAL IN ITS DEFENSE POLICIES AND OPEN AND FRANK IN ITS DEALINGS WITH OTHER NATIONS; WE STAND TODAY ON THE BRINK OF A MORE PEACEFUL, MORE SECURE ERA FOR ALL MANKIND...

I AM GRATEFULFOR THE WAY IN WHICH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND PARTICULARLY GROUPS LIKE THE AMERICAN LEGION, HAVE STOOD BEHIND THEIR GOVERNMENT DURING THE DIFFICULT BUT SUCCESSFUL POLICY OF ENDING THE WAR IN VIETNAM IN AN HONORABLE WAY. AS A RESULT, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BRING HOME HALF A MILLION AMERICAN FIGHTING MEN FROM VIETNAM -- AND WE HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT SELLING OUT OUR ALLIES, WITHOUT SURRENDERING TO OUR ENEMIES, AND WITHOUT ABANDONING OUR PRISONERS OF WAR AND THOSE MISSING IN ACTION...

LET US BE UNDER NO ILLUSIONS. FREEDOM IS NOT YET SAFE FROM ITS ENEMIES; SOME REAL DIFFERENCES REMAIN TO BE SETTLED EVEN AMONG OUR ALLIES. BUT I HAVE ALSO FOUND GROUNDS FOR RATIONAL OPTIMISM -- FOR CAUTIOUS, REASONED HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. IN PEKING, IN MOSCOW AND IN ALLIEDCAPITALS ACROSS THE WORLD, I FOUND A DESIRE FOR PEACE. IT IS NOT DESIRED FOR THE SAME REASON, OR ON THE SAME TERMS, IN EACH OF THESE WORLD CENTERS, BUT IT IS DESIRED ENOUGH SO THAT, IF AMERICA DOES NOT FALTER OR WEAKEN, WE HAVE A BASIS TO BUILD ON...

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PRESIDENT NIXON ACCEPTANCE ADDRESS AT REFUBLICAN CONVENTION

FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE TEXT OF THE ADDRESS DELIVERED AUGUST 23 BY PRESIDENT NIXON AT THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION IN MIAMI BEACH, AS HE ACCEPTED THE PARTY'S NOMINATION TO SEEK A SECOND PRESIDENTIAL TERM:

...FOUR YEARS AGO, STANDING IN THIS VERY PLACE, I PROUDLY ACCEPTED YOUR NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

AND WITH YOUR HELP AND WITH THE VOTES OF MILLIONS OF AMERICANS, WE WON A GREAT VICTORY IN 1968.

TONIGHT, I AGAIN PROUDLY ACCEPT YOUR NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

AND LET US PLEDGE OURSELVES TO WIN AN EVEN GREATER VICTORY THIS NOVEMBER IN 1972...

MR. CHAIRMAN, I CONGRATULATE THE DELEGATES TO THIS CONVENTION FOR RENOMINATING AS MY RUNNING MATE THE MAN WHO HAS JUST SO ELOQUENTLY AND GRACIOUSLY INTRODUCED ME, VICE PRESIDENT AGNEW.

I THOUGHT HE WAS THE BEST MAN FOR THE JOB FOUR YEARS AGO.

I THINK HE IS THE BEST MAN FOR THE JOB TODAY ...

IN ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT I SHALL NOT DWELL ON THE RECORD OF OUR ADMINISTRATION WHICH HAS BEEN PRAISED PERHAPS TOO GENEROUSLY BY OTHERS AT THIS CONVENTION.

WE HAVE MADE GREAT PROGRESS IN THESE PAST FOUR YEARS ...

I HAVE TRAVELED TO 80 COUNTRIES IN THE PAST 25 YEARS, AND I HAVE SEEN COMMUNIST SYSTEMS, I HAVE SEEN SOCIALIST SYSTEMS, I HAVE SEEN SYSTEMS THAT ARE HALF SOCIALIST AND HALF FREE.

EVERYTIME I COME HOME TO AMERICA, I REALIZE HOW FORTUNATE WE ARE TO LIVE IN THIS GREAT AND GOOD COUNTRY.

EVERYTIME I AM REMINDED THAT WE HAVE MORE FREEDOM, MORE OPPORTUNITY AND MORE PROSPERITY THAN ANY PEOPLE IN THE WORLD...

NOW, MY FELLOW AMERICANS, IN POINTING UP THOSE THINGS, WE DO NOT OVERLOOK THE FACT THAT OUR SYSTEM HAS ITS PROBLEMS...

OUR ADMINISTRATION, AS YOU KNOW, HAS PROVIDED THE BIGGEST TAX CUT IN HISTORY, BUT TAXES ARE STILL TOO HIGH...

WE HAVE CUT INFLATION IN HALF IN THIS ADMINISTRATION, BUT WE HAVE GOT TO CUT IT FURTHER. WE MUST CUT IT FURTHER SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO EXPAND ON THE GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT OF OUR NEW ECONOMIC POLICY: FOR THE FIRST TIME IN FIVE YEARS, WAGE INCREASES IN AMERICA ARE NOT BEING EATEN UP BY PRICE INCREASES...

FOUR YEARS AGO CRIME WAS RISING ALL OVER AMERICA AT AN UNPRECEDENTED RATE... I PLEDGED TO STOP THE RISE IN CRIME. IN ORDER TO KEEP THAT PLEDGE, I PROMISED IN THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN THAT I WOULD APPOINT JUDGES TO THE FEDERAL COURTS, AND PARTICULARLY TO THE SUPREME COURT, WHO WOULD RECOGNIZE THAT THE FIRST CIVIL RIGHT OF EVERY AMERICAN IS TO BE FREE FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

I HAVE KEPT THAT PROMISE. I AM PROUD OF THE APPOINTMENTS I HAVE MADE TO THE COURTS, AND PARTICULARLY PROUD OF THOSE I HAVE MADE TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES...

WE HAVE LAUNCHED AN ALL-OUT OFFENSIVE AGAINST CRIME, AGAINST NARCOTICS, AGAINST PERMISSIVENESS IN OUR COUNTRY...

NOW, I TURN TO AN ISSUE OF OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE, NOT ONLY TO THIS ELECTION, BUT FOR GENERATIONS TO COME -- THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE IN BUILDING A NEW STRUCTURE OF PEACE IN THE WORLD.

PEACE IS TOO IMPORTANT FOR PARTISANSHIP. THERE HAVE BEEN FIVE PRESIDENTS IN MY POLITICAL LIETIME --- FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, HARRY TRUMAN, DWIGHT EISENHOWER, JOHN F. KENNEDY AND LYNDON JOHNSON.

THEY HAD DIFFERENCES ON SOME ISSUES, BUT THEY WERE UNITED IN THEIR BELIEF THAT WHERE THE SECURITY OF AMERICA OR THE PEACE OF THE WORLD WAS INVOLVED WE ARE NOT REPUBLICANS, WE ARE NOT DEMOCRATS. WE ARE AMERICANS, FIRST, LAST AND ALWAYS.

THESE FIVE PRESIDENTS WERE UNITED IN THEIR TOTAL OPPOSITION TO ISOLATION FOR AMERICA AND IN THEIR BELIEF THAT THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE INTERESTS OF WORLD PEACE REQUIRE THAT AMERICA BE STRONG ENOUGH AND INTELLIGENT ENOUGH TO ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF LEADERSHIP IN THE WORLD.

THEY WERE UNITED IN THE CONVICTION THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD HAVE A DEFENSE SECOND TO NONE IN THE WORLD.

THEY WERE ALL MEN WHO HATED WAR AND WERE DEDICATED TO PEACE.

BUT NOT ONE OF THESE FIVE MEN AND NO PRESIDENT IN OUR HISTORY BELIEVED THAT AMERICA SHOULD ASK AN ENEMY FOR PEACE ON TERMS THAT WOULD BETRAY OUR ALLIES AND DESTROY RESPECT FOR THE UNITED STATES ALL OVER THE WORLD.

AS YOUR PRESIDENT, I PLEDGE THAT I SHALL ALWAYS UPHOLD THAT PROUD BIPARTISAN TRADITION. STANDING IN THIS CONVENTION HALL FOUR YEARS AGO, I PLEDGED TO SEEK AN HONORABLE END TO THE WAR IN VIETNAM. WE HAVE MADE GREAT PROGRESS TOWARD THAT END. WE HAVE BROUGHT OVER HALF A MILLION MEN HOME AND MORE WILL BE COMING HOME. WE HAVE ENDED AMERICA'S GROUND COMBAT ROLE. NO DRAFTEES ARE BEING SENT TO VIETNAM. WE HAVE REDUCED OUR CASUALTIES BY 98 PERCENT. WE HAVE GONE THE EXTRA MILE. IN FACT, WE HAVE GONE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF MILES TRYING TO SEEK A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE WAR. WE HAVE OFFERED A CEASEFIRE, A TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF ALL AMERICAN FORCES, AN EXCHANGE OF ALL PRISONERS OF WAR, INTERNALIONALLY SUPERVISED FREE ELECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNISTS PARTICIPATING IN THE ELECTIONS AND IN THEIR SUPERVISION.

THERE ARE THREE THINGS, HOWEVER, THAT WE HAVE NOT AND THAT WE WILL NOT OFFER.

WE WILL NEVER ABANDON OUR PRISONERS OF WAR.

SECOND, WE WILL NOT JOIN OUR ENEMIES IN IMPOSING A COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT ON OUR ALLIES -- THE 17 MILLION PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

AND WE WILL NEVER STAIN THE HONOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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NOW I REALIZE THAT MANY, PARTICULARY IN THIS POLITICAL YEAR, WONDER WHY WE INSIST ON AN HONORABLE PEACE IN VIETNAM. FROM A POLITICAL STANDPOINT THEY SUGGEST THAT SINCE I WAS NOT IN OFFICE WHEN OVER A HALF MILLION AMERICAN MEN WERE SENT THERE, THAT I SHOULD END THE WAR BY AGREEING TO IMPOSE A COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT ON THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND JUST BLAME THE WHOLE CATASTROPHE ON MY PREDECESSOR.

THIS MIGHT BE GOOD POLITICS, BUT IT WOULD BE DISASTROUS TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE IN THE WORLD. IF, AT THIS TIME, WE BETRAY OUR ALLIES, IT WILL DISCOURAGE OUR FRIENDS ABROAD AND IT WILL ENCOURAGE OUR ENEMIES TO ENGAGE IN AGGRESSION...

TO OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES IN EUROPE, ASIA, THE MIDEAST AND LATIN AMERICA, I SAY THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE ITS GREAT BIPARTISAN TRADITION -- TO STAND BY OUR FRIENDS AND NEVER TO DESERT THEM...

NOW IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT VIETNAM HAS BEEN A MAJOR CONCERN IN FOREIGN POLICY.

BUT WE HAVE NOT ALLOWED THE WAR IN VIETNAM TO PARALYZE OUR CAPACITY TO INITIATE HISTORIC NEW POLICIES TO CONSTRUCT A LASTING AND JUST PEACE IN THE WORLD.

WHEN THE HISTORY OF THIS PERIOD IS WRITTEN, I BELIEVE IT WILL BE RECORDED THAT OUR MOST SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO PEACE RESULTED FROM OUR TRIPS TO PEKING AND TO MOSCOW.

THE DIALOGUE THAT WE HAVE BEGUN WITH THE PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS REDUCED THE DANGER OF WAR AND HAS INCREASED THE CHANCE FOR PEACEFUL COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO GREAT PEOPLES.

WITHIN THE SPACE OF FOUR YEARS IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION WE HAVE MOVED FROM CONFRONTATION TO NEGOTIATION, AND THEN TO COOPERATION IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE.

WE HAVE TAKEN THE FIRST STEP IN LIMITING THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE.

WE HAVE LAID THE FOUNDATIONS FOR FURTHER LIMITATIONS ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND EVENTUALLY OF REDUCING THE ARMAMENTS IN THE NUCLEAR AREA.

WE CAN, THEREBY, NOT ONLY REDUCE THE ENORMOUS COST OF ARMS FOR BOTH OUR COUNTRIES, BUT WE CAN INCREASE THE CHANCES FOR PEACE...

IT CAN TRULY BE SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF OUR INITIATIVES, THE DANGER OF WAR IS LESS TODAY THAN IT WAS: THE CHANCES FOR PEACE ARE GREATER.

BUT A NOTE OF WARNING NEEDS TO BE SOUNDED. WE CANNOT BE COMPLACENT.

OUR OPPONENTS HAVE PROPOSED MASSIVE CUTS IN OUR DEFENSE BUDGET WHICH WOULD HAVE THE INEVITABLE EFFECT ON MAKING THE UNITED STATES THE SECOND STRONGEST NATION IN THE WORLD.

FOR THE UNITED STATES UNILATERALLY TO REDUCE ITS STRENGTH WITH THE NAIVE HOPE THAT OTHER NATIONS WOULD DO LIKEWISE WOULD INCREASE THE DANGER OF WAR IN THE WORLD...

IT IS FOR THAT REASON THAT I PLEDGE THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK PEACE AND THE MUTUAL REDUCTION OF ARMS. THE UNITED STATES, DURING THIS PERIOD, HOWEVER, WILL ALWAYS HAVE A DEFENSE SECOND TO NONE.

THERE ARE THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT WE CAN ENTRUST THE SECURITY OF AMERICA TO THE GOOD WILL OF OUR ADVERSARIES.

THOSE WHO HOLD THIS VIEW DO NOT KNOW THE REAL WORLD. WE CAN NEGOTIATE LIMITATION OF ARMS AND WE HAVE DONE SO. WE CAN MAKE AGREEMENTS TO REDUCE THE DANGER OF WAR, AND WE HAVE DONE SO.

BUT ONE UNCHANGEABLE RULE OF INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY THAT I HAVE LEARNED OVER MANY MANY YEARS IS THAT IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GREAT POWERS YOU CAN ONLY GET SOMETHING IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO GIVE IN RETURN.

THAT IS WHY I SAY TONIGHT: LET US ALWAYS BE SURE THAT WHEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES GOES TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE, HE NEVER HAS TO NEGOTIATE FROM WEAKNESS.

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A RETREAT TO PEACE.

MY FELLOW AMERICANS, WE STAND TODAY ON THE THRESHOLD OF ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING AND CHALLENGING YEARS IN THE HISTORY OF RELATIONS BETWEEN NATIONS.

WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY IN OUR TIME TO BE THE PEACEMAKERS OF THE WORLD, BECAUSE THE WORLD TRUSTS AND RESPECTS US, AND BECAUSE THE WORLD KNOWS THAT WE SHALL ONLY USE OUR POWER TO DEFEND FREEDOM, NEVER TO DESTROY IT; TO KEEP THE PEACE, NEVER TO BREAK IT.

A STRONG AMERICA IS NOT THE ENEMY OF PEACE: IT IS THE GUARDIAN OF PEACE ...

DURING THE TRAGIC WAR BETWEEN THE STATES, ABRAHAM LINCOLN WAS ASKED WHETHER GOD WAS ON HIS SIDE. HE REPLIED, "MY CONCERN IS NOT WHETHER GOD IS ON OUR SIDE, BUT WHETHER WE ARE ON GOD'S SIDE."

MAY THAT ALWAYS BE OUR PRAYER FOR AMERICA.

WE HOLD THE FUTURE OF PEACE IN THE WORLD AND OUR OWN FUTURE IN OUR HANDS. LET US REJECT THEREFORE THE POLICIES OF THOSE WHO WHINE AND WHIMPER ABOUT OUR FRUSTRATIONS AND CALL ON US TO TURN INWARD.

LET US NOT TURN AWAY FROM GREATNESS.

THE CHANCE AMERICA NOW HAS TO LEAD THE WAY TO A LASTING PEACE IN THE WORLD MAY NEVER COME AGAIN ...

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NEWS ROUNDUP

AROUND THE NATION:

AT THE UNITED NATIONS, THE U.S. MISSION SAID IT WANTS THIS FALL'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO SET 25 PERCENT AS THE CEILLING ON AMERICAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE U.N.'S REGULAR BUDGET, AS AGAINST THE CURRENT RATE OF 31.5 PERCENT. THE MISSION EMPHASIZED THAT MEMBERS SHOULD REMAIN FREE TO CONTRIBUTE AS MUCH AS THEY WANT TO THE VARIOUS U.N. VOLUNTARY FUNDS.

THE TABLOID NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, WITH A CIRCULATION OF OVER TWO MILLION, ENDORSED PRESIDENT NIXON FOR RE-ELECTION IN ITS AUGUST 27 EDITIONS.

IN WASHINGTON, SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN SAID HE WOULD WELCOME AN INVESTIGATION BY THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE OF HIS CAMPAIGN FUNDS BECAUSE HE HAD NOTHING TO HIDE. THE SENATOR ALSO SAID AT A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT A DIRECT-MAIL FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN HAS PRODUCED 1.8 MILLION DOLLARS FROM 63,000 CONTRIBUTORS SINCE THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION.

ALSO IN WASHINGTON, FORMER TREASURY SECRETARY JOHN CONNALLY CHARGED THAT SENATOR MCGOVERN AND HIS SUPPORTERS ARE "OFF ON AN IDEOLOGICAL BINGE." MR. CONNALLY ALSO SAID HE HAD NO ASPIRATIONS FOR A CABINET POST. "I HAVE AMBITIONS IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS," HE TOLD REPORTERS.

POSTMASTER GENERAL E.T. KLASSEN SAID THAT SAVINGS MADE PRIMARILY FROM A 33,000-STAFF REDUCTION HAVE REMOVED THE NEED TO ASK FOR A 450 MILLION-DOLLAR POSTAL RATE INCREASE. MR. KLASSEN ALSO SAID HE HOPED TO GET THROUGH ALL OF CALENDER 1973 WITHOUT A RATE INCREASE.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY SAID ITS 1971 BAN ON THE PESTICIDES ALDRIN AND DIELURIN HAS BEEN DEFERRED UNTIL AT LEAST NEXT SUMMER BECAUSE OF MANUFACTURERS 'APPEALS.

IN LEWISBURG, PENN3YLVANIA, AUTHOR CLIFFORD IRVING ENTERED A FEDERAL PENITENTIARY TO BEGIN SERVING A TWO AND ONE-HALF YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR THE HOAX INVOLVING HIS BOGUS HOWARD HUGHES AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

IN SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, CONGRESSMAN JOHN SCHMITZ, THE AMERICAN PARTY PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE, DESCRIBED THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES AS "TWO WINGS OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY." MR. SCHMITZ ASSERTED THAT THE AMERICAN PARTY WILL BECOME THE "TRUE PARTY OF OPPOSITION IN THIS COUNTRY."

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

IN REYKJAVIK, ICELAND, AUGUST 27, THE 19TH GAME IN THE WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP ENDED IN A DRAW. AMERICAN CHALLENGER BOBBY FISCHER NOW LEADS SOVIET CHESS MASTER BORIS SPASSKY 11 POINTS TO EIGHT IN THE 24 GAME SERIES AND NEEDS ONLY ONE AND ONE-HALF ADDITIONAL POINTS TO BECOME WORLD CHAMPION. THE MATCH RESUMES AUGUST 29.

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FAMED BRITISH YACHTSMAN SIR FRANCIS CHICHESTER DIED AUGUST 27 IN THE ROYAL NAVAL HOSPITAL, PORTSMOUTH, ENGLAND. HE WAS 70.

IN ISLAMABAD, CHIAO KUAN-HUA, VICE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, ARRIVED FOR TALKS WITH PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

IN SOUTH VIETNAM, U.S. B-52 BOMBERS MADE THEIR CLOSEST RAIDS TO SAIGON SINCE THE TET OFFENSIVE OF 1968. THE U.S. COMMAND REPORTED TWO B-52 MISSIONS 21 MILES AND 26 MILES NORTHWEST OF THE CAPITAL. THE TARGETS WERE DESCRIBED AS COMMUNIST TROOP CONCENTRATIONS AND STAGING AREAS.

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THE U.S. COMMAND IN SAIGON ALSO SAID AMERICAN TROOP STRENGTH DROPPED TO 37,700 MEN ON AUGUST 24--1,300 BELOW PRESIDENT NIXON'S TARGET FOR SEPTEMBER 1. THE COMMAND SAID U.S. MILITARY MANPOWER IN THE COUNTRY IS NOW AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL AS THAT IN SOUTH KOREA AND IS LESS THAN THAT OF THE U.S. SEVENTH FLEET OPERATING OFF VIETNAM'S COAST.

IN OTHER SOUTH VIETNAMESE DEVELOPMENTS, THE GOVERNMENT WARNED SAIGON'S NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE PROPRIETORS THAT THEY HAD ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT IN WHICH TO PAY GUARANTEES AGAINST CENSORSHIP FINES. RANGING UP TO 50,000 DOLLARS, THE GUARANTEES ARE REQUIRED BY A NEW PRESS CODE PROMULGATED AUGUST 4.

AT THE OLYMPICS AT MUNICH, THE U.S. WON ITS FIRST TWO GOLD MEDALS WITH A PAIR OF WORLD RECORD-BREAKING SWIMMING PERFORMANCES. MARK SPITZ, 22 YEARS OLD INDIANA UNIVERSITY STUDENT, WON THE 200-METER BUTTERFLY. MINUTES LATER, SPITZ ANCHORED THE RELAY TEAM WHICH FINISHED THREE SECONDS AHEAD OF THE SOVIET UNION'S TEAM IN ANOTHER WOELD-RECORD SWIMMING EVENT. MICKI KING OF THE U.S. WON THE WOMEN'S SPRINGBOARD DIVING GOLD MEDAL. EARLIER, VICTOR AUER, 35-YEAR-OLD HOLLYWOOD TELEVISION WRITER, WON A SILVER MEDAL IN THE SMALL BORE RIFLE SHOOTING EVENT.

WITH BUYING AT A LOW KEY, PRICES CLOSED LOWER IN A DULL SESSION ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE. DECLINES LED ADVANCES BY ABOUT AN EIGHT-TO-FIVE MARGIN AMONG THE MORE THAN 1,710 ISSUES TRADED.

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THERE WAS HEAVY FIGHTING IN NORTHERN LAOS AUGUST 25-27 WITH REPORTS OF MANY GROUND CLASHES AND SHELLINGS IN THE SAM THONG LONG TIENG AREA.

MILITARY ACTIVITY IN SOUTHERN LAOS ALSO INCREASED OVER THE WEEKEND WITH REPORTS OF SEVERAL GROUND CLASHES AND SHELLINGS NORTHEAST OF BOTH KHONG SEDONE AND PAKSE.

LAIRD SAYS BOMBING HALT UP TO HANOI

BY ALEXANDER M. SULLIVAN

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SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA, AUG. 28 DEFENSE SECRETARY LAIRD SAYS U.S. AIR AND NAVAL OPERATIONS AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM WILL END WHEN HANOI AGREES TO A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE WAR OR HALTS ITS USE OF THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE AS A MILITARY SUPPLY CONDULT.

MR. LAIRD, MEETING WITH NEWSMEN AUGUST 28 AT THE WESTERN WHITE HOUSE AFTER A SESSION WITH PRESIDENT NIXON, SAID THE AIR STRIKES AND NAVAL MEASURES "CAN BE STOPPED TWO WAYS -- FIRST, BY A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT" UNDER TERMS OUTLINED BY MR. NIXON MAY 8, OR "IF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE RETURN NORTH OF THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE AND STOP USING THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE AS A LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY ROUTE." HE SAID "WE WILL CONTINUE OUR MILITARY ACTIVITIES UNTIL THE ENEMY LIVES BY THE 1968 UNDERSTANDINGS AND THE 1954 ACCORDS, OR UNTIL A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT" IS REACHED.

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RONALD ZIEGLER TOLD NEWSMEN, WHO SCENTED A NEW U.S. POSITION ON THE AIR AND NAVAL ACTIVITIES, THAT THERE WAS NOTHING NEW IN MR. LAIRD'S WORDS, AND NOTHING INCONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION POSITIONS.

MR. ZIEGLER SAID THE DEFENSE SECRETARY INTENDED TO CONVEY THE THOUGHT THAT "IF THAT SITUATION TAKE PLACE, WE WOULD TAKE IT INTO CONSIDERATION IN OUR EVALUATION" OF THE BOMBING AND MINING OPERATIONS.

IN ANNOUNCING THE AIR AND NAVAL MEASURES HE ORDERED TO COUNTER NORTH VIETNAM'S MASSIVE EASTER INVASION OF SOUTH VIETNAM PRESIDENT NIXON SAID MAY 8 THOSE ACTIVITIES WOULD BE STOPPED WHEN NORTH VIETNAM AGREED TO AN INTERNATIONALLY SUPERVISED CEASEFIRE IN INDOCHINA, RETURN OF U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR AND AN ACCOUNTING FOR THOSE LISTED AS MISSING IN ACTION.

THE 1968 UNDERSTANDINGS MENTIONED BY MR. LAIRD REFERRED TO EFFORTS BY THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION TO START NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN END TO THE WAR. ITS TERMS CALLED FOR AN END TO U.S. AIR STRIKES ON NORTH VIETNAM EXCEPT WHEN UNARMED RECONNAISSANCE PLANES WERE FIRED UPON, IN RETURN FOR HANOI'S AGREEMENT TO STOP SHELLING SOUTH VIETNAMESE CITIES, TO RESPECT THE DEMILITARIZED CHARACTER OF THE BORDER BETWEEN THE VIETNAMS, AND TO UNDERTAKE SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS. THE 1954 ACCORDS ESTABLISHED THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE BETWEEN SOUTH VIETNAM AND NORTH VIETNAM.

MR. LAIRD MADE HIS COMMENTS ABOUT ENDING U.S. EFFORTS AT PREVENTING NORTH VIETNAM FOR RE-SUPPLYING ITS TROOPS IN SOUTH VIETNAM WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT REPORTS THAT AN ESTIMATED 20,000 FRESH NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS HAVE CROSSED THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

HE NOTED THE REPORTS CONTAINED "ESTIMATES" OF THE TROOP FIGURE AND DECLARED "THAT REPLACEMENT...WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH TO OFFENSIVES AGAINST SOUTH VIETNAMESE CITIES. "IT DOES NOT REPRESENT AN ADEQUATE REPLACEMENT OF LOSSES," HE ADDED.

MR. LAIRD SAID THE ENEMY HAS IN PLACE SUFFICIENT SUPPLIES TO MOUNT "ANOTHER SPECTACULAR," BUT HE STRESSED HIS CONFIDENCE IN THE ABILITY OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE FORCES, WHO "HAVE THE TOTAL AND COMPLETE GROUND RESPONSIBLITY" TO DEAL WITH SUCH AN ENEMY DRIVE. HE SAID THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE MIGHT LOSE SOME ENGAGEMENTS, BUT HE SAID THEY WOULD WIN MOST OF THEM.

HE SAID THE "TOTAL EFFECT" OF THE U.S. AIR AND NAVAL ACTIVITIES MOUNTED TO CURB NORTH VIETNAMESE SUPPLY EFFORTS "WILL BE FELT IN THE LATE FALL AND NEXT YEAR."

ASKED IF HE HAD EVIDENCE THAT A CHINESE COMMUNIST MINESWEEPER REPORTED TO BE NEAR HAIPHONG HARBOR MIGHT BE PREPARING TO SWEEP THE HARBOR OF U.S. MINES, HE REPLIED, "I HAVE NO SUCH EVIDENCE." QUESTIONED ABOUT A NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE REPORT QUOTING PRESIDENT NIXON AS SAYING THE WAR WOULD BE OVER BEFORE HIS SECOND TERM BEGINS JANUARY 20, 1973, MR. LAIRD SAID HE HAD NOT READ THE ARTICLE. ASKED IF HE AGREED WITH THAT STATEMENT, HE REPLIED, "I DO NOT MAKE FORECASTS OR PROJECTIONS." 1

MR. ZIEGLER TOLD NEWSMEN THE PRESIDENTIAL QUOTE HAD BEEN TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT BY THE QUESTIONER. HE SAID THE PRESIDENT HAD MADE THE COMMENT IN OUTLINING HIS HOPES AND GOALS FOR THE FUTURE.

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SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA, AUGUST 28 -- FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S MESSAGE ON ENDING PEACETIME MILITARY MANPOWER CONSCRIPTION, RELEASED BY THE WESTERN WHITE HOUSE AUGUST 28:

BASED ON THE REPORT SUBMITTED TO ME THIS MORNING BY SECRETARY LAIRD, AND PROVIDED THE CONGRESS ENACTS PENDING LEGISLATION I HAVE RECOMMENDED, WE WILL BE ABLE, AS PLANNED, TO ELIMINATE ENTIRELY BY JULY, 1973, ANY NEED FOR PEACETIME CONSORIPTION INTO THE ARMED FORCES.

FOUR YEARS AGO I PLEDGED THAT IF ELECTED I WOULD WORK TOWARD ENDING THE MILITARY DRAFT, AND ESTABLISHING IN ITS PLACE AN ALL-VOLUNTEER ARMED FORCE--AND THAT DURING SUCH TIME AS THE NEED FOR A DRAFT CONTINUED, I WOULD SEEK TO MAKE ITS WORKING MORE EQUITABLE AND LESS CAPRICIOUS IN ITS EFFECT ON THE LIVES OF YOUNG AMERICANS.

IMMEDIATELY ON TAKING OFFICE, MY ADMINISTRATION BEGAN ITS FULFILLMENT OF THAT PLEDGE -- AND I TAKE DEEP AND SPECIAL SATISFACTION IN THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE.

WITHIN EIGHTEEN MONTHS, THE OLD, OUTMODED DRAFTEE SELECTION PROGRESS, WITH ITS INEQUITABLE SYSTEM OF DEFERMENTS, WAS REPLACED BY AN EVEN-HANDED LOTTERY SYSTEM BASED ON RANDOM SELECTION. THE UNCERTAINTY CREATED BY THE DRAFT WAS FURTHER MINIMIZED BY REDUCING THE PERIOD OF DRAFT VULNERABILITY FROM SEVEN YEARS TO ONE. AS A RESULT OF THESE AND OTHER REFORMS, CONFIDENCE IN THE FAIRNESS OF THE SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM HAS BEEN RESTORED.

MEANWHILE, WE HAVE ALSO BEEN WORKING TOWARD THE ALL-VOLUNTEER FORCE.

SECRETARY LAIRD TODAY DELIVERED TO ME AN ENCOURAGING REPORT DETAILING THE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE IN REDUCING D EPENDENCE ON THE D RAFT TO MEET MILITARY MANPOWER NEEDS. THE EXPERIENCE OF THE PAST THREE YEARS, AS INDICATED IN THIS REPORT, SEEMS TO SHOW THAT SUFFICIENT NUMBERS OF VOLUNTEERS CAN BE ATTRACTED TO THE ARMED FORCES TO MEET PEACETIME MANPOWER NEEDS, AND THAT ENDING ALL DEPENDENCE ON THE DRAFT WILL BE CONSISTENT WITH MAINTAINING THE FORCE LEVEL AND DEGREE OF READINESS NECESSARY TO MEET OUR VITAL LONG-TERM NATIONAL SECURITY NEEDS.

THIS REMARKABLE RECORD OF PROGRESS IN REDUCING OUR DEPENDENCE ON THE DRAFT IS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE STRONG SUPPORT GIVEN BY SECRETARY LAIRD, BY THE SERVICE SECRETARIES, BY THE SERVICE CHIEFS, AND BY THE ENTIRE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT. THEY CAN ALL JUSTIFIABLY BE PROUD OF THE RECORD:

--DRAFT CALLS HAVE BEEN REDUCED FROM 299,000 IN 1968 TO 50,000 IN 1972 -- ONE-SIXTH OF THE PREVIOUS LEVEL.

--THE PROPORTION OF ENLISTEES WHO ARE "TRUE VOLUNTEERS" BECAUSE OF PRESSURE FROM THE DRAFT--HAS INCREASED FROM 59 PERCENT TO 75 PERCENT IN THE LAST YEAR ALONE. --THE QUALITY OF ENLISTEES HAS REMAINED HIGH, EVEN IMPROVING SLIGHTLY, WHILE THE ECONOMIC AND RACIAL PROFILE OF THE ENLISTEES HAS NOT BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED.

-- OUR MILITARY READINESS HAS NOT SUFFERED.

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SOME PROBLEMS, HOWEVER, REMAIN TO BE OVERCOME, AND DOING SO WILL REQUIRE THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, THE CONGRESS AND THE PUBLIC. THESE PROBLEMS INCLUDE:

--AVOIDING POTENTIAL MANPOWER SHORTAGES WHICH WILL OCCUR UNLESS LEGISLATION CURRENTLY PENDING BEFORE THE CONGRESS IS PASSED, SO AS TO BOLSTER VIGOROUS SERVICE EFFORTS ALREADY UNDERWAY TO IMPROVE MANPOWER UTILIZATION ENLISTMENTS AND RETENTION.

--PROVIDING SUFFICIENT NUMBERS OF DOCTORS AND OTHER HIGHLY TRAINED SPECIALISTS IN CRITICAL SKILLS.

--MAINTAINING GUARD AND RESERVE FORCE MANNING, WHICH WILL REMAIN PROMPT ACTION BY THE CONGRESS ON THE NECESSARY PENDING LEGISLATION AND ASSUMING CONTINUED PUBLIC AND SERVICE SUPPORT. IN PARTICULAR:

--THE BENEFIT AND WORTH OF A MILITARY CAREER MUST BE MORE EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATED TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, WHILE ALL FOUR SERVICES CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THEIR PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT AND MANPOWER UTILIZATION PROCEDURES. MILITARY CAREERISTS DESERVE THE RESPECT AND THE GRATITUDE OF THE PUBLIC THEY SERVE.

--THE CONGRESS MUST ASSIST THROUGH TIMELY PASSAGE OF PENDING LEGISLATION--PARTICULARLY THE UNIFORMED SERVICES SPECIAL PAY ACT OF 1972, WHICH WILL PROVIDE MEEDED BONUS AUTHORITY TO HELP FILL PROJECTED SHORTAGES IN CRITICAL SKILLS AND OTHER POSSIBLE SHORTAGES IN THE NUMBER OF ENLISTEES AVAILABLE UNDER A ZERO DRAFT.

GIVENTHIS KIND OF SUPPORT, WE WILL NO LONGER NEED CONSCRIPTION TO FILL MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS AFTER JULY, 1973. THIS MEANS THAT IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO REQUIRED FROM THE CONGRESS AN EXTENSION OF INDUCTION AUTHORITY OF THE SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT PAST JULY OF 1973; FURTHER AUTHORITY TO CONSCRIPT THEREAFTER W OULD REST WITH THE CONGRESS.

IN REACHING THIS GOAL, WE WILL FINALLY -- 28 YEARS AFTER THE END OF WORLD WAR TWO--HAVE DONE WHAT I SAID IN 1968 THAT WE SHOULD DO: THAT WE SHOULD SHOW OUR COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM BY PREPARING TO ASSURE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE THEIRS."

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IN WASHINGTON, MRS. JEAN WESTWOOD, DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, SENT A TELEGRAM TO THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE URGING A JOINT EFFORT TO REGISTER 45 MILLION UNREGISTERED VOTERS.

THE U.S. ANNOUNCED A NEW FOOD FOR PEACE AGREEMENT, SIGNED IN SAIGON, UNDER WHICH SOUTH VIETNAM WILL GET A 78.2 MILLION DOLLAR "COMMON DEFENSE" GRANT TO HELP PAY WAR COSTS. THE AGREEMENT BOOSTED SUCH GRANTS TO SAIGON VIA THE FOOD PROGRAM IN 1972 TO 122.4 MILLION DOLLARS.

THE CENSUS BUREAU SAID THE U.S. POPULATION INCREASED BY 1.8 MILLION IN THE PAST YEAR, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AMERICANS TO 208,837,000.

SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN SCRAPPED HIS CONTROVERSIAL 1,000-DOLLAR-PER-PERSON GRANT AND REPLACED IT WITH A LIBERALIZED WELFARE PROGRAM INTENDED TO LIFT ALL FAMILIES ABOVE THE POVERTY LEVEL BUT WHICH PROVIDES NO AID TO PEOPLE WHO REFUSE TO WORK. SPEAKING IN NEW YORK TO THE SOCIETY OF SECURITY ANALYSTS, THE SENATOR ALSO PROPOSED PLUGGING 2 BILLION DOLLARS IN TAX LOOPHOLES.

IN CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS, PROFESSOR THOMAS E. CHEATHAM, JR., DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR RESEARCH IN COMPUTING TECHNOLOGY AT HARVARD, SAID HE FOUND DURING A VISIT TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA THAT CHINESE COMPUTERS ARE FAR MORE ADVANCED THAN AMERICAN EXPERTS HAD THOUGHT. HE SAID THE CHINESE ARE AHEAD OF THE SOVIETS IN COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY.

IN PARIS, AUGUST 28, SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN'S CHIEF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISER SAID THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE WOULD NOT ALLOW A MAJOR CUT OF U.S. FORCES IN EUROPE UNLESS SOVIET LEADERS MAINTAIN IMPROVED EAST-WEST RELATIONS. ABRAM CHAYES, WHO IS TOURING PARIS, BONN, LONDON, AND TEL AVIV TO BRIEF LOCAL LEADERS ON MR. MCGOVERN'S FOREIGN POLICY, SAID THE SENATOR'S INTENTION TO REDUCE U.S. TROOP STRENGTH IN WEST GERMANY BY 170,000 MEN WOULD DEPEND ON SOVIET COOPERATION IN THE FUTURE.

IN GENEVA, THE INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION WARNED ALL AIR PASSENGERS NOT TO ACCEPT PACKAGES OR LAST MINUTE GIFTS FROM STRANGERS OR CASUAL ACQUAINTANCES TO CARRY ON THEIR FLIGHTS. THE ASSOCIATION SAID ITS SECURITY OFFICE HAD CONFIRMED REPORTS THAT TERRORIST MOVEMENTS WERE MAKING ORGANIZED ATTEMPTS TO FIND UNSUSPECTING PASSENGERS WILLING TO CARRY SUCH PACKAGES.

IN TOKYO, JAPAN'S SELF DEFENSE AGENCY SETTLED ON A TENTATIVE BUDGET WHICH, IF ADOPTED BY PARLIAMENT, WILL BE THE LARGEST IN THE POSTWAR ERA AND 22 PERCENT GREATER THAN THE CURRENT ONE. THE AGENCY HAS ASKED FOR A BUDGET TOTALING 3.2 BILLION DOLLARS FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1, 1973. THE DEFENSE BUDGET WILL BE SLIGHTL HMORE THAN ONE PERCENT OF JAPAN'S GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT.

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IN PYONGYANG, NORTH KOREA, A SOUTH KOREAN RED CROSS DELECATION ARRIVED FOR TALKS ON REUNITING FAMILIES SEPARATED BY NEARLY THREE DECADES OF CONFLICT ON THE DIVIDED PENINSULA. .

IN MANILA, SENATOR DANIEL INCUYE OF HAWAII, CHAIRMAN OF A FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE, MET WITH PRESIDENT FERDINAND MARCOS TO DISCUSS HOW MUCH DAMAGE WAS WROUGHT BY MONTH-LONG FLOODS IN THE PHILIPPINES. SEANTOR INCUYE HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT PROVIDE A 30 MILLION DOLLAR LOAN TO HELP FLOOD VICTIMS.

IN SOUTH VIETNAM, HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUED AROUND THE FAR NORTHERN CITY OF QUANG TRI, MAJOR BATTLEGROUND BETWEEN SOUTH AND NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS FOR THE PAST TWO MONTHS. FURTHER SOUTH, GOVERNMENT TROOPS REPORTED THAT 53 ENEMY SOLDIEBS WERE SLAIN NEAR THE STILL DISPUTED DISTRICT CAPITAL OF QUE SON, 25 MILES SOUTH OF DANANG.

AT MUNICH, AMERICANS STRETCHED THEIR DOMINATION OF OLYMPIC SWIMMING EVENTS. AFTER TWO DAYS OF COMPETITION, SIX WORLD RECORDS HAVE BEEN SET IN THE OLYMPIC POOL WITH THE U.S. TEAM WINNING FOUR GOLD MEDALS, AND 12 MEDALS ALTOGETHER. AUSTRALIAN SWIMMERS HAVE WON TWO GOLDS AND EAST GERMANY ONE.

PUERTO RICO CAUSED THE FIRST MAJOR UPSET OF THE OLYMPIC BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP BY DEFEATING YUGOSLAVIA BY 79 POINTS TO 74. MEANWHILE, OLYMPIC OFFICIALS REJECTED PROTESTS FROM THE U.S. TEAM THAT AMERICAN ATHLETES WERE BEING HAMPERED BY LACK OF TRANSPORTATION AND GATE-CRASHERS IN THE OLYMPIC VILLAGE.

AFTER 19 EVENTS, THE U.S. HAS WON FIVE GOLD MEDALS, SIX SILVER, AND FOUR BRONZE, EAST GERMANY IS SECOND WITH THREE GOLD, TWO SILVER, AND FOUR BRONZE. THE SOVIET UNION HAS WON TWO GOLD, THREE SILVER, AND TWO BRONZE MEDALS FOR THIRD PLACE IN THE STANDINGS.

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USINFO:

IN NORTHERN LAOS, INTENSE FIGHTING COMTINUES IN THE SAM THONG LONG TIENG AREA AND IN LOCATIONS ADJACENT TO THE PLAIN OF JARS, WITH REPORTS OF CONSIDERABLE GROUND ACTIVITY AND SHELLINGS AUGUST 27-28.

IN SOUTHERN LAOS, THERE WERE REPORTS OF A FEW CLASHES AND SHELLINGS NORTHEAST AND EAST OF BOTH KHONG SEDONE AND PAKSE AUGUST 27-28.

SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA, AUGUST 29 -- FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY PRESIDENT NIXON AT THE

WESTERN WHITE HOUSE AUGUST 29:

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QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, IN YOUR LAST NEWS CONFERENCE, ON JULY 27TH, YOU SAID THE CHANCES FOR A SETTLEMENT HAVE NEVER BEEN BETTER. MR. ROGERS IN LATE AUGUST FORECAST EARLY SETTLEMENT AND YOU WERE QUOTED BY STEWART ALSO YOU WERE QUOTED SAYING THE WAR WON'T BE HANGONG OVER US THE SECOND TERM. I WANT TO KNOW WHETHER THIS IS POLITICS OR IS THERE ANY SUBSTANCE, ANY MOVEMENT IN NEGOTIATIONS OR ANY OTHER TRACK TOWARD PEACE?

THE PRESIDENT: MR. POTTER, AS I ALSO TOLD MR. ALSOP IN 'THAT INTERVIEW, I DID NOT INDICATE TO HIM THAT ANY BREAKTHROUGH HAD OCCURRED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE BETWEEN DR. KISSINGER AND MR. LE DUC THO AT THIS POINT. NOW, LET ME DIVIDE THE ANSWER INTO ITS COMPONENT PARTS, IF I MAY.

FIRST, WITH REGARD TO NEGOTIATIONS, I WILL NOT COMMENT ON PAST NEGOTIATIONS. I WILL NOT COMMENT UPON ANY NEGOTIATIONS THAT MAY TAKE PLACE IN THE FUTURE...ALL THAT WE WILL DO IS TO ANNOUNCE, AFTER NEGOTIATIONS DO TAKE PLACE, IF THEY DO -- AND I DO NOT SUGGEST THAT MORE WILL OCCUR -- WE WILL ANNOUNCE THE FACT THAT THOSE HAVE TAKEN PLACE.

SECONDLY, WITH REGARD TO WHAT THE PROSPECTS ARE, I THINK WHAT WE ARE ALL REFERRING TO IS THAT THIS LONG AND DIFFICULT WAR--LONG AND DIFFICULT AND COSTLY FOR BOTH SIDES -- HAS REACHED A POINT WHERE IT SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO AN END. WE HAVE MADE EVERY REASONABLE NEGOTIATING PROPOSAL THAT WE HAVE MADE IN JUR VARIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE OTHER SIDE. ALSO, WITH REGARD TO THE BATTLEFRONT, IT IS SIGNIFICANT TO NOTE THAT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE, BY HEROIC EFFORTS, HAVE STOPPED THE INVASION FROM THE NORTH ON THE GROUND AND THEY HAVE DONE THAT WITHOUT OUR ASSISTANCE ON THE GROUND.

IT IS ALSO SIGNIFICANT TO NOTE THAT THE ENEMY AT THIS POINT, WHILE IT IS ABLE TO LAUNCH A SPURT HERE AND THERE, DOES NOT HAVE THE CAPABILITY OR HAS NOT DEMONSTRATED THE CAPABILITY TO OVERRUN SOUTH VIETNAM.

NOW, UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE TIME FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. IF THE ENEMY DOES NOT FEEL THAT WAY, WE ARE PREPARED TO GO ON AS WE HAVE INDICATED, TO CONTINUE THE TRAINING OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE. WE HAVE COM-PLETED VIRTUALLY THE GROUND TRAINING BECAUSE THEY ARE UNDERTAKING THE GROUND FIGHTING ENTIRELY THEMSELVES, BUT WE WILL CONTINUE THE TRAINING IN THE AIR AND ON THE SEA SO THAT THEY, BY THEMSELVES, CAN DEFEND THEIR COUNTRY AGAINST THE COMMUNIST INVADERS FROM THE NORTH.

QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, YOU ANNOUNCED TODAY ANOTHER REDUCTION IN THE FORCE LEVELS IN VIETNAM, AND IT WAS UNCLEAR FROM THE ANNOUNCEMENT WHETHER THIS IS YOUR LAST ANNOUNCEMENT. DO YOU SEE THIS RESIDUAL FORCE IN VIETNAM AS A NECESSARY BARGAINING LEVER.

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THE PRESIDENT: I CAN'T IMAGINE THAT MR. ZIEGLER DIDN'T MAKE EVERYTHING PERFECTLY CLEAR. (LAUGHTER) BUT I SHALL TRY TO, UNDER THOSE CURCUMMITANCES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF 27,500 (27,000) DOES NOT INDICATE THAT 27,500 (27,000) IS THE FORCE THAT IS GOING TO REMAIN IN SOUTH VIETNAM INDEFINITELY. WE ARE GOING TO LOOK AT THE SITUATION AGAIN . BEFORE THE FIRST OF DECEMBER, AFTER THE ELECTION, INCIDENTALLY, BECAUSE WE ARE NOT GOING TO PLAY ELECTION POLITICS WITH THIS NEXT WITHDRAWAL, OR ANNOUNCEMENT, I SHOULD SAY, BECAUSE I AM NOT SUGGESTING THAT THERE WILL BE ANOTHER WITHDRAWAL.

WE WILL LOOK AT THE SITUATION AND THE THREE PRINCIPLES I HAVE ALWAYS APPLIED WITH REGARD TO WITHDRAWAIS WILL IN THIS CASE CONTROL IT: THE STATUS OF OUR POW AND MIA SITUATION; THE STATUS WITH REGARD TO NEGOTIATIONS, AND THE STATUS OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. AT THAT TIME WE WILL DETERMINE WHAT THE AMERICAN FORCE LEVEL SHOULD BE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE PRESENT FORCE LEVEL OF 39,000, AND THE LEVEL THAT WE WILL REACH OF 27,500 (27,000) INVOLVES NO GROUND COMBAT PERSONNEL. IT INVOLVES ONLY ADVISORY AND TRAINING PERSONNEL, AND, OF COURSE, AIR SUPPORT PERSONNEL. IT IS ENTIRELY A VOLUNTEER FORCE. I WILL ADD SOMETHING THAT PERHAPS EVERYONE HERE IS QUITE AWARE OF: THAT AS FAR AS ANY SO-CALLED RESIDUAL FORCE IS CONCERNED, OUR OFFER IS FOR A TOTAL WITHDRAWAL. WE WANT TO WITHDRAW ALL AMERICAN FORCES, BUT THAT OFFER IS CONDITIONED ON WHAT I LAID DOWN ON MAY 8 TH, AND ONE OF THOSE CONDITIONS IS THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO OUR POWS AND MIAS (MISSING IN ACTIONS). AS LONG AS THERE IS ONE POW IN NORTH VIETNAM, OR ONE MISSING IN ACTION, NOT ACCOUNTED FOR, THERE WILL BE AN AMERICAN VOLUNTEER FORCE IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, HOW DO YOU RECONCILE YOUR 1968 CAMPAIGN PROMISE TO END THE WAR WITH THE MASSIVE BOMBING OF NORTH V IETNAM THAT IS NOW GOING ON?

THE PRESIDENT: WELL IN TERMS OF WHAT I SAID IN 1968, ALL YOU WHO WERE FOLLOWING ME WILL REMEMBER THAT I SAID THAT WE WARD SEEK AN HONORABLE END TO THE WAR. WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY IN REACHINGTHAT. WE HAVE REDUCED OUR CASUALTIES BY 98 PERCENT; WE LAVE WITHDRAWN OVER HALF A MILLION MEN FROM THE FORCES THAT WE FOUND THAT WERE THERE; WE HAVE COMPLTELY FINISHED THE AMERICAN GROUND COMBAT ROLE.

ONLY VOLUNTEERS WILL BE SERVING IN VIETNAM IN THE FUTURE. WHAT IS LEFT NOW SIMPLY IS TO COMPLETE THE LONG TERM INVOLVEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN A WAY THAT DOES NOT DESTROY RESPECT, TRUST, AND IF I MAY USE THE TERM, HONOR FOR THE UNITED STATES AROUND THE WORLD. I THING THAT WE HAVE COME- IT SEEMS TO ME MADE VERY SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN THIS RESPECT AND WE EXPECT TO MAKE MORE.

ON THE NEGOTIATING FRONT, WE HAVE GONE VERY FAR, AS FAR AS ANY REASONABLE PERSON, I THINK, WOULD SUGGEST, AND UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES I BELEIEVE THE RECORD IS GOOD.

AS FAR AS WHAT CAN HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE, I KNOW THAT THERE ARE THOSE WHO BELIEVE -- I NOTED SOME REPORT OUT OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE EFFECT THAT WE PROBABLY WOULD BE BOMBING IN NORTH VIETNAM TWO OR THREE YEARS FROM NOW. THAT, OF COURSE, IS QUITE RIDICULOUS. AS FAR AS THE FUTURE IS CONCERNED, WE BELIEVE THAT OUR TRAINING PROGRAM OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE NOT ONLY ON THE GROUND BUT IN THE AIR, HAS GONE FORWARD SO SUCCESSFULLY THAT IF THE ENEMY STILL REFUSES TO NEGOTIATE, AS WE HAVE ASKED THEM TO NEGOTIATE, THEN THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE WILL BE ABLE TO UNDERTAKE THE TOTAL DEFENSE OF THEIR COUNTRY.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT WHILE WE HEAR A LOT ABOUT WHAT THE AMERICANS ARE DOING IN TERMS OF UNDERTAKING BOMBING ACTIVITIES, THAT NOW APPROXIMATELY 90 PERCENT OF ALL GROUND SUPPORT AIR SORTIES ARE BEING MADE BY THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE AIR FORCE, WHICH IS A GOOD AIR FORCE AND WHICH IS GROWING IN STRENGTH.

QUESTION: IS THERE A POSSIBILITY THAT YOU WOULD CALL OFF THE BOMBING OR SIACKEN IT EVEN IF THERE IS NO ALL INCLUSIVE AGREEMENT ON INDOCHINA?

THE PRESIDENT: ABSOLUTELY NOT. I HAVE NOTED SOME PRESS SPECULATION TO THE EFFECT THAT SINCE 1968, THE BOMBING HALT SEEMED TO HAVE A RATHER DRAMATIC EFFECT ON THE ELECTION CHANCES OF SENATOR HUMPHREY--VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY, NOW A SENATOR--THAT PEOFLE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT AS A GIMMICK, OR MORE OR LESS AS AN ELECTION EVE TACTIC THAT WE WOULD CALL A BOMBING HALT EVEN THOUGH OUR PRISONERS OF WAR ARE NOT ACCOUNTED FOR. NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE THERE, AND EVEN THOUGH THE ENEMY CONTINUED ITS ACTIVITIES AND WAS STILL STONEWALLING US IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, UNLESS THERE IS PROGRESS ON THE NEGOTIATING FRONT, WHICH IS SUBTANTIAL, THERE WILL BE NO REDUCTION OF THE BOMBING OF NORTH VLETNAM AND THERE. WILL BE NO LIFTING OF THE MINING.

QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK ABOUT A 1968 STATEMENT YOU MADE AND FIND OUT WHETHER YOU STILL AGREE WITH IT. IT IS: "THOSE WHO HAVE HAD A CHANCE FOR FOUR YEARS AND COULD NOT PRODUCE PEACE SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN ANOTHER CHANCE."

THE PRESIDENT: I FAINK THAT THE ANSWER I GAVE TO THE OTHER QUESTION IS AS RESPONSIVE AS I CAN MAKE IT. WE ALWAYS, OF COURSE, SET OUR GOALS HIGH. WE DO OUR VERY BEST TO REACH THOSE GOALS. I THINK THERE ARE THOSE WHO HAVE FAULTED THIS ADMINISTRATION ON ITS EFFORTS TO SEEK PEACE, BUT THOSE WHO FAULT IT, I WOULD RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST, ARE ONES THAT WOULD HAVE THE UNITED STATES SEEK PEACE AT THE COST OF SURRENDER, DISHONOR, AND THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ABILITY OF THE UNITED STATES TO CONDUCT FOREIGN POLICY IN A RESPONSIBLE WAY.

THAT I DID NOT PLEDGE IN 1968, I DO NOT PLEDGE IT NOW. WE WILL SEEK PEACE. WE WILL SEEK BETTER RELATIONS WITH OUR ADVERSARIES, BUT WE ARE GOING TO KEEP THE UNITED STATES STRONG. WE ARE GOING TO RESIST THE EFFORTS OF THOSE WHO WOULD CUT OUR DEFENSE BUDGET TO MAKE US SECOND TO ANY POWER IN THE WORLD, AND SECOND PARTICULARLY TO THE SOVIET UNION, AND IN ORDER TO DO THAT, IT MEANS THAT WE HAVE TO CONTINUE THE RESPONSIBLE POLICY THAT WE HAVE CARRIED OUT.

QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, IF IT IS, AS YOU SAY "QUITE RIDICULOUS" THAT WE WILL BE BOMBING TWO OR THREE YEARS FROM NOW--BY THE WAY, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU MEAN NORTH VIETNAM OR ALL OF VIETNAM--THEN HOW ABOUT A YEAR FROM NOW IS IT LIKELY THAT BOMBING WOULD NO LONGER BE NECESSARY IN YOUR PRESENT PLAN OR THINKING?

THE PRESIDENT: NO, I WOULD NOT COMMENT ON WHAT THE SITUATION WILL BE A YEAR FROM NOW BECAUSE, WITH THE FACT THAT WE HAVE HAD NEGOTIATING PROPOSALS MADE--I AM NOT INDICATING PROGESS; I AM SIMPLY INDICATING THEY HAVE BEEN MADE--AND WITH ALSO THE PROGRESS THAT IS BEING MADE BY THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE, THE VERY OUTSTANDING PROGRESS IN THEIR ABILITY TO DEFEND THEMSELVES, AND ALSO TO UNDERTAKE THE AIR EFFORT AS WELL AS THE GROUND EFFORT, I AM NOT GOING TO PUT ANY LIMITATION ON WHEN THE U.S. ACTIVITIES IN THE AIR WOULD STOP.

ALSO, I AM NOT GOING TO INDICATE THEY ARE GOING TO CONTINUE FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME. WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO WATCH THE SITUATION MONTH BY MONTH. WE WILL DO WHAT IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT OUR INTERESTS. WE WILL DO WHAT IS NECESSARY TO ASSURE THE RETURN OF OUR POWS AND ACCOUNTING FOR OUR MISSING IN ACTION. WE WILL DO WHAT IS NECESSARY TO PREVENT THE IMPOSITION, AGAINST THEIR WILL, OF A COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT ON THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

ALL THIS WE WILL DO, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, WE ARE NOT THERE FOR THE PURPOSE OF STAYING ANY MOMENT THAT IS LONGER THAN IS NECESSARY.

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	19 METERS	15210 KC	25	METERS	11715 KC
	25 METERS	11760 KC	31	METERS	9760 KC

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NEWS ROUNDUP

AROUND THE NATION:

IN WASHINGTON, SENATOR FRANK CHURCH OF IDAHO SAID THAT TAIKS WITH PRIME MINISTER GOLDA MEIR AND OTHER ISRAELI OFFICIALS HAD CONVINCED HIM THAT ISRAEL IS MAINTAINING "STRICT IMPARTIALITY" IN THE U.S. FRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. THE SENATOR RETURNED AUGUST 29 FROM A FIVE-DAY VISIT TO ISRAEL.

MRS. JEAN WESTWOOD, DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, PREDICTED THAT THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET WOULD CARRY THE NEW YORK JEWISH VOTE IN NOVEMBER. "ISRAEL IS NOT AN ISSUE IN THIS CAMPAIGN," SHE SAID.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE PEACE CORPS AND VISTA HAVE INCFEASED 22 PERCENT SINCE PRESIDENT NIXON'S DECISION LAST YEAR TO COMBINE THE TWO PROGRAMS INTO A CITIZENS SERVICE FORPS CALLED ACTION, RECRUITING OFFICIALS SAID IN WASHINGTON.

FLORIDA CONGRESSMAN CLAUDE PEPPER, WHOSE DISTRICT EMBRACES MIAMI BEACH, SAID IN WASHINGTON HE IS PLANNING A BILL THAT MIGHT LEAD TO FINANCING POLITICAL PARTY CONVENTIONS WITH FEDERAL FUNDS.

A NEW GALLUP PUBLIC OPINION POLL, RELEASED FROM THE ORGANIZATION'S HEADQUARTERS IN PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, GAVE PRESIDENT NIXON A LEAD OF MORE THAN TWO TO ONE OVER SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN. GALLUP SAID A POLL LAST WEEKEND SHOWED 64 PERCENT OF THE VOTERS QUERIED FAVORED MR. NIXON, 30 PERCENT WERE FOR MR.MCGOVERN, AND SIX PERCENT WERE UNDECIDED.

IN CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ECONOMICS PROFESSOR PAUL SAMUELSON SAID HE BELIEVED SENATOR MCGOVERN HAD "STOLEN THUNDER FROM PRESIDENT NIXON WITH HIS TREMENDOUS TAX SIMPLIFICATION PROGRAM."

IN SOUTH CAROLINA, STATE SENATOR EUGENE ZIEGLER WON THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION FOR THE U.S. SENATE. HE WILL FACE REPUBLICAN SENATOR STROM THURMOND IN THE GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER. CONGRESSMAN JOHN L. MCMILLAN, BIDDING FOR HIS 18TH TERM, LED A THREE-MAN RACE BUT APPARENTLY WAS FORCED INTO A RUNOFF BY NOT GETTING A MAJORITY.

IN GEORGIA, LEGISLATOR SAM NUNN BEAT INCUMBENT DEMOCRATIC SENATOR DAVID GAMBRELL IN THE PRIMARY. IN NOVEMBER HE WILL FACE REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMAN FLETCHER THOMPSON IN THE SENATE RACE.

IN DETROIT, HENRY FORD 11 SAID THE PRICE COMMISSION'S REFUSAL TO ALLAW FORD MCTOR COMPANY TO RAISE PRICES ON ITS 1973 MODEL CARS AND TRUCKS REFLECTED "A TOTAL LACK OF COORDINATION AMONG THE VARIOUS AGENCIES OF GOVERNMENT." SPOKESMEN FOR GENERAL MOTORS, WHICH ALSO WAS DENIED PERMISSION TO RAISE PRICES, SALD THE CORPORATION FELT THAT THE INCREASES WERE JUSTIFIED.

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IN CHICAGO, AMERICAN AIRLINES AND TRANS WORLD AIRLINES ANNOUNCED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN SEARCHING THE CARRY-ON LUGGAGE OF ALL PASSENGERS AT EACH TERMINAL IN AN EFFORT TO PREVENT HIJACKINGS.

IN SAN CLEMENTE, PRESIDENT NIXON ANNOUNCED HE HAD ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATION OF ARTHUR K. WATSON AS AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE "WITH THE DEEPEST REGRET." AMBASSADOR WATSON SAID HE WAS QUITTING THE POST ON THE ADVICE OF HIS DOCTOR. THE RESIGNATION IS EFFECTIVE SOMETIME NEXT MONTH.

NEW YORK -- AMERICAN MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION WILL BRIEF U.S. BUSINESSMEN ON "THE TWO CHINAS: TRADE AND PROFIT PROSPECTS" AT SESSIONS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 28 IN NEW YORK AND OCTOBER 2 IN SAN FRANCISCO (NO U.S. GOVERNMENT SPEAKER SCHEDULED).

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

ICELAND WILL TACKLE THE QUESTION OF REMOVING FOREIGN TROOPS FROM ITS SOIL AFTER EXPELLING FOREIGN FISHERMEN FROM ITS SEAS, FOREIGN MINISTER EINAR AGUSTSSON SAID IN REYKJAVIK. THE MINISTER WAS ADDRESSING A PRESS CONFERENCE JUST TWO DAYS BEFORE THE DEADLINE FOR THE START OF A "FISH WAR" OVER THE RIGHTS OF BRITISH AND OTHER FOREIGN TRAWLERS TO OPERATE WITHIN 50 NAUTICAL MILES OF ICELAND'S SHORES. HE NOTED THAT HIS NATION HOPED TO START DISCUSSIONS WITH THE U.S. AS SOON AS IT WAS CONVENIENT ON THE FUTURE OF THE NATO BASE IN ICELAND.

IN STOCKHOLM, OUTGOING AMERICAN AMBASSADOR JEROME HOLLAND DEPARTED FOR NEW YORK WITH HIS FAMILY TO TAKE UP HIS NEW JOB AS A DIRECTOR OF THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

IN PARIS, U.S. DELEGATION SPOKESMEN SAID AMBASSADOR WILLIAM PORTER HAS FINISHED HIS VACATION AND WILL ATTEND THE 157TH SESSION OF THE PEACE TALKS AUGUST 31. SPOKESMEN SAID NORTH VIETNAMESE NEGOTIATOR XUAN THUY STILL IS ON HOLIDAY AND IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE AT THE TALKS.

IN MANILA, TWO EXPLOSIONS, SUSPECTED TO HAVE BEEN SET OFF BY COMMUNIST TERRORISTS, BOCKED THE MIDTOWN AREA OF THE CITY BEFORE DAWN AUGUST 30. AN UNEXPLODED TIME BOMB WAS FOUND LATER IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

IN SOUTH VIELMAM, GOVERNMENT FORCES STOPPED A COMMUNIST PUSH ON SAIGON, MILITARY SOURCES SAID. IN THE FIGHT TO RECAPTURE QUANG TRI CITY, 400 MILES NORTH OF SAIGON, U.S. PLANES FIEW 244 STRIKES, THE MOST SINCE MAY 3.

THE UNITED STATES GARNERED MORE GOLD MEDALS AT THE MUNICH OLYMPICS.

THE U.S. WOMEN'S TEAM SHATTERED THE WORLD RECORD FOR THE 400-METER FREESTYLE RELAY EDGING OUT EAST GERMANY FOR THE GOLD MEDAL.

JOHN WRITER AND LANNY BASSHAM PICKED UP TWO MORE U.S. MEDALS BY FINISHING 1-2 IN THE SMALL BORE RIFLE EVENT. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THE U.S. EVER WON TWO MEDALS IN AN SLYMPIC SHOOTING EVENT.

THE UNITED STATES HOLD ON T. BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SEEMED ASSURED AS THE U.S. FIVE DEFEATED CUBA 67-48. CUBA HAD BEEN GIVEN AN OUTSIDE CHANCE OF UPSETTING THE AMERICANS.

LYUDMILA TURISCHEVA OF THE SOVIET UNION WON THE WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL ALL ROUND GYMNASTICS GOLD MEDAL. NOBUTAKA TAGUCHI OF JAPAN WON THE MEN'S 100 METERS BREASTROKE SWIMMING GOLD MEDAL IN RECORD TIME. GUNNAR LARSSON CF SWEDEN WON THE MEN'S 400 METER INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY SWIMMING GOLD MEDAL. AUSTRALIA'S SHANE COULD WON THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE WOMEN'S 400 METER. FREESTYLE IN WORLD RECORD TIME.

IN REYKJAVIK, BOBBY FISCHER AND BORIS SPASSKY PLAYED TO A DRAW IN THE 20TH GAME OF THEIR WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP, MOVING FISCHER TO WITHIN ONE POINT OF THE TITLE. THE DRAW GAVE FISCHER ELEVEN AND ONE-HALF POINTS AND SPASSKY EIGHT AND ONE-HALF POINTS.

NEW YORK -- THE STOCK MARKET CLOSED SLIGHTLY HIGHER AS MANY INVESTORS WENT TO THE SIDELINES TO AWAIT THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY. TRADING ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE WAS SLOW.

KENNETH T. YOUNG, U.S. ASIAN SPECIALIST, DIES WASHINGTON, AUG. 30--KENNETH T. YOUNG--U.S. DIPLOMAT, ORIENTAL SCHOLAR, AND FRIEND OF ASIAN PEOPLES--DIED OF A HEART ATTACK AUGUST 29.

AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH THE 56-YEAR-OLD FORMER AMBASSADOR OF THAILAND AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE ASIA SCCIETY WAS A CONSULTANT OF THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT.

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IN NORTHERN LAOS, CONTINUED HEAVY FIGHTING WAS REPORTED AUGUST 28-29 IN AREAS NORTH, SOUTH, AND WEST OF THE PLAIN OF JARS.

IN SOUTHERN LAOS, CLASHES AND SHELLINGS WERE REPORTED NORTHEAST AND EAST OF KHONG SECONE. CLASHES, SHELLINGS, AND ONE TRUCK AMBUSH WERE REPORTED NORTHEAST AND EAST OF PAKSE 28-29.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN (WEEKLY WRAPUP) MCGOVEEN AND NIXON TALKS ABOUT THE ECONOMY (BY RICHARD P. WILSON)

-- PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON, HOLDING HIS FIRST POST-CONVENTION NEWS CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS THE POLITICAL SCENE, AND SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN, GOING TO WALL STREET IN HOPES OF CHANGING HIS "RADICAL" IMAGE THERE, BOTH MADE NEWS THIS WEEK WITH PROPOSALS THAT WOULD PROFOUNDLY AFFECT THE AMERICAN ECONOMY.

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ACKNOWLEDGING THAT HE HAD BEGUN AN ALL-OUT CAMPAIGN TO BROADEN THE BASE OF HIS SUPPORT, SENATOR MCGOVERN, THE DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGER, MEASURABLY MODERATED HIS POSITION. THE REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT, PROMISING A HARD-FOUGHT CAMPAIGN TO CREATE NOT A COALITION BUT "A NEW MAJORITY, A CLEAR MANDATE," TALKED OF REFORMS THAT WOULD RIVAL THOSE OF THE 1930'S.

A WEEK AFTER THE END OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION AND LESS THAN 70 DAYS BEFORE THE NATIONAL ELECTION, PRESIDENT NIXON WAS CLEARLY THE FAVORITE BUT INSISTED HE WOULD WAGE NO "LEISURELY, COMPLACENT, TAKE-IT-EASY CAMPAIGN.

CONTRARY TO THE USUAL TREND, WHICH SEES A MARROWING OF THE FRONT-RUNNER'S LEAD AS THE CAMPAIGN PROGRESSES, MR. NIXON WAS FULLING AHEAD OF SENATOR MCGOVERN IN THE PUBLIC OPINION POLLS AT A STEADY RATE, CURRENTLY LEADING BY 34 POINTS. THE LATEST GALLUP POLL INDICATED 64 PERCENT OF THE VOTERS FAVORED THE INCUMBENT, 30 PERCENT WERE BEHIND MR. MCGOVERN, AND SIX PERCENT WERE UNDECIDED.

IF REELCTED ON NOBEMBER 7, PRESIDENT NIXON TOLD NEWSMEN AT THE WESTERN WHITE HOUSE IN SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA, THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE NEXT CONGRESS"COULD EQUAL IN EXCITEMENT, IN REFORM, THE 100 DAYS OF 1933."

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THE 1973 REFORMS WOULD BE "VERY DIFFERENT" FROM PRESIDENT FRANKLYN D ROOSEVELT'S, LAUNCHED IN THE FIRST 100 DAYS OF HIS NEW DEAL, BUT WOULD INCLUDE SUCH LIBERAL MEASURES, SAID MR. NIXON, AS FEDERAL-STATE REVENUE SHARING, WELFARE REFORM, GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION, A NEW PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM AND NEW LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT.

RECALLING THE CLOSE ELECTIONS OF 1960 AND 1968, WHEN NO CANDIDATE WON A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORATE'S VOTES, PRESIDENT NIXON SAID THAT WHAT WE NEED NOW IS A CLEAR MAJORITY; THAT MEANS A CLEAR MANDATE, A MANDATE FOR WHAT I HAVE DESCRIBED AS CHANGE THAT WORKS, FOR PROGRESS."

SENATOR MCGOVERN, GOING TO THE HEART OF NEW YORK'S FINANCIAL D ISTRICT OT ANNOUNCE HIS "NATIONAL INCOME INSURANCE" PROPOSAL, DESCRIBED A WELFARE PROGRAM CONSIDERABLY LESS RADICAL THAN HIS ORIGINAL THOUSAND-DOLLARS-FOR-EVERYBODY PLAN, A NEW AND EXPANDED WELFARE ASSISTANCE SYSTEM THAT NEVERTHELESS WAS COMPARABLE IN MANY RESPECTS TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

THE MCGOVERN PLAN WOULD BE FINANCED LARGELY BY BROAD-SCALE TAX REFORM, AND THE SOUTH DAKOTA SENATOR'S SUGGESTIONS FOR TAX LEGISLATION TO PLUG EXISTING TAX "LOOPHOLES" WERE THE MOST BROAD REACHING EVER PROPOSED BY A MAJOR PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

MR. MCGOVERN CALLED FOR ELIMINATION OF 22,000 MILLION DOLLARS IN TAX "LOOPHOLES" BY 1975 TO FINANCE A 14,000 MILLION-DOLLAR WELFARE PROGRAM THAT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WOULD ASSURE AN ANNUAL INCOME OF AT LEAST 4,000 DOLLARS FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR WITH NO OTHER INCOME AND NO MEMBER ABLE TO WORK.

UNDER THIS PROGRAM, HE PROMISED, "NO AMERICAN WHOSE INCOME COMES FROM WAGES AND SALARIES WOULD PAY ONE PENNY MORE IN FEDERAL TAXES THAN HE DOES NOW." WHO WOULD PAY MORE? "CORPORATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE TODAY EXEMPTED FROM PAYING THEIR FAIR SHARE BY UNJUSTIFIED TAX LOOPHOLES."

ACCORDING TO ANALYSTS, THE ECONOMIC PHILOSOPHY THAT MR. MCGOVERN HAS NOW ADOPTED AS HIS OWN IS THE TRADITIONAL, LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC ECONOMIC PHILOSOPHY, ALTHOUGH MANY OF THE DETAILS FOR IMPLEMENTING IT ARE NEW.

IN A FURTHER MOVE TO QUIET WALL STREET'S FEARS THAT A MCGOVERN ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE BAD FOR BUSINESS, THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE SAID HE WANTED REPRESENTATIVE WILBUR D. MILLS, THE CAUTIOUS AND WELL-RESPECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, IN HIS CABINET AS SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY. (CONGRESSMAN MILLS, TAKEN BY SURPRISE, SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER THE OFFER IF MR. MCGOVERN SHOULD BECOME PRESIDENT-ELECT.)

ON A LETER TELEVISION SHOW, SENATOR MCGOVERN DECLARED, "I'M N OT COMPROMISING ON PRINCIPLE," BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE MUST BOADEN HIS BASE OF SUPPORT IF HE IS TO WIN IN NOVEMBER.

TOWARD THAT END HE DEFENDED EX-PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON'S HANDLING OF THE VIETNAM WAR AND TURNED ASIDE CRITICISMS OF HIS VISIT TO MR. JOHNSON'S TEXAS RANCH LAST WEEK. THAT VISIT, SAID MR. MCGOVERN, WAS "ONE OF THE MOST TREASURED MOMENTS OF MY LIFE. HE INHERITED THE WAR. HE DIDN'T START IT. HE GAVE UP HIS CHANCE FOR RELECTION IN AN EFFORT TO END IT." AMONG OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN THIS PAST WEEK:

--VICE PRESIDENT AGNEW TOLD TELEVISION INTERVIEWERS HE THINKS THE BASIC ISSUES IN 1972 WILL BE THE WAR, THE ECONOMY, DOMESTIC POLICY, REVENUE-SHARING, WELFARE REFORM.

--GEORGE MEANY REAFFIRMED THE AFL-CIO'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DECISION TO REMAIN NEUTRAL.

--SARGENT SHRIVER, CAMPAIGNING IN MICHIGAN, DISCUSSED THE ECONOMIC SITUATION BUT WAS DIVERTED SEVERAL TIMES WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS REPLACING SENATOR THOMAS EAGLETON AS THE DEMOCRATS' VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE.

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EXCERPT: LAIRD NEWS CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM

WASHINGTON, AUG. 30 -- FOLLOWING IS AN EXCERPT FROM A NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY IN SAN CLEMENTE TAKING THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS IN VIETNAM DOWN TO A TROOP CEILING LEVEL OF 27,000. THIS HAS MADE POSSIBLE A REDUCTION OF AMERICAN PRESENCE OF 525,000 IN VIETNAM DURING THE LAST 36 MONTHS. THESE TROOP CEILINGS HAVE BEEN MET OR BEATEN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, AND I CAN ASSURE YOU WE WILL MEET OR BEAT THE TROOP CEILING WHICH HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED BY THE PRESIDENT TODAY...

QUESTION: SIR, WHY DO YOU NEED 27,000 AMERICANS IN VIETNAM AT THIS TIME?

SECRETARY LAIRD: THE REDUCTION RATE WHICH WE ARE CARRYING FORWARD IS BASED UPON A PLAN WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT PRIOR TO THE MEETINGS WHICH WE HAD IN THE PACIFIC IN MAY OF 1969. THE TROOP CEILING WHICH HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED THE THE PRESIDENT TODAY WILL CONTINUE CERTAIN LOGISTICS AND CERTAIN AIR PROGRAMS AS WELL AS INTELLIGENCE AND ADVISORY PERSONNEL. IT WILL CONTINUE THE PROGRAM OF VIETNAMIZATION, TURNING OVER AIR, LOGISTICS AND ARTILLERY RESPONSIBILITIES. IT TAKES A LITTLE LONGER IN THE AIR TURNOVER, BECAUSE OF THE TRAINING RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE TRAINING EDUCA-TIONAL PROGRAMS THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR MECHANICS, PILOTS AND OTHERS, SO IT DOES TAKE A LITTLE LONGER IN PHASE 11 OF VIETNAM-IZATION. AS YOU KNOW, PHASE I TURNED OVER THE GROUND COMBAT RESPONSIBILITIES;11 TURNS OVER THE ARTILLERY, LOGISTICS, AND AIR RESPONSIBILITIES; PHASE 111 PHASES DOWN THE MAAG MISSION AS WE TERMINATE AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT THROUGH VIETNAMIZATION.

THERE IS ONE RESERVATION, OF COURSE, THAT HAS BEEN ATTACKED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SUPPORTED STRONGLY BY ME, AND THAT IS THAT THE TOTAL VIETNAMIZATION PROGRAM WILL NOT BE CARRIED OUT UNTIL THE PRISONERS OF WAR HAVE BEEN RETURNED AND THE MISSING IN ACTION HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR.

QUESTION: AT WHAT POINT ARE YOU HERE?

SECRETARY LAIRD: OF COURSE, THE FASTEST WAY TO TERMINATE AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IS STILL THE NEGOTIATION TRACK AND NOT THE VIETNAMIZATION TRACK. BUT SHOULD NEGOTIATIONS NOT SUCCEED, THE VIETNAMIZATION PROGRAM, WITH THE RESERVATION I HAVE OUTLINED, DOES BRING ABOUT TOTAL AND COMPLETE TERMINATION OF AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT.

QUESTION: IS THIS 27,000 A RESIDUAL FORCE?

SECRETARY LAIRD: NO, IT IS NOT. I DO NOT USE THAT TERM, AND I'D LIKE TO POINT THAT OUT ONCE AGAIN. AS A MEMBER OF CONGRESS, AS I TALKED TO THE MEN SERVING IN KOREA WHEN THEY WERE AT SOME 62,000 AND STAYED THER FOR MANY, MANY YEARS AS A RESIDUAL FORCE, THEY RESENTED IT VERY MUCH. THESE MEN THAT ARE IN KOREA --AND WE'VE REDUCED THE FORCES IN KOREA SINCE I'VE BEEN SECRETARY OF DEFENSE - THESE MEN ARE FINE, OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN, ENLISTED MEN AND OFFICERS, WOMEN THAT ARE SERVING ALSO FOR THE VARIOUS SERVICES IN VIETNAM AND IN KOREA, THEY ARE NOT ANY RESIDUE. THEY ARE OUTSTANDING MILITARY PEOPLE, AND I DO NOT EVER REFER TO THEM IN ANY WAY AS A RESIDUAL FORCE. THEY ARE A REMAINING FORCE, AND AS YOU KNOW THE VIETNAMIZATION PROGRAM TERMINATES AMERICAN PRESENCE, BUT THERE IS THE ONE RESERVATION WHICH THE PRESIDENT HAS ATTACHED DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, AND THAT IS THAT TOTAL AND COMPLETE TERMINATION WITH THE VIETNAMIZATION PROGRAM WILL NOT BE CARRIED OUT UNTIL THE PRISONERS OF WAR HAVE BEEN RETURNED AND THE MISSING IN ACTION HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, WHEN DO YOU EXPECT TO START PULLING OUT AIR FORCE-BOMBERS, FOR INSTANCE?

SECRETARY LAIRD: WE HAVE, IN VIETNAM. WE HAD A LOWER LEVEL, OF COURSE, IN THAILAND. WE'RE AT A LOWER LEVEL AT SEA THAN WE WERE WHEN THE VIETNAMIZATION PROGRAM STARTED. AS YOU KNOW, WE'RE SEVERAL THOUSAND BELOW THE FORCE AT SEA OFF VIETNAM THAN WE WERE AT THE TIME I BECAME SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND WE'RE SEVENAL THOUSAND BELOW IN THAITAND. OUR TROOP LEVELS HAVE GONE DOWN, NOT ONLY IN THAILAND BUT AT SEA, BUT THEY HAVE GONE DOWN IN THE PHILIPPINES, IN KOREA, IN JAPAN, THOUGHOUT ASIA. QUESTION: THAT MEANS YOU'RE SCALING DOWN THE AIR WAR THEN?

SECRETARY LAIRD: I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE AMERICAN PRESENCE IN ALL AREAS OF ASIA HAS BEEN REDUCED SINCE PRESIDENT NIXON BECAME PRESIDENT AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND SINCE I STARTED SERVING AS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE LEVEL AS OF THE BUILDUP FOR THE OFFENSIVE. WHEN CAN WE LOOK FOR A SCALE-DOWN OF THAT PROGRAM WHICH BEGAN SOME TIME IN FEBRUARY?

SECRETARY LAIRD: I DON'T MAKE FORECASTS OR PROJECTIONS. THERE WILL BE OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE. WE CERTAINLY STILL BELIEVE T HAT THE FASTEST WAY TO END AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA IS THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE MOST GENEROUS OFFER WHICH HAS EVER BEEN MADE BY ANY PRESIDENT, ANY LEADER OF ANY NATION, THE MAY 8TH PROPOSAL OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE NEGOTIATING TRACK, WHICH PROVIDED FOR AN INTERNATIONALLY SUPER-VISED CEASEFIRE, WHICH PROVIDED FOR THE RETURN OF THE PRISONERS OF WAR AND THOSE MISSING IN ACTION, AND A COMPLETE AND TOTAL REDUCTION OF AMERICAN FORCES WITHIN LESS THAN FOUR MONTHS.

QUESTION: SOME MEMBERS OF THE AIR FORCE HAVE BEEN HOLDING BACK-GROUNDERS WITH NEWSMEN RECENTLY AND SEEM TO BE CASTING SOME DOUBT ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE BOMBING. COULD YOU COMMENT ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE BOMBING AND ALSO COULD YOU TELL US IF YOU'VE TALKED TO THAT AIR FORCE OFFICIAL ABOUT HIS VIEWS?

SECRETARY LAIRD: I CAN ONLY STATE THAT I BELIEVE THE MEN THAT ARE CARRYING OUT THE ASSIGNED MISSIONS OF THE NAVY AND THE AIR FORCE ARE DOING A MAGNIFICENT JOB. THESE YOUNG MEN ARE OPERATING UNDER VERY RESTRICTIVE ORDERS. THEY ARE DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB, AND I BELIEVE, AS I'VE TOLD THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND HAVE STATED TO ALL OF YOU COVERING THE PENTAGON, THE EFFECTS OF THE USE OF AMERICAN MILITARY FORCE, WHETHER IT BE IN THE MINING OPERATION OR IN THE AIR OPERATION, WILL BE EFFECTIVE AND WILL HAVE CONSIDERABLE EFFECT LATER THIS FALL AND NEXT YEAR ON THE CAPABILITIES OF THE ENEMY. QUESTION: ABOUT THE MINESWEEPER THAT THE CHINESE HAVE IN HAIPHONG HARBOR, DO YOU CONSIDER THIS A THREAT TO OUR MINING OPERATIONS?

SECRETARY LAIRD: NO, I DO NOT, AND AS I STATED YESTERDAY, I HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT ANY MINESWEEPING OPERATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED, BUT THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION IS NO.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

AROUND THE NATION:

IN TARRYTOWN, THE NEW YORK STATE CONSERVATIVE PARTY, WITH THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, VOTED TO ENDORSE THE RE-ELECTION OF PRESIDENT NIXON AND VICE PRESIDENT AGNEW. THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY IS THE STATE'S THIRD LARGEST PARTY AND ELECTED ITS SENATORIAL NOMINEE, JAMES BUCKLEY, TWO YEARS AGO AGAINST REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC OPPONENTS.

SOVIET SCIENTISTS MAY HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN SCORING A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH IN CANCER RESEARCH BY ISOLATING A HUMAN VIRUS THAT CAUSES LEUKEMIA IN ANIMALS, AMERICAN RESEARCHERS SAID IN WASHINGTON. DR. BORIS LAPIN OF THE U.S. SAID HIS COUNTRY IS WILLING TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON THE FINDINGS WITH AMERICAN SCIENTISTS.

THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE HAS AGREED TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES BY REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CHAIRMAN ROBERT J. DOLE THAT SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVER'S ORGANIZATION HAS COMMITTED AT LEAST SEVEN CAMPAIGN FUND VIOLATIONS.

H.E.W. SECRETARY ELLIOT RICHARDSON SAID IN WASHINGTON THAT SENATOR MCGOVERN'S WELFARE PROPOSAL TO GUARANTEE AT LEAST 4,000 DOLLARS PER YEAR FOR A POVERTY LEVEL FAMILY OF FOUR WAS A "COSTLY AND SCATTERBRAINED SCHEME." THE MCGOVERN CAMPAIGN OFFICE SAID MR. RICHARDSON'S REMARK WAS A "TIRED RHETORICAL FLOURISH."

IN MILWAUKEE, DEMOCRATIC VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE SARGENT SHRIVER CRITICIZED WHAT HE CALLED PRESIDENT NIXON'S "TRICKLE DOWN ECONOMICS" IN ADDRESSING A RALLY OF 800 PERSONS ORGANIZED BY THE WISCONSIN "LABOR UNITED FOR MCGOVERN COMMITTEE."

IN HONOLULU, DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER SAID HE INTERVENED TO URGE BODDY FISCHER TO GO TO ICELAND FOR HIS CHESS MATCH WITH BORIS SPASSKY. HE SAID HE PHONED FISCHER ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE.

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

IN BONN, EAST AND WEST GERMAN OFFICIALS CONTINUED THEIR BARGAINING ON A TREATY TO REGULARIZE THE PARTITION OF THE COUNTRY. STATE SECRETARY EGON BAHR OF WEST GERMANY TOLD REPORTERS HIS DELEGATIONS WAS PREPARED FOR SPEEDY NEGOTIATIONS, BUT HE EMPHASIZED THAT THERE WERE MANY DIFFICULTIES TO BE CLEARED UP.

IN MOSCOW, A TELEVISION AUDIENCE HEARD BANKER DAVID ROCKEFELLER SAY THAT THE RECENT VISIT OF PRESIDENT NIXON AND COMMERCE SECRETARY PETER G. PETERSON TO THE SOVIET CAPITAL HAD "OPENED NEW FIELDS FOR COOPERATION AND ELIMINATED PREVIOUS ODSTACLES." MR. ROCKEFELLER, CHAIRMAN OF THE CHASE MANHATTAN DANK, WAS INTRODUCED AS THE "NUMBER ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AMERICAN BUSINESS WORLD." HIS REMARKS WERE TAPED EARLIER IN NEW YORK BY A SOVIET TELEVISION CREW.

IN RAWALPINDI, 2,000 PAKISTANI SCHOOL TEACHERS AND SYMPATHIZERS PROTESTING THE NATIONALIZATION OF PRIVATE AND MISSIONARY SCHOOLS CLASHED WITH POLICE. THREE PERSONS WERE KILLED AND 62 INJUKED. VIOLENCE ERUPTED WHEN POLICE TRIED TO STOP THE PROCESSION FROM APPROACHING THE RESIDENCE OF PRESIDENT ZULFIKAR ALI DHUTTO.

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GENERAL DONALD V. BENNETT ARRIVED IN SECUL TO ASSUME HIS NEW POST AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND AND U.S. FORCES IN SOUTH KOREA.

IN BANGKOK, AUTHORITIES ARRESTED THAI POLICE LIEUTENANT SOMCHAI' CHAIYASUTA AND CHARGED HIM WITH PLACING A GIFT-WRAPPED BOMB ABOARD A CATHAY PACIFIC AIRLINER WHICH EXPLODED OVER SOUTH VIETNAM'S CENTRAL HIGHLANDS LAST JUNE 15, KILLING THE 81 PERSONS ABOARD.

IN SOUTH VIETNAM, COMMUNIST FORCES SLAMMED 36 BIG ROCKETS INTO A BASE ONLY 15 MILES FROM SAIGON, KILLING OR WOUNDING SIX GOVERNMENT TROOPS, WRECKING ONE U.S. AIR FORCE JET AND DAMAGING SEVEN OTHER PLANES, MORE HEAVY FIGHTING WAS REPORTED AROUND THE EMBATTLED NORTHERN TOWNS OF QUANG TRI AND QUE SON.

THE U.S. COMMAND IN SAIGON ANNOUNCED THAT FIVE AMERICANS WERE KILLED AND THREE WOUNDED IN INDOCHINA WAR ACTION HAST WEEK, THE LOWEST CASUALTY TOLL SINCE U.S. TROOPS WERE ORDERED INTO COMBAT IN 1965. ANOTHER THREE U.S. SERVICEMEN WERE ADDED TO THE LIST OF "MISSING, CAPTURED, OR INTERNED" IN INDOCHINA.

PRESIDENT NIXON POSTPONED FROM OCTOBER 1, TO JANUARY 1, 1973 THE AUTOMATIC PAY INCREASES ESTABLISHED FOR FEDERAL WORKERS. IN A STATEMENT SENT TO CONGRESS AUGUST 31, THE PRESIDENT SAID THE 5.5 PERCENT PAY BOOST PROVIDED GOVERNMENT CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PERSONNEL LAST JANUARY 1 WAS AS MUCH AS COULD BE ALLOWED IN A FULL YEAR UNDER GUIDELINES SET BY THE PAY BOARD.

BASED ON PARTIAL RESULTS COMPILED FROM THE WIRE SERVICES, THE U.S. OLYMPIC TEAMS AT MUNICH HAVE SO FAR WON TEN GOLD MEDALS IN 43 EVENTS. THIS PUTS THE U.S. IN FIRST PLACE IN THE COMPETITION FOR GOLD MEDALS. THE SOVIET UNION HAS WON ELGHT GOLD MEDALS. MARK SPITZ OF THE U.S. SWIMMING TEAM MADE OLYMPIC HISTORY WHEN HE WON HIS FIFTH GOLD MEDAL OF THE 1972 GAMES. HE DID THIS BY WINNING THE 100 METERS BUTTERFLY AND THEN ANCHORING THE WINNING FOUR BY 200 METERS FREESTYLE RELAY TEAM.

DOW JONES CLOSING STOCK AVERAGES:

30 INDUS 963.73 UP 5.87 20 TRANSP 232.40 UP 0.70 15 UTILS 110.56 UP 0.13 65 STOCKS 316.49 UP 1.43 VOLUME 12,340,000.

USINFO:

IN NORTHERN LAOS, MILITARY ACTIVITY LESSENED SOMEWHAT AUGUST 29-30, HOWEVER THERE WERE REPORTS OF GROUND CLASHES AND SHELLINGS NORTH AND WEST OF THE PLAIN OF JARS, AND IN THE VICINITY OF SAM THONG-LONG TIENG.

IN SOUTHERN LAOS, SEVERAL CLASHES WERE REPORTED NORTHEAST AND EAST OF BOTH KHONG SEDONE AND PAKSE AUGUST 29-30.

U.S. SPOKESMAN FLAYS COMMUNISTS FOR PRISONER HYPOCRISY

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PARIS, AUG. 31 -- U.S. AMBASSADOR WILLIAM PORTER TOLD THE COMMUNISTS AUGUST 31 THAT THEIR CLAIM OF HUMANE CONCERN FOR PRISONERS OF WAR IN THEIR CHARGE "IS BELIED BY YOUR FAILURE TO MANIFEST ANY POLICY OF COMPASSION OR CLEMENCY TOWARDS THEM IN RECENT YEARS,"

"YOUR RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM'S OFFER TO RETURN SIX HUNDRED OF YOUR OWN SERVICEMEN WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT INDICATOR OF YOUR TRUE ATTITUDES," THE CHIEF U.S. NEGOTIATOR SAID AT THE 157TH PLENARY SESSION OF THE PARIS MEETINGS. AMBASSADOR PORTER SAID THAT THE COMMUNIST, BY CONTINUALLY CONTRADICTING THEMSELVES, HAVE BECOME DIVORCED FROM THE "REALITY OF YOUR OWN SITUATION."

HE CONTINUED:

"YOUR REAL FOES ARE INDEED YOURSELVES AND THOSE WHO URGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO IGNORE OUR PEACE OVERTURES AND TO GO ON WITH YOUR FRATRICIDAL CAMPAIGNS.

AMBASSADOR PORTER, IN LATER ADDITIONAL REMARKS, CHIDED THE COMMUNISTS FOR FAILURE TO RESPOND TO SOUTH VIETNAM'S OFFER FOR REPATRIATION OF THE 600 COMMUNIST SICK AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS.

"THAT IS QUITE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGH QUALITY OF YOUR 'HUMANITORIANISM', "HE SAID.

THEN HE READ TO THE PLENARY SESSION PARTS OF A LETTER TO THE WOUNDED AND SICK COMBATANTS FROM NORTH VIETNAMESE PRESIDENT TON DUC THANG IN WHICH HE TOLD THE 600 THAT IT "IS OUR DUTY TO SHOW GRATITUDE TO THEM AND LOVE AND HELP THEM."

AMBASSADOR PORTER HAD THIS COMMENT:

"I AM MAKING THE POINT HERE THAT ONCE AGAIN YOUR WORDS AND PROMISES MEAN NOTHING, NOT EVEN WHEN THEY INVOLVE YOUR OWN SICK AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS. I INVITE YOU, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATE, TO STATE HERE AND INFORM THE PRESS OUTSIDE HOW PRESIDENT THANG'S WORDS ARE COMPATIBLE WITH YOUR DIS REGARD FOR THE SIX HUNDRED SICK AND WOUNDED NORTH VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS WHOM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAS OFFERED TO REPATRIATE. WE AWAIT YOUR COMMENTS."

MR. PORTER NOTED THAT PEACE COULD COME MORE RAPIDLY THROUGH SERIOUS DISCUSSION IN PARIS AND HE VOICED HOPE THAT THE COMMUNISTS WOULD RECOGNIZE THE COMPELLING LOGIC OF NEGOTIATIONS AND "JOIN US IN THE SEARCH FOR A SETTLEMENT FAIR AND HONORABLE FOR ALL PARTIES."

THE U.S. AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THAT PRESIDENT NIXON'S MAY 8 PROPOSALS FORM THE BASIS FOR SUCH A SETTLEMENT. ACCORDING TO THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSALS, THE UNITED STATES WOULD WITHDRAW ALL U.S. FORCES FROM VIETNAM WITHIN FOUR MONTHS IF NORTH VIETNAM RELEASES ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR AND AGREES TO AN INTERNATIONALLY SUPERVISED CEASEFIRE THROUGHOUT INDOCHINA.

THE CHIEF U.S. NEGOTIATOR CALLED THE OTHER SIDE'S ATTENTION TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S AUGUST 29 ANNOUNCEMENT OF A FURTHER REDUCTION OF 12,000 IN AMERICAN FORCES IN VIETNAM, LEAVING ONLY 7,000 AMERICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL THERE AS OF DECEMBER 1.

"THIS IS AN ADDITIONAL MEASURE OF THE SUCCESS OF VIETNAMIZATION," HE SAID, "THE PROGRAM WE HAVE FOLLOWED FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS TO REDUCE AND EVENTUALLY ELIMINATE AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN THIS CONFLICT AS THE CAPABILITY OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAS INCREASED. WE HAVE WITHDRAWN MORE THAN A HALF MILLION MEN."

AMBASSADOR PORTER, WHILE CITING U.S. TROOP REDUCTIONS, TOLD THE COMMUNISTS TROOP REDUCTION "WILL NOT BE TOTAL AS LONG AS AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR ARE HELD BY YOUR SIDE." HE ADDED:

"NOR WILL OUR AERIAL AND NAVAL ACTIVITY AGAINST MILITARY TARGETS IN NORTH VIETNAM BE ENDED IN THE ABSENCE OF A CEASEFIRE AND THE RETURN OF THOSE PRISONERS." AMBASSADOR PHAM DANG LAM, OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, ALSO EXHORTED THE COMMUNISTS TO GIVE "SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO OUR SIDE'S PROPOSAL OF MAY 8."

"DROP YOUR PRECONDITIONS AND YOUR PROPAGANDA CONSIDERATIONS SO THAT SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS ON PROBLEMS OF SUBSTANCE CAN BEGIN, HAVING IN MIND ONLY THE INTERESTS OF THE VIETNAMESE NATION AND OF PEACE," HE URGED THEM.

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PEACE IN PACIFIC RESTS ON U.S.-JAPAN AMITY, NIXON SAYS

HONOLULU, AUG. 31 -- PRESIDENT NIXON SAYS FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN IS ESSENTIAL FOR PEACE IN THE PACIFIC AREA.

ARRIVING AT HONOLULU'S HICKAM FIELD FOR HIS MEETINGS WITH JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER TANAKA, THE U.S. PRESIDENT TOLD A WELCOMING THRONG AUGUST 30 THAT HE HAD COME FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING A STRUCTURE OF PEACE IN THE PACIFIC. WITHOUT "PEACE AND COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES," MR. NIXON SAID, "THERE CANNOT BE PEACE IN THE PACIFIC AND THERE CANNOT BE PEACE IN THE WORLD."

THE PRESIDENT SAID HIS MEETINGS WITH MR. TANAKA SIGNIFY MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE THE CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE WORLD SINCE THE UNITED STATES ENTERED WORLD WAR TWO FOLLOWING THE JAPANESE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR.

ENROUTE WITH MR. NIXON TO HAWAII, DR. HENRY KISSINGER, HIS SECURITY ADVISER, SAID THE NIXON-TANAKA SESSIONS WILL COVER THE ENTIRE RANGE OF WASHINGTON-TOKYO RELATIONS, ADDING THAT A C OMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING THE SESSIONS WOULD BE "REASONABLY SPECIFIC" ON TRADE MATTERS. JAPAN CURRENTLY ENJOYS A TRADE ADVANTAGE OF MORE THAN 3,000 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR IN ITS COMMERCE WITH THE UNITED STATES.

DR. KISSINGER SAID THE UNITED STATES PREFERRED TO CORRECT THE TRADE IMBALANCE BY INCREASING ITS SALES TO JAPAN. METHODS TO DO SO WERE DISCUSSED WITH JAPANESE LEADERS, HE SAID, DURING HIS TWO RECENT TRIPS TO TOKYO.

TRADE PROBLEMS, HE SAID, ARE BOTH IMMEDIATE AND LONG RANGE, AND HE SAID THE PRESIDENT AND MR. TANAKA WOULD DISCUSS BOTH ASPECTS, "BUT NOT IN A SPIRIT OF CONFRONTATION." SHORT-TERM ACCELERATION OF JAPANESE PURCHASES IN THE UNITED STATES, HE SAID, WOULD NOT HELP SOLVE THE LONG-TERM TRADE PROBLEM.

DR. KISSINGER DESCRIBED MR. TANAKA, WITH WHOM HE HAD CONFERRED ON HIS LAST TRIP TO TOKYO, AS "VERY FORCEFUL, VERY DIRECT, VERY ATTRACTIVE, VERY BLUNT-SPOKEN."

DR. KISSINGER TURNED ASIDEQUESTIONS ABOUT JAPAN'S POLICY TOWARD THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND MR. TANAKA'S CONSIDERA-TION OF A VISIT TO PEKING. CHINA POLICY, HE SAID, WAS A MATTER TO BE DECIDED BY THE JAPANESE.

"WE CONSIDER OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH JAPAN AS THE KEY ELEMENT IN OUR LONG-TERM ASIA POLICY," DR. KISSINGER SAID, "WE THINK WE CAN HAVE A VERY CREATIVE RELATIONSHIP AND WE ARE NOT REALLY CONSCIOUS OF ANY STRAIN" IN U.S. - JAPAN RELATIONS.

DR. KISSINGER SAID WASHINGTON HAD DISCUSSED WITH TOKYO "EVERY MOVE WE HAVE MADE, AND THEY HAVE KEPT US FULLY INFORMED OF EVERY MOVE THEY HAVE TAKEN."

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AMERICAN PLANES RESUMED BOMBING NORTH VIETNAM AFTER A TYPHOON SHARPLY CURTAILED U.S. AIR AND NAVAL ACTIVITY ON SUNDAY. THE TYPHOON CAME ASHORE AROUND SOUTH VIETNAM CENTRAL COAST BUT REPORTEDLY CAUSED LITTLE DAMAGE. NORTH VIETNAM TROOPS MEANWHILE OVERRAN A SOUTH VIETNAM OUTPOST IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS NEAR THE CAMBODIAN BORDER.

NEAR DANANG, GOVERNMENT TROOP SEIZED SEVERAL HILLSIDE POSITIONS AROUND FIRE BASE ROSS WHICH WAS OCCUPIED BY THE COMMUNISTS ABOUT FOUR WEEKS AGO.

DEPOSED CAMBODIAN LEADER PRINCE SIHANOUK QUOTES CHINESE PREMIER CHOU EN LAI AS SAYING THERE IS A POSSIBILITY PRESIDENT WILL END AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN INDOCHINA BEFORE OR A FEW WEEKS AFTER THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. AT THE SAME TIME, THE CHINESE PREMIER WARNED THE WAR COULD CONTINUE ANOTHER FOUR YEARS. PRINCE SIHANOUK MADE THE STATEMENT TO NEWSMEN MONDAY IN PEKING WHERE HE HAS BEEN LIVING SINCE HE WAS DEPOSED IN 1970. THE CAMBODIAN PRINCE ALSO CONFIRMED REPORTS THERE 1S A NEW AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SCVIET UNION AND CHINA FOR THE TRANSHIPMENT OF SOVIET WAR MATERIAL THROUGH CHINA TO NORTH VIETNAM TO OFFSET AMERICAN MINING OF NORTH VIETNAMESE PORTS. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE WILLIAM DOUGLAS SAYS HE IS INCLINED TO BELIEVE THE VIETNAM WAR IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL BECAUSE CONGRESS HAS NOT DECLARED WAR. INTERVIEWED ON A TY PROGRAM JUSTICE DOUGLAS NOTED THAT THE CONSTITUTION SAYS CONGRESS SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO DECLARE WAR. IT SAYS NOTHING ABOUT ANYONE ELSE HAVING THIS POWER. HE SAID THIS WOULD LEAD HIM TO BELIEVE THAT ONLY CONGRESS HAS THE RIGHT TO DECLARE WAR, BUT HE ADDED, I HAVEN'T HEARD ANY ARGUMENTS ON IT AND I MIGHT CHANGE MY MIND. THE CREW OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST RELIEF SHIP SS ONTLING WALKED OUT OF A RECEPTION GIVEN FOR THEM BY PRESIDENT F. MARCOS IN MANILA MONDAY. THEY LEFT WHEN THEY LEARNED THEY WERE SHARING THE RECEPTION WITH A CREW OF A TAIWAN RELIEF SHIP. THE ONVIING SET SAIL THREE HOUSE LATER FOR SINGAPORE. IT CAME TO THE PHILIPPINES LAST WEEK WITH RELIEF SUPPLIES FOR VICTIMS OF THE RECENT FLOOD IN LUZON AND WAS THE FIRST COMMUNIST CHINESE SHIP EVER TO VISIT THE PHILIPPINES. TAIWAN'S RELIEF SHIP ALSO ARRIVED LAST WEEK WITH RELIEF SUPPLIES FOR THE FLOOD VICTIMS.

THE U.S. OBSERVED LABOR DAY MONDAY, A DAY SET ASIDE TO HONOR THE COUNTRY S WORKING MEN AND WOMEN AND BOTH REPUBLICAINS AND DEMOCRATS MADE A PITCH FOR THE LABOR VOTE IN NOVEMBER S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE GEORGE MCGOVERN CAMPAIGNED IN OHIO, ATTACKING THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION ON DOMESTIC ISSUES, UNEMPLOYMENT, INFLATION, TAX LOOPHOLES AND INCREASED WELFARE COSTS. HE SAID THE PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC POLICIES ADDED 6 MILLION PEOPLE TO THE WELFARE ROLLS WHILE UNEMPLOYMENT HAS JUMPED BY 2 MILLION. AND HE SAID THE COUNTRY CANNOT AFFORD FOUR MORE YEARS OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION. PRESIDENT NIXON S PENT THE HOLDDAY AT HIS OCEAN SIDE HOME IN CALIFORNIA WHERE HE GAVE A CARTY FOR THE MEWSMEN AND PHOTOGRAPHERS WHO ACCOMPANIED HIM TO HAVALL. EARLIER THE PRESIDENT MADE A RADIO BROADCAST WHICH WAS SHARPLY CRIMICAL OF SENAROR MCGOVERN'S ECONOMIC PROPOSALS. NEITHER CANDIDATE MENTIONED THE VIETNAM WAR.

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U.S. SWIMMERS NOW HOLD FOUR MORE GOLD MEDALS AND SET FOUR MORE WORLD RECORDS MONDAY, THE FINAL DAY OF SWIMMING COMPETITION IN MUNICH.

U.S. TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY JOHN VOLPE HAS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE 17 NATION CONFERENCE WILL AGREE ON A BINDING CONVENTION CARRYING SANCTIONS AGAINST COUNTRIES THAT FAIL TO ACT AGAINST AIR PIRATES. MR. VOLPE TOLD THE OPENING SESSION OF THE TWO-WEEK LONG WASHINGTON CONFERENCE THAT THE NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL HIJACKING ATTEMPTS HAS DECLINED IN THE PAST FEW YEARS. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT AIR PIRACY WILL END COMPLETELY ONLY WHEN EVERY NATION IN THE WORLD DENIES SANCTIONARY T O HIJACKERS.

USINFO:

THERE WERE REPORTS OF SERIOUS FIGHTING AUGUST 31-SEPT. 1 IN NORTHERN LAOS, ESPECIALLY NORTH OF THE PLAIN OF JARS.

SEVERAL GROUND CLASHES AND SHELLING INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED EAST AND NORTHEAST OF THE SOUTHERN LAOTLAN TOWNS OF KHONG SEDONE AND PAKSE.

HANOI DEAF TO WORLD PLEAS ON PRISONERS

(BY EDGAR H. DE LESSEPS)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 1 -- THREE MISSIONARIES, TWO OF THEM WOMEN, WERE THE FIRST AMERICANS CAPTURED BY THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN WAR. IT WAS MAY 30, 1962. NEITHER THE U.S. GOVERNMENT NOR THEIR FAMILIES HAVE RECEIVED WORD FROM THESE MISSIONARIES: NONE HAVEBEEN RELEASED.

THE ENEMY REGARDS THE MISSIONARIES AS CIVILIANS WHO ARE NOT COVERED BY INTERNATIONAL LAW PROTECTING MILITARY PERSONNEL, EXPLAINS FRANK SIEVERTS, THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S PRISONER OF WAR SPECIALIST. BUT THEY WERE TAKEN CAPTIVE MORE THAN TEN YEARS AGO, AND THE LIST OF CAPTIVES IN THE VIETNAM WAR HAS LONG SINCE PROLIFERATED. THEIR PLIGHT DEMONSTRATES NORTH VIETNAM'S VIOLATION OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION PROVISIONS FOR TREATING PRISONERS OF WAR.

AS OF AUGUST 26, THE U.S. DEFENSE DEPARTMENT LISTED 1,123 AMERICAN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL AS MISSING IN ACTION IN INDOCHINA AND 539 AS CAPTURED -- A TOTAL OF 1,662. NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM AND LAOS ARE THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED.

THE RELEASE OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR IS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL TENETS OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, AND WASHINGTON HAS CONSISTENTLY EMPHASIZED THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT ABANDON THE PRISONERS TO WIN A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OF THE WAR.

PRESIDENT NIXON HAS MADE THIS CLEAR MANY TIMES, AS RECENTLY AS AUGUST 29. MR. NIXON PLEDGED AGAIN THAT THERE WILL BE AN AMERICAN VOLUNTEER FORCE IN SOUTH VIETNAM "AS LONG AS THERE IS ONE PRISONER OF WAR IN NORTH VIETNAM, OR ONE MISSING IN ACTION NOT ACCOUNTED FOR."

MR. NIXON ALSO RE-EMPHASIZED THAT WHAT IS BEING OFFERED HANOI IS A "TOTAL WITHDRAWAL" OF AMERICAN FORCES FROM SOUTH VIETNAM WITHIN FOUR MONTHS, CONDITIONED ON AN INTERNATIONALLY SUPERVISED CEASE-FIRE IN INDOCHINA, A RETURN OF AMERICAN PRISONERS AND AN ACCOUNTING FOR THOSE MISSING IN ACTION. NIXON FIRST LAID DOWN THESE CONDITIONS IN AN ADDRESS ON MAY 8.

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MR. NIXON ALSO REMINDED THAT THIS COUNTRY WILL DO "WHAT IS NECESSARY TO PREVENT THE IMPOSITION, AGAINST THEIR WILL, OF A COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT ON THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM."

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VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS' INHUMANE TREATMENT OF WAR PRISONERS HAS BROUGHT PROTESTS NOT ONLY FROM THE UNITED STATES BUT THE ENTIRE FREE WORLD. THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE UNFLAGGING AND STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO SECURE THE PRISONERS RELEASE. HANOI HAS CONSTANTLY REJECTED ALL PROPOSALS TO FREE THE PRISONERS.

VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS HAVE HELD AMERICANS IN CAPTIVITY LONGER THAN IN ANY WAR IN U.S. HISTORY, SAID SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS IN A STATEMENT LAST MARCH 22.

THE 1957 GENEVA CONVENTION IS THE HEART OF THE MATTER. IT SETS FORTH FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES FOR HUMANE TREATMENT OF WAR PRISONERS. MORE THAN 130 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING NORTH VIETNAM, ARE SIGNATORIES TO THE CONVENTION.

NORTH VIETNAM ARGUES THAT U.S. PRISONERS ARE ALL "WAR CRIMINALS" AND THUS NOT ENTITLED TO PRISONER-OF-WAR STATUS. SUCH A CONTENTION IS WITHOUT BASIS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW; UNIFORNED MEMBERS OF AMERICA'S ARMED FORCES ARE CLEARLY ENTITLED TO PRISONER-OF-WAR STATUS.

WASHING TON STRESSES THAT THE PRISONER MATTER IS A "STRICTLY HUMANITARIAN ISSUE." THE FATE OF PRISONERS IS NOT, AS HANOI WOULD LIKE IT TO BE, A MATTER SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION. ADMITTEDLY, THE PRISONER ISSUE IS DISCUSSED IN THE PARIS NEGOTIATING FORUM, ALONG WITH POLITICAL ISSUES. BUT THE UNITED STATES STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE A TRAVESTY OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES TO LINK THE FATE OF CAPTURED AND MISSING MEN TO ACHIEVEMENT OF MILITARY OR POLITICAL OBJECTIVES.

HANOI HAS SAID THAT NO AMERICAN PRISONERS WILL BE RELASED UNTIL THERE IS A FINAL MILITARY AND POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OF THE WAR. HANOI OFFICIALS ARE QUOTED AS SAYING THE PRISONERS ARE "PEARLS" TO BE BARTERED IN SUCH AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT.

VIOLATION OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION IS, IN EVERY RESPECT, UNJUSTIFIABLE. THEREIS NO POSSIBLE JUSTIFICATION, WASHINGTON OFFICIALS BELIEVE, FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION ON WHO HAS BEEN CAPTURED, OR WHO HAS DIED WHILE CAPTIVE. BUT HANOI HAS DONE THIS. THE VICTIMS OF SUCH FLAGRANT INHUMANITY ARE INNOCENT FAMILLES -- WIVES, CHILDREN AND PARENTS.

HANOI CONTINUES, MOREOVER, TO SPURN SAIGON'S EFFORTS ON HEHALF OF WAR PRISONERS. ON AUGUST 24, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATION AT THE PARIS TALKS REJECTED A SOUTH VIETNAMESE UNCONDITIONAL OFFER TO RETURN 600 SICK AND WOUNDED NORTH VIETNAMESE PRISONERS TO THEIR HOMELAND. SAIGON S OFFER WAS INTENDED TO GENERATE A RECIPROCAL RELEASE OF ALLIED PRISONERS HELD BY HANOI.

MAKING THE OFFER ON THE OCCASION OF THE BUDDHIST HOLIDAY CALLED WANDERING SOULS DAY, SAIGON INVOKED "HUMANITARIAN" REASONS. HOWEVER, HANOI SIMPLY SNUBBED THE OFFER AS A "WELL-KNOWN TACTIC."

AND IN PARIS AUGUST 31, AMBASSADOR WILLIAM PORTER, CHIEF U.S. DELEGATE TO THE PARIS TAIKS, SCORED THE COMMUNISTS FOR HYPOCRISY ON THE PRISONER ISSUE -- FOR THEIR CROCODILE TEARS OVER THE FATE OF THEIR OWN WOUNDED.

MR. PORTER CHIDED HANOI FOR FAILING TO RESPOND TO SOUTH VIETNAM'S OFFER TO REPATRIATE THE SICK AND WOUNDED. THEN HE READ PARTS OF A LETTER TO THE SAME SICK AND WOUNDED FROM NORTH VIETNAMESE PRESIDENT TON DUC THANG, WHO TOLD THE COMBATANTS THAT IT "IS OUR DUTY TO SHOW GRATITUDE TO THEM AND LOVE AND HELP THEM." THESE TWO ACTIONS, MR. PORTER DECLARED, ARE CONTRADICTORY, "YOUR WORDS AND PROMISES MEAN NOTHING," HE SAID, "NOT EVEN WHEN THEY INVOLVE YOUR OWN...SOLDIERS." MR. PORTER ALSO REMINDED THE ENEMY THAT U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM VIETNAM WILL NOT BE TOTAL AS LONG AS THEY HOLD AMERICAN PRISONERS.

OVER THE YEARS THE UNITED STATES AND SOUTH VIETNAM HAVE MADE NUMEROUS OFFERS TO EXCHANGE PRISONERS -- ALL REJECTED BY THE COMMUNISTS. IN OCTOBER, 1970, PRESIDENT NIXON PROPOSED THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL PRISONERS HELD BY BOTH SIDES. IN DECEMBER, 1970, SOUTH VIETNAM, BACKED BY THE UNITED STATES, OFFERED TO RELEASE ALL 8,500 NORTH VIETNAMESE PRISONERS HELD IN THE SOUTH AGAINST THE RELEASE OF ALL ALLIED PRISONERS IN THE ENTIRE INDOCHINA THEATER OF OPERATIONS.

IN JANUARY, 1971, SOUTH VIETNAM PROPOSED TO REPATRIATE ALL SICK AND WOUNDED PRISONERS AND CALLED FOR RECIPROCATION BY NORTH VIETNAM. IN THE SPRING OF 1971, HANOI AGREED TO THE RELEASE OF 750 SICK AND WOUNDED NORTH VIETNAMESE PRISONERS BUT RENEGED ON SAIGON'S OFFER AT THE LAST MINUTE WHEN ONLY 13 MEN AGREED TO RETURN TO NORTH VIETNAM.

HANOI PLAYS THE INTRANSIGENT AT THE PARIS TALKS AND OUTSIDE THE NEGOTIATIONS. ON AUGUST 18 AT PARIS, NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS REFUSED TO SEE TWO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM GREEN BAY WISCONSIN, REPRESENTING SOME FIVE MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. THE TWO STUDENTS CARRIED SIGNED PETITIONS CALLING ON THE COMMUNISTS TO ABIDE BY INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS IN WAR PRISONER TREATMENT.

NORTH VIETNAM S DISREGARD FOR ITS COMMITMENTS UNDER THE GENEVA CONVENTION HAS EVOKED GRAVE CONCERN IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THE 1969 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE RED CROSS CALLED FOR THE "FULLEST MEASURE OF PROTECTION" PRESCRIBED BY THE CONVENTION; IN 1971 THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY REAFFIRMED ITS CONCERN FOR HUMANE PRISONER-OF-WAR TREATMENT; NUMEROUS COUNTRIES HAVE PUBLICLY STATED THEIR READINESS TO OFFER NEUTRAL INTERNMENT OF THE PRISONERS.

OTHER HANOI VIOLATIONS OF THE CONVENTION INCLUDE:

--THE GENEVA CONVNETION REQUIRES THAT NEUTRAL INSPECTION OF PRISON CAMPS BE PERMITTED. THE ENEMY NEVER HAS PERMITTED SUCH INSPECTION. AT THE MARCH 16, 1972, SESSION OF THE PARIS TALKS THE UNITED STATES PROPOSED THAT THE OTHER SIDE OPEN THE PRISON CAMPS FOR INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION IN RETURN FOR A FIRM UNDERTAKING BY BOTH SIDES TO REFRAIN FROM EFFORTS TO LIBERATE PRISONERS FROM THE LOCATIONS VISITED.

--THE GENEVA CONVENTION REQUIRES THAT NAMES OF ALL PRISONERS BE RELEASED PROMPTLY. THE ENEMY HAS RELEASED SUCH INFORMATION IN A PIECEMEAL INCOMPLETE FASHION AND FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES.

--THE GENEVA CONVENTION REQUIRES THAT PRISONERS BE PERMITTED TO SEND AT LEAST TWO LETTERS AND FOUR CARDS EVERY MONTH. THE AVERAGE HAS BEEN TWO OR THREE LETTERS A YEAR AND NONE AT ALL FROM MANY PRISONERS. LAST DECEMBER 29, THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT MORE THAN 900 PACKAGES MAILED IN THE LAST HALF OF 1971 BY FAMILLES TO AMERICAN PRISONERS IN NORTH VIETNAM WERE RETURNED VIA MOSCOW STAMPED "REFUSED BY VIETNAM."

--THE GENEVA CONVENTION REQUIRES THAT SUFFICIENT FOOD MUST BE GIVEN TO PRISONERS. YET THOSE FEW U.S. PRISONERS THAT HAVE BEEN RELEASED WERE ALL FOUND TO BE UNDERWEIGHT AND SUFFERING FROM MALNUTRITION.

--THE GENEVA CONVENTION REQUIRES THAT PRISONERS NOT BE HELD IN CLOSE CONFINEMENT. YET THE ENEMY HAS HELD SOME MEN IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT FOR YEARS.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

AROUND THE NATION:

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CHAIRMAN ROBERT J. DOLE FILED NEW CHARGES OF CAMPAIGN VIOLATIONS BY SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN'S STAFF WITH THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE. HE CALLED THE CHARGES "SERIOUS." MCGOVERN HEAD QUARTERS CALLED THEM "APPALLING, INCREDIBLE AND EVEN LAUGHABLE."

ALSO IN WASHINGTON, SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER HUGH SCOTT PREDICTED AS CONGRESS RESUMED WORK THAT THE REMAINING DAYS OF THE SESSION "WILL BE A MESS." HIS DEMOCRATIC COUNTERPART, MIKE MANSFIELD, DEFENDED THE RECORD OF CONGRESS SO FAR AND SAID HE DID NOT THINK REPUBLICAN CRITICISM OF ITS WORK WAS JUSTIFIED. SENATOR MANSFIELD SAID HE WAS STILL SHOOTING FOR ADJOURNMENT SEPTEMBER 30, BUT WOULD NOT RULE OUT A POST-ELECTION SESSION.

IN PHILADELPHIA, PICKET LINES APPEARED OUTSIDE THE CITY'S 280 PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS 18,000 TEACHERS AND OTHER SCHOOL EMPLOYES WENT ON STRIKE OVER SALARIES AND WORKING HOURS.

AT A CITY HALL NEWS CONFERENCE IN BOSTON, DEMOCRATIC VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE SARGENT SHRIVER PREDICTED THAT POCKETBOOK CONCERNS SUCH AS INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT WILL SWAY VCTERS TO SENATOR MCGOVERN.

IN GARDEN CITY, NEW YORK, THE LONG ISLAND NEWSPAPER NEWSDAY ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD BREAK WITH TRADITION AND NO LONGER ENDORSE CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE. IN AN EDITORIAL THE PAPER ALSO CRITICIZED THE ACTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE NEWSPAPER GUILD IN RECENTLY ENDORSING SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN.

IN DALLAS, THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS, WHICH STYLES ITSELF AS "INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATIC," ENDORSED THE NIXON-AGNEW TICKET.

IN DETROIT, UNITED AUTO WORKERS VICE PRESIDENT DOUGLAS A. FRASER CALLED ON THE CHRYSLER CORPORATION TO JOIN THE UNION IN DISCUSSIONS OF "HUMANIZATION OF THE WORKPLACE," VOWING THAT IF THE COMPANY REFUSED, THE ISSUE WOULD BECOME ONE OF THE UNION'S 1973 BARGAINING GOALS.

TRAFFIC DEATHS THROUGHOUT THE NATION OVER THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND WERE 602, A FINAL TABULATION BY UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL SHOWED.

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

IN MUNICH, FIVE ARAB GUERRILLAS SHOT THEIR WAY INTO THE ISRAELI QUARTERS IN THE OLYMPIC VILLAGES IN A PREDAWN RAID SEPTEMBER 5, KILLING TWO ISRAELIS, TAKING 10 OTHERS HOSTAGE UNDER THREAT OF EXECUTION AND FORCING OFFICIALS TO SUSPEND THE GAMES. THE GUERRILLAS THREATENED TO KILL ALL THE ATHLETES AND OFFICIALS IN THEIR HANDS

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UNLESS THEY WERE GIVEN THREE AIRLINERS TO CARRY THEIR CAPTIVES TO AN UNSPECIFIED COUNTRY. THEY ALSO DEMANDED THE RELEASE OF 200 PALESTINIANS HELD IN ISRAELI JAILS.

MEANWHILE, WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR WILLY BRANDT ARRIVED IN MUNICH IN AN ATTEMPT TO INTERCEDE FOR THE LIVES OF THE HOSTAGES. IN ISRAEL, PRIME MINISTER GOLDAMEIR SUMMONED PARLIAMENT INTO A SPECIAL SESSION TO INFORM MEMBERS OF DEVELOPMENTS.

GERMAN POLICE NEAR MUNICH AMBUSHED A BAND OF TERRIORISTS WHO WERE HOLDING 8 OR 9 ISRAELI ATHLETES AS HOSTAGES. IN THE ENSUING GUN BATTLE 3 OF THE TERRORISTS AND ONE POLICEMAN WERE SHOT DEAD. ONE TERRORIST BLEW HIMSELF UP WITH A HAND GRENADE, AND ONE OR MORE OTHERS ESCAPED. POLICE IMMEDIATELY MOUNTED A SEARCH FOR THEM. FIRST REPORTS SAY THE ISRAELI HOSTAGES WERE FREED AND UNHARMED BUT THE OLYMPIC PRESS CHIEF SAID LATER IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER ANY OF THEM ARE WOUNDED OR IF THEY ARE STILL ALIVE. THE OLYMPIC PRESS CHIEF SAID TWO GUERILLAS TRIED TO ESCAPE AND HAD BEEN CAPTURED, THE GUN BATTLE WAS OVER. THE TERRORISTS ARMED WITH SUB MACHINE GUNS, BROKE INTO THE QUARTERS OF THE ISRAELI ATHLETES. TWO ISRAELIS WERE KILLED IN THE INITIAL ENTRY.

IN GENEVA, THE SOVIET UNION TURNED DOWN A BRITISH SUGGESTION FOR A TWO-STAGE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM OF PROHIBITING CHEMICAL WEAPONS PRODUCTION, AND ELIMINATION OF PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY -- LEAVING THE QUESTION OPEN AS TO WHICH STAGE SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN FIRST. THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE AT THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE SAID THE PROPOSAL WAS INAPPROPRIATE.

IN PARIS, PRESIDENT GEORGES POMPIDOU SAID HE HAS RECEIVED AN INVIATION TO VISIT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. HE TOLD REPORTERS HE DID NOT PLAN TO MAKE THE TRIP IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

IN ISLAMABAD, A FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID PAKISTAN IS READY TO MEET LEADERS OF BANGLADESH WITHOUT ANY PRECONDITIONS.

IN SEOUL, JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER MASAYOSHI OHIRA SAID JAPAN WILL SEEK RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA "IN A LIMITED SENSE" --INVOLVING SUCH MATTERS AS CULTURE, SPORTS, AND THE CIVILIAN ECONOMY. MR. OHIRA MADE THE REMARKS DURING THE OPENING SESSION OF THE SIXTH JAPAN-SOUTH KOREA MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE. SOUTH KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER KIM YONG-SIK SAID HIS NATION OPPOSES ANY JAPANESE MOVES THAT MIGHT STRENGTHEN THE MILITARY CAPABILITIES OF NORTH KOREA.

IN SOUTH VIETNAM, U.S. WARPLANES LAUNCHED HEAVY RAIDS IN THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF THE COUNTRY. IN GROUND ACTION, GOVERNMENT PARATROOPERS REPORTED CLASHES WITH ENEMY FORCES NEAR QUANG TRI CITY IN WHICH 31 COMMUNISTS WERE KILLED. GOVERNMENT CASUALTIES WERE FIVE DEAD AND 11 WOUNDED, FIELD REPORTS SAID.

IN MONTREAL, GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES CALLED A WORLD-WIDE ALERT AFTER TWO MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF PAINTINGS AND ART OBJECTS WERE STOLEN FROM THE MONTREAL MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS BY THREE ARMED BANDITS. THE LOOT INCLUDED AN OIL PAINTING BY REMBRANDT VALUED AT ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

PRICES CLOSED LOWER IN A SLOW POST-HOLIDAY SESSION ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE. DECLINES LED ADVANCES BY ABOUT A SEVEN TO FIVE MARGIN AMONG THE MORE THAN 1,725 ISSUES TRADED. PRICES ALSO WERE LOWER ON THE AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

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IN NORTHERN LAOS, GOVERNMENT UNITS CONVERGING ON THE PLAIN OF JARS FROM SEVERAL DIRECTIONS ENCOUNTERED STRONG ENEMY RESISTANCE AND COUNTER-ATTACKS OVER THE WEEKEND, SEPT 1-4, AND THERE ARE REPORTS OF CONTINUED FIGHTING IN THAT AREA.

IN SOUTHERN LACS, THERE WERE REPORTS OF GROUND CLASHES AND SHELLINGS EAST AND NORTHEAST OF KHONG SEDONE. AND INTENSIFIED GROUND ACTION WAS REPORTED EAST OF PAKSE SEPT 1-4.

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NIXON OUTRAGED BY GUERRILLA ATTACK ON ISRAELI TEAM

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WASHINGTON, SEPT. 5 -- PRESIDENT NIXON AND OTHER AMERICAN OFFICIALS WERE OUTRAGED BY THE ARAB GUERRILLA ATTACK ON THE ISRAELI OLYMPIC TEAM IN MUNICH.

AT THE WESTERN WHITE HOUSE, PRESS SECRETARY RONALD ZIEGLER TOLD NEWSMEN SEPTEMBER 5 THAT STAFF AIDES WERE KEEPING THE PRESIDENT INFORMED ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN MUNICH WHERE THE SHOOTING TOOK FLAGE. MR. NEXON EXPRESSED "A SENSE OF DEEP OUTRAGE," MR. ZIEGLER REPORTED.

"WE DEPLORE THIS DEVELOPMENT," MR. ZIEGLER COMMENTED. HE ADDED THAT PRESIDENT NIXON WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT WAS TAKING APPROPRIATE MEASURES FOR THE SECURITY OF OTHERS IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES.

PRESIDENT NIXON TELEPHONED ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER MEIR ABOUT THE MUNICH INCIDENT. AFTERWARDS THE WHITE HOUSE ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WHICH WAS SAID TO REFLECT THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS:

"WORDS ARE INADEQUATE TO EXPRESS MY SHOCK AND HORROR AT THE NEWS OF THE MURDERCUS ACTS AT THE OLYMPIC VILLAGE THIS MORNING. I HAVE INSTRUCTED THE U.S. EMBASSY IN GERMANY TO LEND ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN EFFORTS TO PREVENT FURTHER LOSS OF LIVE. I HAVE SPOKEN TO PRIME MINISTER GOLDA MEIR THIS MORNING AND, OF BEHALF OF MRS. NIXON, MYSELF AND ALL AMERICANS, HAVE EXTENDED O UR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF THE KILLED, TO THEIR TEAMMATES AND TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL. SECRETARY ROGERS HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR RABIN TO OFFER THE ASSISTANCE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN ANY WAY THAT WILL BE HELPFUL IN OBTAINING RELEASE OF THE HCSTAGES. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S POSITION IS THAT THE GAMES SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE SUSPENDED UNTIL THE HOSTAGES ARE FREED AND THE TRAGIC SITUATION RESOLVED."

LATER IN TALKING INFORMALLY WITH NEWSMEN DURING A STOP-OVER IN SAN FRANCISCO, THE PRESIDENT AGAIN EXPRESSED HIS SENSE OF OUTRAGE. "WE ARE DEALING HERE WITH INTERNATIONAL OUTLAWS OF THE WORST SORT WHO WILL STOOP TO ANYTHING IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR GOAL, AND WHO ARE TOTALLY UNPREDICTABLE," MR. NIXON REMARKED.

HE SAID HE PROMISED MRS. MEIR THAT, IN THE CASE OF ISRAELI CITIZENS TRAVELING IN THE UNITED STATES, "WE WOULD TRY TO DO EVERYTHING WE COULD TO SEE THAT, WHERE THERE IS ANY INFORMATION AT ALL WITH REGARD TO A POSSIBLE ATTEMPT OF THIS SORT, THAT ADEQUATE SECURITY MEASURES ARE TAKEN."

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SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATMENT:

I HAVE ASKED THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO CONVEY TO THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OUR PROFOUND SORROW AND SENSE OF HORROR AT THE CALLOUS, OUTRAGEOUS ATTACK THIS MORNING ON THE ISRAELI ATHLETES IN THEIR QUARTERS IN THE OLYMPIC VILLAGE IN MUNICH.

WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THOSE ISRAELIS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN THIS INCIDENT.

WITH ALL NATIONS AND PEOPLES AROUND THE WORLD, WE FERVENTLY HOPE THAT NO FURTHER INNOCENT LIVES WILL BE SACRIFICED.

THIS ASSAULT ON THE ISRAELI OLYMPIC TEAM IS OFFENSIVE TO MEN AND WOMEN OF GOOD WILL EVERYWHERE FOR WHOM THE OLYMPIC GAMES ARE A SYMBOL OF MAN'S STRIVING FOR RECONCILIATION AND PEACE.

AT A STATE DEPARTMENT NEWS BRIEFING, SPOKESMAN CHARLES BRAY SAID THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORTS WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR WILLY BRANDT'S APPEAL TO HEADS OF GOVERNMENTS TO SEEK RELEASE OF THE ISRAELI HOSTAGES IN OLYMPIC VILLAGE.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT, MR. BRAY SAID, IS "EXAMINING...WHETHER THERE ARE ANY INITIATIVES WE CAN USEFULLY AND PROPERLY TAKE, MORE DIRECTLY, OURSELVES" TO HELP SECURE THE HOSTAGES' FREEDOM.

SECRETARY ROGERS WAS PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN THE DELIBERATIONS, MR. BRAY NOTED. MR. ROGERS TELEPHONED ISRAELI AMBASSADOR YITZHAK RABIN WHO ASKED THAT WASHINGTON DO WHAT IT COULD TO CARRY OUT ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER GOLDA MEIR'S REQUEST THAT THE OLYMPIC GAMES BE SUSPENDED UNTIL THE HOSTAGES WERE FREED.

SECRETARY ROGERS AND OTHER STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WERE ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT AMERICANS ON THE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE IN MUNICH TO URGE COMPLIANCE WITH MRS. MEIR'S REQUEST WHEN WORD CAME FROM MUNICH THAT THE GAMES HAD BEEN SUSPENDED FOR 24 HOURS, MR. BRAY SAID.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FEELS THE OLYMPIC GAMES SHOULD REMAIN SUSPENDED "UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THIS MATTER IS IN HAND," MR. BRAY SAID.

"THIS IS NOT THE FIRST SITUATION" IN WHICH THE ARAB TERRORIST GROUP WHICH CALLS ITSELF THE BLACK SEPTEMBER MOVEMENT HAS BEEN INVOLVED, HE REMARKED. THESE SAME TERRORISTS, HE SAID, TOOK CREDIT FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF JORDANIAN PREMIER WASFI TELL IN CAIRO IN NOVEMBER, 1971, AND MORE RECENTLY THE ATTEMPTED MURDER OF JORDAN'S AMBASSADOR TO LONDON.

"IT IS INCUMBENT ON THOSE WHO HAVE A STAKE -- AS WE ALL DO --IN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM THAT ACTIONS OF THIS KIND BE REPUDIATED AND THAT SUCH SUPPORT AS GROUPS OF THIS KIND MAY RECEIVE FROM WHATEVER SOURCE BE DRIED UP," MR. BRAY SAID.

THE BLACK SEPTEMBER GROUP, HE SAID, IS MADE UP OF "OUTLAWS, BRIGANDS, MURDERERS."

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U.N. SECRETARY - GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM MADE A PERSONAL APPEAL FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF THE ISRAELI ATHLETES BEING HELD HOSTAGE BY THE TERRORISTS.

A SPOKESMAN SAID MR. WALDHEIM CONFERRED WITH THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND WITH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY'S OBSERVER AT THE WORLD ORGANIZATION. THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE U.N.

MR. WALDHEIM SAID HE WAS "PROFOUNDLY DISTRESSED" AT THE "DASTARDLY ACT PERPETRATED AGAINST ISRAELI ATHLETES."

HE TERMED THE ATTACK "THE MORE SHOCKING FOR HAVING TAKEN PLACE AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES, WHICH REPRESENT ONE OF MAN'S OLDEST AND NOBLEST EFFORTS TO FOSTER FRIENDSHIP, UNDERSTANDING AND RECONCILIATION AMONG THE PEOPLES OF ALL THE WORLD."

KISSINGER TO VISIT MCSCOW SEPTEMBER 10-13

SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA, SEPT. 5 -- DR. HENRY KISSINGER, PRESIDENT NIXON'S ADVISER ON NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, WILL BE IN MOSCOW SEPTEMBER 10-13 TO CONFER WITH SOVIET LEADERS.

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RONALD ZIEGLER TOLD NEWSMEN SEPTEMBER 5 DR. KISSINGER IS MAKING THE TRIP FOR "AN EXCHANGE OF OPINION ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST" IN ACCORD WITH A PORTION OF THE MAY 29 COMMUNIQUE MARKING THE END OF MR. NIXON'S VISIT TO MOSCOW.

EN ROUTE TO MOSCOW, DR. KISSINGER WILL STOP IN MUNICH, GERMANY, TO REST AND CONFER WITH WEST GERMAN LEADERS.

MR. ZIEGLER SAID DR. KISSINGER'S SESSIONS WITH SOVIET LEADERS WILL COVER THE ENTIRE RANGE OF MATTERS OF INTEREST SECOND PHASE OF THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS, VIETNAM, EUROPEAN MATTERS AND MATTERS OF BILATERAL INTEREST SUCH AS TRADE.

HE SAID DR. KISSINGER PLANS TO MEET WITH SOVIET PARTY CHAIRMAN LEONID BREZHNEV, PREMIER ALEKSEI KOSYGIN, FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO AND OTHER SOVIET OFFICIALS.

DR. KISSINGER EXPECTS TO ARRIVE IN MUNICH THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 8. HE WILL MEET WITH CHANCELLOR BRANDT, FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL, STATE MINISTER BAHR, OPPOSITION PARTY LEADERS BARZEL AND STRAUSS, AND OTHERS ON THE MORNINGS OF SEPTEMBER 9 AND 10.

HE IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN MOSCOW THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 10.

MR. ZIEGLER SAID THE DATE OF DR. KISSINGER'S RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE ANNOUNCED WHEN HIS PLAN ARE FIRMER. ASKED IF DR. KISSINGER WOULD STOP IN OTHER COUNTRIES EN ROUTE H6ME, HE SAID AGAIN HIS RETURN WOULD BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

THE PRESS SECRETARY, ANSWERING QUESTIONS, SAID THE KISSINGER TRIP HAD BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION FOR TWO WEEKS, ADDING THE TIMING OF THE VISIT HAD BEEN AGREED ON PREVISOULY.

THE MAY 29 COMMUNIQUE SAID "BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO CONTINUE CLOSE CONTACT ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES THAT WERE UNDER DISCUSSION. THEY AGREED THAT REGULAR CONSULTATIONS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST" WOULD TAKE PLACE.

PEKING AND THE PARIS PEACE TALKS

(BY HAROLD COURLANDER)

WASHINGTON SEPT. 5 -- IT HAS BEEN OBSERVED FREQUENTLY THAT HANOI'S PRESENCE AT THE PARIS PEACE TALKS IS NOT A VERY ACCURATE GUIDE TO ITS INTENTIONS. THROUGHOUT THE LONG HISTORY OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, HANOI'S NEGOTIATORS HAVE ALWAYS SAID THAT THEIR OWN CONDITIONS FOR A SETTLEMENT ARE THE ONLY ONES THAT CAN BE CONSIDERED. BUT AT THE SAME TIME THEY HAVE STRESSED THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE IN PARIS AT ALL IF THEY WERE NOT INTERESTED IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. WHAT THEY NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE BY THE COMMITMENT OF THE LARGEST PART OF ITS MILITARY FORCE TO THE BATTLEFIELD.

THE STANDARD DEMAND THAT THE UNITED STATES MUST ABANDON SOUTH VIETNAM AND LEAVE IT TO ITS FATE WAS MADE AGAIN SEPTEMBER 2 IN A SPEECH BY NORTH VIETNAMESE PREMIER PHAM VAN DONG. IT IS, OF COURSE, CONCEIVABLE THAT A PARTY TO NEGOTIATIONS CAN MAKE HIS MOST EXTRAVAGANT DEMANDS WHILE PROBING FOR A COMPROMISE. BUT THE PREMIER EXPLICITLY STATED THAT HANOI IS NOT LOOKING FOR ANY COMPROMISE--DESPITE THE PRESENCE OF ITS NEGOTIATORS IN PARIS -- AND THAT, IN FACT, IT WOULD REJECT ANY COMPROMISE. A STABLE PEACE, HE DECLARED, CAN BE ACHIEVED ONLY THROUGH MILITARY VICTORY. ANY ILLUSION ABOUT A POSSIBLE COMPROMISE, HE SAID, WOULD BE VERY DANGEROUS TO HANOI'S CAUSE. SO THE AMERICAN AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE NEGOTIATORS IN PARIS COULD PROPERLY ASK AT THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING, "WHY ARE WE ALL HERE?"

THE OCCASION FOR THE PREMIER'S SPEECH WAS NATIONAL DAY, THE ANNIVERSARY OF NORTH VIETNAM'S FOUNDING, AND SO THERE WERE MESSAGES FROM OTHER COMMUNIST CAPITALS. ONE SUCH MESSAGE WAS FROM PEKING, SIGNED BY COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER MAOTSE-TUNG, PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI AND OTHER CHINESE LEADERS. IT DECLARED THAT HANOI'S STRUGGLE AGAINST "U.S. IMPERIALISM"--IT DID NOT NAME THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM OR SPECIFY WHERE THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS ARE FIGHTING--IS SCORING "SPENDING VICTORIES." AND IT PLEDGED ALL-OUT CHINESE SUPPORT FOR HANOI'S MILITARY EFFORTS AND OBJECTIVES.

LAST MAY PRESIDENT NIXON MADE PROPOSALS FOR A SETTLEMENT THAT COULD HAVE PROVIDED A SHORT ROUTE TO THE END OF THE FIGHTING. BRIEFLY, THE PROPOSALS INCLUDED THE RETURN OF AMERICAN PRISCNERS OF WAR AND AN INTERNATIONALLY SUPERVISED CEASE-FIRE THROUGH-OUT INDOCHINA, FOLLOWING WHICH ALL AMERICAN FORCES WOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM VIETNAM IN FOUR MONTHS. AFTER THIS, NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM FOR A POLITICAL SOLUTION COULD TAKE PLACE. IN THE AMERICAN VIEW NO OFFER COULD HAVE BEEN MORE REASONABLE OR FAIR TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM. THERE WAS NOTHING IN IT TO STAND IN THE WAY OF ALL THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, NORTH AND SOUTH, DETERMINING THEIR POLITICAL FUTURE. WHETHER PEKING SAW IT THIS WAY OR NOT IS NOT CLEAR, THOUGH THERE IS AMPLE EVIDENCE THAT IT PERCEIVED AN OPPORTUNITY TO END THE FIGHTING. BUT HANOI CHOSE TO PURSUE EPHEMERAL MILITARY VICTORY RATHER THAN NEGOTIATION.

AND ON THE OCCASION OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE NATIONAL DAY, PEKING ONCE MORE FOUND ITSELF IN THE POSITION OF ENDORSING A NORTH VIETNAMISE VICTORY PSYCHOSIS THAT CANNOT POSSIBLY BRING PEACE TO SOUTHEAST ASIA. PERHAPS NO OTHER KIND OF MESSAGE WOULD HAVE BREN APPROPRIATE ON NATIONAL DAY. BUT AS FOR HANOI, PREMIER FHAM VAN DON'S HOLIDAY PEMARKE SUBELY DO NOTHING TO IMPROVE THE PROPOSPECTS AT PARTS. 100

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NEWS ROUNDUP

ON THE BASIS OF A YEAR'S STUDY, THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE HAS CONCLUDED THAT UP TO TWO MILLION ALIENS ARE LIVING ILLEGALLY IN THE UNITED STATES. SOME ARE WORKING AND SOME ARE ON WELFARE, SAID CONGRESSMAN PETER W. RODINO OF NEW JERSEY, AND THEY ARE ESTI-MATED TO BE SENDING OUT OF THE COUNTRY UP TO ONE BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR.

SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN PICKED UP ANOTHER LABOR ENDORSEMENT WHEN THE 903,000-MEMBER INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS AND AEROSPACE WORKERS, MEETING IN LOS ANGELES, VOTED TO BACK THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE. THE ACTION CAME AFTER A VOCAL MINORITY URGED THAT THE A.F.L.-C.I.O. UNION REMAIN NEUTRAL.

MEANWHILE, IN WASHINGTON A GROUP CALLING ITSELF YOUTH AGAINST MCGOVERN TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT IT WOULD TRY "TO THWART GEORGE MCGOVERN IM HIS EFFORT TO TURN AMERICA'S YOUTH INTO THE SHOCK TROOPS FOR HIS PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN."

IN MIAMI, WILLIAM T. SEAWELL, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF PAN AM, SAID REGULARLY SCHEDULED FLIGHTS TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA BY A U.S. AIRLINE ARE WELL IN THE FUTURE. HE SAID "IT WILL TAKE SOME MORE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BEFORE THAT DAY COMES." HE ADDED THAT SCHEDULED AIR SERVICE TO COMMUNIST NATIONS HAS NOT BEEN VERY PROFITABLE SO FAR.

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

IN MONTREAL, MAYOR JEAN DRAPEAU SAID HIS CITY IS DETERMINED TO GO AHEAD WITH PLANS FOR THE 1976 OLYMPIC GAMES REGARDLESS OF ANY THREAT OF GUERRILLA ACTION SIMILAR TO THE KILLING OF ISRAELI ATHLETES IN MUNICH.

IN TEL AVIV, THE BODIES OF TEN ISRAELI OLYMPIC TEAM MEMBERS KILLED IN THE MUNICH MASSACRE ARRIVED HOME FOR BURIAL. THE BODY OF THE 11TH TEAM MEMBER SLAIN, DAVID BERGER, WAS FLOWN TO SHAKER HEIGHTS, OHIO, FOR BURIAL AT THE REQUEST OF HIS PARENTS WHO LIVE IN THE OHIO CITY.

MEANWHILE, ISRAELI TROOPS PUNCHED INTO SOUTHERN LEBANON IN PURSUIT OF ARAB GUERRILLAS. A MILITARY SPOKESMAN IN TEL AVIV SAID THE TROOPS HAD REMAINED IN LEBANON, WHERE MANY OF THE PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS FIND SANCTUARY, FOR SEVERAL HOURS WITHOUT SUFFERING ANY CASUALTIES.

IN SEOUL, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS, ACCORDING TO UPI, SAID SOUTH KOREA WILL PULL OUT ITS 37,000 TROOPS FROM SOUTH VIETNAM BEGINNING IN DECEMBER. OFFICIALS SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION IS FINAL AND THAT THE PULLOUT WILL BE COMPLETED BY NEXT SPRING.

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ALSO IN SEOUL, MARITIME AUTHORITIES REPORTED THAT A GROUP OF 159 SOUTH KOREAN FISHERMEN WERE EN ROUTE HOME AFTER BEING RELEASED BY NORTH KOREA. THE SOUTH KOREANS HAD BEEN ASSUSED OFFISHING IN NORTH KOREAN WATERS.

IN PEKING, A CANADIAN EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAID THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAD SIGNED AN AGREEMENT TO BUY 5,000 TONS OF NICKEL FROM CANADA.

IN SOUTH VIETNAM, COMMUNIST PRESSURE GATHERED MOMENTUM WITH FRESH ATTACKS AGAINST GOVERNMENT OUTPOSTS AND A CONVOY IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS AND ALONG THE COAST NEAR THE QUE SON VALLEY.

THE U.S. COMMAND IN SAIGON REPORTED THAT ONE AMERICAN WAS KILLED IN VIETNAM WAR ACTION LAST WEEK AND 26 WERE WOUNDED. ANOTHER FIVE U.S. SERVICEMEN WERE REPORTED "MISSING, CAPTURED, OR INTERNED."

ACCORDING TO A REUTER DISPATCH FROM MUNICH, THE FOLLOWING MEDALS HAVE BEEN WON AT THE OLYMPICS AFTER 134 EVENTS:

GOLD: SOVIET UNION 30, U.S. 26, EAST GERMANY 13, SILVER: U.S. 26, SOVIET UNION 21, EAST GERMANY 16, BRONZE: U.S. 23, EAST GERMANY 19, SOVIET UNION 17. JAPAN HAS WON 12 GOLD, SIX SILVER, AND EIGHT BRONZE MEDALS.

DOW JONES CLOSING AVERAGES:	30 INDUS	962.45	OFF	0.98
	20 TRANSPS	229.07	OFF	0.39
	15 UTILS	110.56	UP	0.10
	65 STOCKS	315.02	OFF	0.47

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NEWS REPORTS THAT FORMER LABOR LEADER JIMMY HOFFA PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO HANOI TO DISCUSS RELEASE OF U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR CREATED A FLURRY IN THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS ROOM. PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY RONALD ZIEGLER MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THERE WAS NO WHITE HOUSE INVOLVEMENT IN ANY SUCH PLAN ON MR. HOFFA'S PART, AND WAS LATER ABLE TO INFORM NEWSMEN MR. HOFFA HAD SAID HE WAS GOING NOWHERE BUT DETROIT, HIS HOME BASE. MR. HOFFA, WHO WAS RELEASED FROM A FEDERAL PRISON LAST DECEMBER, HAD OBTAINED FROM HIS PAROLE BOARD PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY FOR 30 DAYS AND FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT A VALIDATED PASSPORT. NEWS REPORTS SAID HE HAD TOLD BOTH AGENCIES HE INTENDED TO DISCUSS RELEASE OF AMERICAN PRISONERS WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS. MR. HOFFA SAID HE HAD RECEIVED AN INVITATION TO VISIT HANOI FROM A NORTH VIETNAMESE LABOR GROUP, BUT HAD NOT DECIDED WHETHER TO ACCEPT.

LATER THE STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS INSTRUCTED THE BUREAU OF SECURITY AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS TO REVOKE THE VALIDATIONS FOR MR. HOFFA AND HIS ATTORNEY WILLIAM TAUB TO TRAVEL TO NORTH VIETNAM.

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DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN CHARLES BRAY SAID THAT AFTER AN INVESTI-GATION IT WAS DETERMINED THAT "THERE HAD BEEN IRREGULARITIES" IN ISSUING THE VALIDATIONS WHICH WERE FOUND TO HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY UNAUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

USINFO:

THERE WERE CONTINUED REPORTS SEPT 4-5 OF GROUND CLASHES AND SHELLING INCIDENTS IN AND NEAR THE PLAIN OF JARS IN NORTHERN LAOS, AND EAST AND NORTHEAST OF KHONG SEDONE AND PAKSE IN SOUTHERN LAOS.

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AMERICA'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN - BOTH PARTIES WOO LABOR

(By Richard P. Wilson)

LABOR DAY 1972 FOUND THE AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT CUT OFF FROM ITS CUSTOMARY POLITICAL MOORINGS, ADRIFT, SEEKING NEW DIRECTIONS, AND POSSIBLY NOSING INTO A NEW ANCHORAGE.

THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES OF BOTH MAJOR PARTIES FOUND THE TIME PARTICULARLY APPRDRIATE, THEREFORE, TO SOLICIT THE VOTES OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF ORGANIZED LABOR. WITH THE MOVEMENT NOT SO ORGANIZED ANYMORE ON THE POLITICAL SCENE, THE INDIVIDUAL WORKING MAN LOOMED MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.

FOR DECADES PAST THE ADVENT OF AN ELECTION-YEAR LABOR DAY, THE FIRST MONDAY IN SEPTEMBER, HAS SIGNALED THE MASSING OF LABOR'S POTENT MANPOWER AND MONEY IN SUPPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. NEW YORK'S LAST LABOR DAY PARADE, FOR EX-AMPLE, OPENED HUBERT HUMPHREY'S CAMPAIGN FOR THE PRESIDENCY IN 1963. AND FOR MANY YEARS IT HAS BEEN TRADITIONAL FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE TO MINGLE WITH LABOR'S RANK-AND-FILE IN DETROIT'S CADILL'C SQUARE ON LABOR DAY, GREETING THE WORKINGMAN FIRST BEFORE OFFICIALLY LAUNCHING HIS NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN.

THIS YEAR THE TRADITION-MINDED LABOR LEADERSHIP WAS SHUT OUT OF A POWERFUL ROLE IN SHAPING EVENTS AT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S NATIONAL CONVENTION. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MEMORY THE AFL-CIO LABOR FEDERATION REFUSED TO THROW ITS SUPPORT BEHIND THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE; ITS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, BOWING TO THE WILL OF FEDERATION PRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY, PROCLAIMED "A PLAGUE ON BOTH YOUR HOUSES" AND REFUSED TO ENDORSE EITHER DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGER GEORGE MC-GOVERN OR THE REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT, RICHARD NIXON. AND THIS LABOR DAY, MR. MEANY ANNOUNCED THAT HE PERSONALLY HAD NO INTENTION OF VOTING ON NOVEMBER 7.

SENATOR MCGOVERN DID NOT SHOW UP IN CADILLAC SQUARE THIS LABOR DAY--REALIZING, PERHAPS, THAT LABOR'S RANK-AND-FILE NO LONGER IS SHARPLY DISTINGUISHABLE FROM THE REST OF MIDDLE-CLASS SOCIETY, THAT INSTEAD OF RALLYING IN CADILLAC SQUARE, THE WORKINGMAN WAS HEADING FOR THE BEACH WITH HIS FAMILY.

INSTEAD OF GOING TO DETROIT THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND, SENATOR MCGOVERN VISITED THE SOUTHERN GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE IN SOUTH CAROLINA; A LABOR RALLY AT BARBERTON, OHIO; A UNITED AUTO WORKERS' PICNIC NEAR CLEVELAND, OHIO, AND AN AFL-CIO PICNIC IN ALAMEDA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA. ACCUSING PRESIDENT NIXON OF FAVORING BIG BUSINESS AND TAX LOOPHOLES, MR. MCGOVERN TOLD THE WORKERS: YOU PAY FOR EVERY TAX LOOPHOLE. YOU PAY FOR EVERY MARTINI LUNCH THAT A BUSINESSMAN DEDUCTS (FROM HIS INCOME TAX) WHILE YOU EAT A BOLOGNA SANDWICH."

PRESIDENT NIXON, AT THE WESTERN WHITE HOUSE IN SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA, ISSUED A LABOR DAY STATEMENT IN WHICH HE DECLARED THAT THE ELECTION WILL OFFER A CHOICE BETWEEN "THE WORK ETHIC THAT BUILT THIS NATION'S CHARACTER AND THE WELFARE ETHIC THAT COULD CAUSE THE AMERICAN CHARACTER TO WEAKEN."

DEMOCRATIC VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE R. SARGENT SHRIVER, ADDRESSING LOCAL PARTY LEADERS IN UPSTATE NEW YORK, RIDICULED THE PRESIDENT'S "LECTURE ON THE WORK ETHIC." HE CONTENDED THAT MR.NIXON HAS "DONE MORE TO INCREASE THE COST OF WELFARE THAN ANY OTHER PRESIDENT IN CONTEMPORARY HISTORY" BY FOLLOWING POLICIES THAT HAVE PUT "MILLIONS OF AMERICANS OUT OF WORK."

MR. MCGOVERN WAS GREETED MORE WARMLY BY THE WORKINGMEN OVER THE WEEKEND THAN BY THE SOUTHERN GOVERNORS. OF 17 PRESENT, ONLY ONE INDICATED HE HAD ANY HOPES OF CARRYING HIS STATE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE IN NOVEMBER. GOVERNOR ROBERT W. SCOTT OF NORTH CAROLINA OFFERED A STRONG ENDORSEMENT OF THE MCGOVERN CANDIDACY, BUT IT FAILED TO HAVE THE IMPACT DEMOCRATIC STRATEGISTS HOPED FOR BECAUSE A COLLECTIVE ENDORSEMENT OF SENATOR MCGOVERN BY THE GOVERNORS DID NOT MATERIALIZE, APPARENTLY STALLED FOR LACK OF LEADERSHIP.

ALABAMA'S GOVERNOR GEORGE C. WALLACE, ARRIVING AT THE CONFERENCE IN HIS WHEEL CHAIR MADE NEWS LESS BY WHAT HE SAID THAN WHAT HE DID NOT SAY. HE DID NOT SAY HE WOULD SUPPORT THE ENTIRE DEMOCRATIC TICKET, FROM COURTHOUSE TO THE WHITE HOUSE. MCGOVERN STRATEGISTS, WHO HAD WORKED HARD TO ELICIT A WALLACE ENDORSEMENT, WERE DISCOURAGED BY HIS SILENCE, FOR MANY BELIEVE HE IS THE KEY TO THE MINDS AND HEARTS OF THE VOTERS IN THE DEEP SOUTH.

MR. MCGOVERN'S CAMPAIGN MANAGER, GARY HART, WAS IN NO DEFEATIST MOOD, HOWEVER, DESPITE PRESIDENT NIXON'S 34-POINT LEAD OVER THE SOUTH DAKOTA SENATOR IN PUBLIC OPINION POLLS. THAT LEAD IS A "SOFT" ONE, HE SAID, THAT WILL VANISH BY ELECTION DAY.

"REMEMBER," HE SAID, "MR. NIXON HAS AS MUCH STRENGTH AS HE CAN POSSIBLY GET, AND THE EROSION HAS BEGUN. IN ANOTHER WEEK OR TWO, THE OPINION-MAKERS WILL STOP FOCUSING ON OUR MISTAKES AND BEGIN TO SEE OUR SUPPORT. AS THEY CHANGE, THE COUNTRY WILL FOLLOW. I BELIEVE THE POLLS WILL CLOSE TO 15 POINTS BY SEPTEMBER 20. BY OCTOBER 1, WE'LL BE 10 TO 12 POINTS BEHIND. BY MID-OCTOBER IT WILL BE FIVE. BY NOVEMBER 1 IT WILL BE A DEAD HEAT."

SENATOR MCGOVERN SEEMED EQUALLY CONFIDENT. HE RECALLED THAT AS A BOMBER PILOT IN WORLD WAR TWO, WHEN HIS B-24 WAS CRIPPLED EN ROUTE HOME FROM A STRIKE, HE ORDERED HIS CREW: "RESUME YOUR STATIONS, WE'RE GOING TO BRING THIS PLANE HOME." ON LABOR DAY IN OHIO, HE DECLARED: "I SAY TO YOU AND TO WORKERS ACROSS AMERICA, TO DEMOCRATS WHO MAY BE A LITTLE FAINT-HEARTED AND TO THOSE WHO ARE ANXIOUS TO FIGHT ON: RESUME YOUR STATIONS - WE'RE GOING TO BRING AMERICA HOME."

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THERE WERE THESE OTHER DEVELOPMENTS ON THE U.S. POLITICAL SCENE: --NIXON CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS SAID 35 STANDINS, OR "SURROGATES," WOULD TOUR THE NATION SPEAKING ON THE PRESIDENT'S BEHALF-CABINET OFFICIALS, AGENCY HEADS, WHITE HOUSE STAFFERS, SENATE AND HOUSE

MEMBERS AND A MAYOR. THEY WILL EXPEND SOME 300 MAN-DAYS IN SPEECHMAKING AT A COST OF ONE AND A HALF TO TWO MILLION DOLLARS.

--LAWRENCE F. O'BRIEN, WHO HAD HINTED HE MIGHT QUIT AS MR. MCGOVERN'S CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN UNLESS THE "CHAOS" IN THE CAMPAIGNERS' RANKS CAUSED BY DIVIDED LEADERSHIP WERE CORRECTED, AGREED TO STAY ON AFTER SENATOR MCGOVERN CREATED A "CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD" POSITION THAT WOULD GIVE HIM A PLACE AT THE HEAD OF THE TABLE AT STAFF MEETINGS. MR HART CONTINUES AS CAMPAIGN MANAGER AND FRANK MANKIEWICZ AS POLITICAL DIRECTOR, HOWEVER.

--AFL-CIO PRESIDENT MEANY CALLED SENATOR MCGOVERN "AN APOLOGIST FOR THE COMMUNIST WORLD."

--ACKNOWLEDGING THAT HE HAS "A JEWISH PROBLEM IN NEW YORK," SENATOR MCGOVERN URGED AN AUDIENCE OF RABBIS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THE NATION'S LARGEST CITY TO "JUDGE ME ON THE BASIS OF MY ACTIONS" AND NOT "ON THE BASIS OF WHAT THE OPPOSITION SAYS, OR PRINTS, OR WHISPERS." HE ADDED THAT "THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL IS NOT A PARTISAN ISSUE."

--SENATOR THOMAS EAGLETON, FORMER DEMOCRATIC VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE, SAID "IT WOULD HAVE BEEN PREFERABLE" IF RAMSEY CLARK AND PIERRE SALINGER HAD NOT GONE OVERSEAS TO PROBE THE VIETNAM WAR ISSUE.

--MRS. PAT NIXON BROUGHT SMILES TO CRIPPLED CHILDREN ON THE BIG ISLAND OF HAWAII DURING A VISIT THAT, WHILE BILLED AS NON-POLITICAL, RAISED REPUBLICAN HOPES THAT HER "WINNING PERSONALITY" WOULD SWAY DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENTS IN THE ISLANDS.

--POLLING VOTERS IDENTIFIED AS "ALIENATED," THE HARRIS SURVEY FOUND THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HOLDS A 46-43 PERCENT LEAD OVER SENATOR MCGOVERN. MUCH OF THE WALLACE VOTE HAS GONE TO THE PRESIDENT, THE SURVEY FOUND.

VIET CONG 'FICTIONS' ATTACKED BY U.S. SPOKESMAN

PARIS, SEPT 7 --U.S. AMBASSADOR WILLIAM J. PORTER HAS CRITICIZED THE "PRETENTIOUSNESS OF TITLES" USED BY THE VIET CONG AND REMINDED THE COMMUNIST SIDE AT THE PARIS TALKS THAT THE WORLD PERCEIVES THE VIET CONG AS THE "SOUTHERN BRANCH OF HANOI'S WAR MACHINE."

"IT IS NOTHING MORE THAN THAT," THE CHIEF U.S. NEGOTIATOR SAID AT THE 158TH PLENARY SESSION OF THE TALKS SEPTEMBER 7.

MR. PORTER ASSAILED THE VIET CONG FOR LACKING "REPRESENTIVITY." "NO ONE EVER ELECTED IT INTO THE OFFICES IT DOESN'T FULFILL; IT ADMINISTERS NOTHING, AND THE ONLY PROGRAMS IT CARRIES OUT ARE MOBILIZATION AND COMBAT UNDER EXTERNAL ORDERS," MR. PORTER SAID.

THE VIET CONG AND THEIR FEW COLLEAGUES ARE NOT "PROVISIONAL." FOR THEY ARE ONLY THE EMBODIMENT OF A CONSPIRACY BEGINNING WITH THE INCOCHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY 40 YEARS AGO, THE AMERICAN SPOKES-MAN SAID. NOR ARE THEY "REVOLUTIONARY", HE SAID, SINCE "NOTHING COULD BE MORE REACTIONARY THAN TO PERSIST IN ASIA'S OLD MISERIES OF WAR AND OPPRESSION."

MR PORTER CALLED ATTENTION TO A SEPTEMBER 2 SPEECH BY PHAM VAN DONG, PRIME MINISTER OF NORTH VIETNAM, IN WHICH THE LATTER

SPOKE OF "RESOUNDING VICTORIES BY OUR ARMED FORCES" IN THE THUA THIEN AND QUANG TRI PROVINCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

THE U.S. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT MR. DONG'S USE OF THE TERM, "OUR ARMED FORCES," MEANS THAT "YOU NO LONGER ARE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN THE TRANSPARENT FICTION THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES HAVE REMAINED WITHIN YOUR COUNTRY'S BOUNDARIES." "YOU MAY NOW FEEL FREE," AMBASSADOR PORTER TOLD THE COMMUNISTS, "TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WELL-KNOWN FACT THAT VIRTUALLY THE ENTIRETY OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY IS DEPLOYED WITHIN SOUTH VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIA."

MR. PORTER SAID THE OTHER SIDE SOUGHT TO IMPOSE A COMMUNIST REGIME UPON THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND THAT THIS HAD BECOME SO SELF-EVIDENT THAT ONLY "THOSE EXCEPTIONALLY EAGER TO BE DUPED FAIL TO GRASP IT."

"SINCE WHEN," THE U.S. NEGOTIATOR ASKED, "HAS NORTH VIETNAM FAVORED THE INSTALLATION OF NON-COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS ANYWHERE?"

AMBASSADOR PORTER SIAD THAT, SINCE THE COMMUNISTS' MILITARY AND POLITICAL EFFORTS HAVE FAILED, "YOU SHOULD ADOPT SERIOUS DIPLOMACY,"

"WE OFFER TO DISCUSS WITH YOU AN INTERNATIONALLY SUPERVISED CEASE-FIRE THROUGHOUT INDOCHINA WHICH ALL PEOPLES WOULD RECEIVE WITH GRATITUDE." HE STATED.

THE RETURN OF AMERICAN PRISONERS AND DISCUSSIONS AMONG VIETNAMESE CONCERNING POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS WOULD COMPLETE THE "RESTORATION OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE AND THE HONOR OF ALL WHO HAVE UPHELD SELF-DETERMINATION FOR SOUTH VIETNAM WILL HAVE BEEN VINDICATED."

IN NOTING WHAT HE CALLED THE "RUNINOUS FAILURE" OF THE COMMUNISTS' CURRENT MILITARY DRIVE, MR. PORTER CALLED ATTENTION TO THE SUCCESS OF THE VIETNAMIZATION PROGRAM IN WHICH THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE FORCES INFLICTED TERRIBLE LOSSES UPON THE INVADING NORTH VIETNAMESE, UNAIDED BY U.S. GROUND COMBAT UNITS.

U.S. CALLS FOR RENEWED EFFORTS TOWARD DISARMAMENT

GENEVA, SETEMBER 7 --THE UNITED STATES HAS CALLED ON THE GENEVA DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE FOR RENEWED EFFORTS NEXT YEAR TO PROHIBIT CHEMICAL WEAPONS, BAN UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS AND DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS

THE CALL CAME SEPTEMBER 7 AS THE CONFERENCE CLOSED ITS 1972 SESSION WITH ADOPTION OF ITS ANNUAL REPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

"WHETHER WE ARE DEALING WITH A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN, A PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS, OR A LIMITATION ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS, THE ROOT PROBLEM IS ALWAYS SECURITY," AMERICAN CO-CHAIRMAN JOSEPH MARTIN, JR., TOLD THE CONFERENCE.

"OUR TASK IS TO DEVELOP AND NEGOTIATE MEASURES WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO THIS SECURITY" FOR ALL NATIONS, MR. MARTIN SAID.

SOVIET CO-CHAIRMAN ALEXEI A. ROSHCHIN SAID HIS GOVERNMENT "CANNOT EXPRESS SATISFACTION" WITH THE CONFERENCE'S RESULTS IN 1972-SINCE NO CONCRETE AGREEMENTS WERE REACHED.

BUT, HE SAID, THE SESSION "CANNOT BE BRUSHED AWAY AS A USELESS ONE," BECAUSE "A THOROUGH AND HELPFUL DISCUSSION" OF VITAL DISARMA-MENT PROBLEMS TOOK PLACE.

HE REITERATED SUPPORT FOR THE DRAFT CONVENTION TO ELIMINATE CHEMICAL WEAPONS WHICH THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES INTRODUCED IN MARCH AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AT THE NEXT SESSION OTHER PARTICIPANTS WOULD COME FORWARD "WITH CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE PROPOSALS."

AMBASSADOR MARTIN EXPRESSED U.S. DETERMINATION "TO SEEK MEAN-INGFUL AND EFFECTIVE RESTRAINTS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS -- RESTRAINTS WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE SECURITY OF OTHERS AS WELL AS TO OUR OWN."

HE RECALLED THE DECISION BY PRESIDENT NIXON NEARLY THREE YEARS AGO "THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL NEVER BE THE FIRST COUNTRY TO USE THESE WEAPONS."

THE TASK OF AGREEING ON HOW TO PROHIBIT THEM, HOWEVER, AMBASSADOR MARTIN SAID, IS BOTH DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX, RAISING QUESTIONS ON WHICH THE CONFERENCE IS, "I THINK PROPERLY, MOVING WITH CARE AND DELIBERATION."

THE U.S. DELEGATE DESCRIBED THE WORK THIS YEAR ON THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS QUESTION AS "THOROUGH" AND "IMAGINATIVE," COVERING "A VERY WIDE SPECTRUM OF ISSUES," INCLUDING THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECTED TREATY AND HOW IT SHOULD BE VERIFIED. MANY COUNTRIES HAVE MADE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS, HE SAID, AND "WE BELIEVE THAT THIS WORK HAS BROUGHT US CLOSER TO DEVELOPING SOLUTIONS TO TREATY ISSUES."

TURNING TO THE PROBLEM OF HALTING UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS, AMBASSADOR MARTIN SAID DISCUSSIONS HAVE EMPHASIZED "THE INSEPARABLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY ASPECTS OF A TEST BAN AS AN ARMS CONTROL MEASURE ON THE ONE HAND AND THE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS OF VERIFICATION ON THE OTHER."

THE COMPLEX INTERACTION OF THESE FACTORS HAS SO FAR PREVENTED "ANY EASY AND IMMEDIATE SOLUTION," HE SAID, BUT NONETHELESS "A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN IS NOT AN IMPOSSIBLE GOAL."

THE UNITED STATES RESTATED LAST MONTH ITS CONVICTION THAT ON-SITE INSPECTION REMAINS A NECESSARY COMPONENT OF ANY VERIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE PROPOSED BAN, WHILE THE SOVIET UNION REITERATED ITS OWN BELIEF THAT LONG-RANGE NATIONAL MEANS OF DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF UNDERGROUND "EVENTS" ARE ADEQUATE.

AMBASSADOR ROSHCHIN EXPRESSED HOPE AT THE CLOSING MEETING THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION WILL OPEN THE WAY TO EVENTUAL AGREEMENT ON HALTING NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS "EVERYWHERE AND BY EVERYONE."

BOTH AMERICAN AND SOVIET SPEAKERS NOTED THAT RECENT STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENTS (S.A.L.T.) REACHED BY THEIR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN A FORWARD STEP TOWARD HALTING THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE. P

AMBASSADOR MARTIN'S SPEECH ALSO DEALT WITH CONVENTIONAL ARMS A PROBLEM RAISED SEVERAL TIMES IN RECENT YEARS BY THE UNITED STATES. "I MUST STATE, IN ALL CANDOR, THAT WE ARE DISAPPOINTED BY THE APPARENT LACK OF INTEREST WHICH SO MANY HAVE DISPLAYED TOWARD WORKING IN THIS VITAL AREA." HE SAID.

"DISARMAMENT, FOR US, IS AN INTEGRAL ELEMENT OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY THROUGH WHICH WE SEEK MORE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, MORE STABILITY, AND CONSEQUENTLY MORE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL PEOPLES OF THE WORLD TO DEVOTE THEIR ENERGIES TO CREATIVE PEACEFUL ENDEAVORS.

"FOR US, THE SEARCH FOR ARMS CONTROL MEASURES SHOULD NOT BE TRUNCATED BY EXCLUDING THOSE WEAPONS WHICH ARE NOT LABELLED "WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION.'"

HE ASKED CONFERENCE MEMBERS TO GIVE AN ANSWER NEXT YEAR TO A BASIC U.S. QUESTION: "DO THEY SHARE WITH US THE OBJECTIVE OF ENDEAVORING TO MAKE PROGRESS IN THE FIELD OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS CONTROL?"

AMBASSADOR ROSHCHIN RESTATED THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE SOVIET UNION ATTACHES TO THE CONVENING OF A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR OR TWO. HE SAID SUCH A BODY WOULD NOT DETRACT FROM THE ROLE OR SIGNIFICANCE OF THE GENEVA BODY "EITHER AT PRESENT OR IN THE FUTURE."

THE CONFERENCE IS TO RECONVENE NEXT YEAR ON A DATE TO BE ESTABLISHED BY ITS CO-CHAIRMEN IN CONSULTATION WITH ALL OTHER MEMBERS.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

AROUND THE NATION:

A MAN'S ECONOMIC SUCCESS DEPENDS MOSTLY ON AMBITION, PERSONALITY, COMPETENCE, AND LUCK, AND NOT -- CONTRARY TO POPULAR OPINION --ON HIS FAMILY BACKGROUND OR THE QUALITY OF HIS SCHOOLING, A HARVARD UNIVERSITY RESEARCH TEAM REPORTED IN NEW YORK. "NEITHER FAMILY BACKGROUND, COGNITIVE SKILL, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, NOR OCCUPATIONAL STATUS EXPLAINS MUCH OF THE VARIATION IN MEN'S INCOMES," THE REPORT SAID.

IN FOREST HILLS, NEW YORK, ROMANIAN ARMY LIEUTENANT ALLA NASTASE DEFEATED AMERICAN ARTHUR ASHE TO WIN THE U.S. OPEN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP AFTER A SPECTACULAR UPHILL BATTLE. LIEUTENANT NASTASE COLLECTED 25,000 DOLLARS AND A NEW CAR. MR. ASHE W ILL RECEIVE 12,000 DOLLARS.

IN WASHINGTON, SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN SAID THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION'S WAGE-PRICE CONTROLS HAD BEEN A "DISASTER," ALLOWING INFLATION TO ACCELERATE. HE CHARGED THAT THE PRICE COMMISSION HAS BEEN AN "ALMOST TOTAL FAILURE" BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH "MAINTAINING PROFITS, NOT WITH CONTROLLING INFLATION."

IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, VICE PRESIDENT SPIRO AGNEW TOLD A UNION GATHERING THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WANTS TO ABOLISH WAGE AND PRICE C ONTROLS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. "NONE OF US LIKES WAGE AND PRICE CONTROLS, MR. AGNEW SAID IN REMARKS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY TO A CONVENTION OF THE BRICKLAYERS, MASONS, AND PLASTERERS INTERNA-TIONAL UNION.

IN FLORHAM PARK, NEW JERSEY, FRANK MANKIEWICZ, MCGOVERN CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR, SAID EARLY CAMPAIGN POLLS REFLECT INDECISION AMONG VOTERS RATHER THAN A STRONG LEAD FOR PRESIDENT NIXON.

IN SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER PREDICTED THAT SENATOR MCGOVERN WILL SUFFER THE SAME FATE HE DID IN 1964.

IN CHICAGO, THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ESTABLISH AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION AS A BRANCH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE.

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

IN BRUSSELS, POLICE REPORTED THAT A MAN BELIEVED TO BE AN ARAB SHOT AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED AN ISRAELI EMBASSY OFFICIAL IN AN AMBUSH SEPTEMBER 10. POLICE SAID THE OFFICIAL WAS LURED TO A DOWNTOWN CAFE BY A MAN WHO CLAIMED HE HAD INFORMATION ON A PLANNED TERRORIST ATTACK ON THE EMBASSY.

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IN MUNICH, WILLI DAUME, PRESIDENT OF THE MUNICH ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, SAID THE OLYMPIC GAMES ARE IN "SEVERE" CRISIS, BUT THEIR FUTURE WILL BE IN DOUBT ONLY IF THE WORLD SURRENDERS TO TERRORISM. MEANWHILE, THE BAVARIAN INTERIOR MINISTRY ANNOUNCED THAT THE BODIES OF FIVE ARAB GUERRILLAS KILLED LAST WEEK AFTER THEIR ATTACK ON THE ISRAELI OLYMPIC TEAM WILL BE FLOWN FROM MUNICH TO LIBYA. REUTER REPORTED THAT BOTH LIBYA AND TUNISIA SAID THEY WANTED THE BODIES.

FOR THE SECOND TIME IN FIVE DAYS, POPE PAUL EXPRESSED A PLEA THAT THE MUNICH MASSACRE WILL NOT LEAD TO A CHAIN OF INCREASINGLY VIOLENT REVENCE. "REVENCE IS NO REMEDY, BUT AN EVIL, WHICH TENDS TO REPEAT ITSELF AND TO SPREAD WITHOUT LIMIT, " THE PONTIFF TOLD A CROWD AT HIS SUMMER PALACE IN CASTEL GANDOLFO.

THE FIRST OFFICIAL NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION TO VISIT SEOUL SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR TWO WILL ARRIVE IN THE SOUTH KOREAN CAPITAL SEPTEMBER 12. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN SEOUL SAID THE DELEGATION WILL TAKE PART IN THE SECOND ROUND OF RED CROSS TALKS ON REUNITING FAMILIES IN THE DIVIDED NATION. AT THE TALKS IN THE NORTH KOREAN CAPITAL OF PYONGYANG AUGUST 30, THE TWO SIDES ENDOR^{SE} PLANS FOR REUNITING FAMILIES WHO DESIRE IT, AND F OR SETTLING "OTHER HUMANITARIAN MATTERS."

IN MANILA, TERRORISTS BOMBED THE MANILA ELECTRIC COMPANY COMPOUND AND A POWER SUBSTATION NEAR THE RESIDENCES OF FOREIGN SECRETARY CARLOS ROMULO AND AMERICAN AMBASSADOR HENRY BYROADE. THE INCIDENTS WERE THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF BOMBING ATTACKS IN THE GREATER MANILA AREA ATTRIBUTED TO COMMUNIST URBAN GUERRILLAS.

IN SOUTH VIETNAM, MILITARY OFFICIALS SAID TWO NEW OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS ABOUT 250 MILES NORTH OF SAIGON INVOLVING NEARLY 10,000 GOVERNMENT TROOPS, ONE OF THE DRIVES IS AGAINST A DIVISION OF NORTH VIETNAMESE INFANIRYMEN.

THE U.S. COMMAND IN SAIGON ANNOUNCED THAT THE NUMBER OF AMERICAN SERVICEMEN IN VIETNAM FELL 400 LAST WEEK TO 36,700 MEN, THE LOWEST FIGURE IN MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS.

REUTER REPORTED FROM MUNICH THAT THE FINAL OLYMPIC RESULTS AFTER 195 EVENTS SHOWED THE FOLLOWING STANDINGS IN AWARDS OF GOLD, SILVER, AND BRONZE MEDALS:

GOLD: SOVIET UNION, 50; U.S., 33; EAST BERMANY, 20; WEST GERMANY, 13; JAPAN, 13. SILVER: U.S., 31; SOVIET UNION, 27; EAST GERMANY, 23; WEST GERMANY, 11; JAPAN, 8. BRONZE: U.S., 30; EAST GERMANY, 23; SOVIET UNION, 22; WEST GERMANY, 16; JAPAN, 8.

PRICES CLOSED SHARPLY AND BROADLY LOWER IN SLOW TRADING ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE. DECLINES LED ADVANCES BY ABOUT A TEN-TO-FOUR MARGIN AMONG THE MORE THAN 1,735 ISSUES TRADED. PRICES ALSO WERE LOWER IN MODERATE TRADING ON THE AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

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THERE WERE REPORTS OF CONTINUED GROUND CLASHES SEPT. 9-10 IN AND NEAR THE PLAIN OF JARS IN NORTHERN LAOS, AND, AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF GROUND INCIDENTS EAST AND NORTHEAST OF THE SOUTHERN TOWN OF KHONG SEDONE. HOWEVER, THE OVERALL MILITARY SILVATION IN LAOS REMAINS BASICALLY UNCHANGED.

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DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE ENDS CONSTRUCTIVE SESSION

(BY MICHAEL OMARA)

GENEVA, SEPT. 8 -- THE GENEVA DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, ALTHOUGH IT ADDED NO NEW TREATIES TO ITS RECORD THIS YEAR, HAS COMPLETED A CONSTRUCTIVE SESSION WHICH SHOULD LEAD TO FUTURE SPECIFIC INTERNATIONAL ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS.

U.S. DELEGATE JOSEPH MARTIN, JR., SAYS IT "BROUGHT US A LONG WAY TOWARD OUR GOAL" OF PROHIBITING CHEMICAL WEAPONS.

THE OTHER CHIEF CONFERENCE OBJECTIVE -- A BAN ON UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS -- REMAINS DIFFICULT, HE BELIEVES, BUT "IS NOT AN IMPOSSIBLE GOAL, DIFFICULT THOUGH IT IS."

THE OTHER CONFERENCE CO. CHAIRMAN, SOVIET DELEGATE ALEXEI A. ROSHCHIN, SAYS THAT "A THOROUGH AND HELPFUL DISCUSSION OF THE VITAL PROBLEMS OF DISARMAMENT HAS TAKEN PLACE AT THIS SESSION."

THE PROBLEM OF RESTRICTING CHEMICAL WEAPONS IS BY ITS VERY NATURE A COMPLEX ONE. WHAT EXACTLY IS TO BE BANNED, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT MANY CHEMICALS HAVE BOTH MILITARY AND LEGITIMATE I NDUSTRIAL USES? HOW IS THAT BAN TO BE POLICED, WITHOUT UNDUE INTERFERENCE?

THE CONFERENCE HAS ATTACKED THESE AND RELATED PROBLEMS WITH WHAT AMBASSADOR MARTIN HAS CALLED PROPER CARE AND DELIBERATION.

THE UNITED STATES PROPOSED A WORK PROGRAM MARCH 21, OUTLINING NUMEROUS TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC PROBLEMS WHICH MUST BE SOLVED BEFORE THE CONFERENCE CAN HOPE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON LIMITING CHEMICAL ARMS, AND SUGGESTING A VARIETY OF APPROACHES TO THE PROBLEMS.

ON JULY 20, THE UNITED STATES PUT FORWARD FIVE TECHNICAL WORKING PAPERS IN AN EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE "CAREFUL, REASONED ANALYSIS OF THE BASIC FACTS" RELATING TO POSSIBLE CHEMICAL-WEAPON PROHIBITIONS. OTHER SUCH PAPERS WERE PRESENTED DURING THE SUMMER SESSION BY BRITAIN, SWEDEN, ITALY, JAPAN, YUGOSLAVIA, THE NETHERLANDS AND CANADA. FINLAND, ALTHOUGH NOT A CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT, ALSO CONTRIBUTED A PAPER.

TECHNICAL ISSUES THUS RAISED WERE CONSIDERED AT INFORMAL MEETINGS JULY 5-6, IN WHICH EXPERTS FROM NINE COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES, TOOK PART. IN THE VIEW OF MOST DELEGATIONS, THESE DISCUSSIONS SERVED TO CLARIFY MANY OF THE ISSUES, AND LED SWEDEN TO REMARK THAT THE CONFERENCE NOW HAS "THE MAIN BUILDING ELEMENTS" FOR A CHEMICAL-WEAPONS TREATY.

BRITAIN ASKED THE CONFERENCE AUGUST 8 TO CONSIDER WHETHER A TREATY COULD BE REACHED IN TWO STAGES. ONE STAGE COULD BE THE ELIMINATION OF CHEMICAL-WEAPON STOCKPILES, WITH A FREEZE ON PRODUCTION, BRITISH DELEGATE JOSEPH GODBER SUGGESTED, AND THE OTHER ELIMINATION OF PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY. THE SOVIET UNION CRITICIZED THIS SUGGESTION SEPTEMBER 3. AMBASSADOR ROSHCHIN SAID IT "CAN HARDLY BE CONSIDERED AS AN APPROPRIATE WAY TO SETTLE THE PROBLEM," SINCE, IN HIS VIEW, IT WOULD DISAVANTAGE NATIONS WHICH POSSESS NEITHER STOCKPILES NOR PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY.

BUT AMBASSADOR MARTIN SAID SEPTEMBER 7, THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IS STUDYING THE BRITISH PROPOSAL, ALONG WITH OTHER IDEAS PUT FORWARD THIS YEAR.

THE YEAR SAW NO SHIFT IN THE LONG-STANDING SOVIET U.S. DISAGREEMENT OVER VERIFICATION METHODS WHICH STILL IS BLOCKING THE WAY TO A TREATY PROHIBITING UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS.

THE SOVIET UNION "STILL CONSTANTLY ASSERTS THAT NATIONAL MEANS OF DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATION ARE SUFFICIENT TO CONTROL COMPLIANCE WITH A BAN ON ALL NUCLEAR TESTS, INCLUDING THOSE UNDER GROUND," AMBASSADOR ROSHCHIN SAID AUGUST 15. THE U.S.S.R. AND ITS ALLIES RESIST THE IDEA OF AUGMENTING LONG-RANGE INSTRUMENTS WITH PROVISION FOR ON-SITE INSPECTION, CALLING THE LATTER NEEDLEESLY INTRUSIVE.

THE UNITED STATES, WHILE AGREEING THAT LARGE STRIDES HAVE BEEN MADE IN RECENT YEARS IN THE SCIENCE OF DETECTING AND IDENTIFYING DISTANT UNDERGROUND EVENTS, SAYS THAT ON SITE INSPECTION REMAINS A NECESSARY MEANS TO ENSURE DETECTION AND DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER SOME OF THESE "EVENTS" ARE EARTHQUAKES OR EXPLOSIONS.

AMBASSADOR MARTIN TOLD THE CONFERENCE AUGUST 24 THAT IT MUST "FACE THE FACT THAT IF ONLY NATIONAL SYSTEMS WERE USED, EVEN WITH ADVANCED SEISMOLOGICAL TECHNIQUES, THERE WILL STILL BE A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF UNIDENTIFIED OR AMBIGUOUS NATURAL SEISMIC EVENTS WHICH COULD PROVIDE A BACKGROUND AGAINST WHICH A NUMBER OF CLANDESTINE NUCLEAR TESTS COULD BE HIDDEN. ON THE BASIS OF SEISMIC MEANS ALONE, THERE COULD BE NO OBJECTIVE WAY TO RESOLVE THE TRUE CHARACTER OF SUCH EVENTS.

"ON-SITE INSPECTION, HOWEVER, COULD PROVIDE JUST SUCH A METHOD -- AND IT IS, IN FACT, THE ONLY METHOD WE KNOW WHICH COULD IDENTIFY THE NUCLEAR CHARACTER OF SOME SEISMIC EVENTS."

THE CONFERENCE ALSO DEALT WITH A MAJOR PROCEDURAL ISSUE ---THE POSSIBILITY OF ITS OWN REORGANIZATION AND ENLARGMENT. THE QUESTION WAS RAISED BY MEXICO AT THE YEAR'S FIRST MEETING, FEBRUARY 29. THIS GAVE RISE TO DISCUSSION AT SEVERAL FORMAL MEETINGS AND TWO INFORMAL MEETINGS.

THE EXPRESSED AIM OF NUMEROUS DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION, IS THE EVENTUAL PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE OF FRANCE -- ALREADY A TITULA MEMBER, BUT ONE THAT HAS NEVER TAKEN THE SEAT RESERVED FOR IT SINCE 1962 --AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

MEXICO AND OTHERS SUGGESTED THAT A PREREQUISITE FOR SUCH PARTICIPATION BY THE ONLY TWO NUCLEAR POWERS WHICH NOW TAKE NO PART IN THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS, IS THE ABANDONMENT OF THE TENYEAR-OLD ARRANGMENT WHEREBY THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION PROVIDE PERMANENT CO-CHAIRMEN FOR THE CONFERENCE.

OTHER DELEGATIONS, LED BY CANADA WHICH ADVISED THE CONFERENCE MARCH 2 NOT TO "STOP THE BUS UNTIL WE ARE SURE THAT THERE ARE A SYSTEM WHICH HAS WORKED WELL UP TO NOW BEFORE THERE IS DEFINITE ASSURANCE THAT FRANCE AND CHINA WANT TO PARTICIPATE AT GENEVA.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL EXAMINE THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE, INCLUDING SOVIET PROPOSALS FOR A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, AND DISCUSSION AT GENEVA OF THE BILATERAL U.S.-SOVIET STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS (S.A.L.T.) MANY SPEAKERS AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE HAS HAILED THE 3.4.1.T. ACCENTION FOR ADVANCING THE CAUSE OF DISARMAMENT. AMBASSADOR MARTIN HAS SAID THAT, WHILE A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE MIGHT BE USEFUL AT AN APPROPERIATE TIME, IT NOW MIGHT LEAD TO MORE POLEMICS AND PROPAGANDA THAN TO THE SORT OF SERIOUS NEGOTIATION WHICH IS A FEATURE OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

U.S. SECRETARY-GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM TOLD THE CONFERENCE AT T HE START OF ITS 1972 DELIBERATIONS THAT IS "HAS PROVED THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND PRODUCTIVE ORGAN FOR MULTILATERAL ARMS CONTROL AND NEGOTIATIONS AVAILABLE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY."

BRITISH EXPERT CONDEMNS COMMUNIST ATROCITIES IN VIETNAM

LONDON, SEPT. 11 -- SIR ROBERT THOMPSON, A NOTED BRITISH EXPERT ON VIETNAM, SAYS THAT ATROCITIES COMMITTED BY THE COMMUNISTS HAVE OCCURRED ON A SCALE WHICH MAKES CASUALITIES FROM BOMBING OF THE NORTH ALMOST INSIGNIFICANT BY COMPARISON.

"THESE HAVE NOT OCCURRED BECAUSE OF SOME ABERRATION, ACCIDENT OR INACCURACY OF BOMBING OR SHELLING," SIR ROBERT WROTE IN THE DAILY TELEGRAPH SEPT. 8. "THEY HAVE OCCURRED, BOTH SELECTIVELY AND DISCRIMINATELY, AS A MATTER OF DELIBERATE POLICY."

THE BRITISH WRITER CONTINUED:

"HANOI'S RUSSIAN 130MM GUNS LITERALLY SHREDDED THE CIVILIAN REFUGEE COLUMNS FROM QUANG TRI IN MAY AND KILLED OR WOUNDED OVER 20,000 OF THEM. THIS WAS THE MOST CALCULATED ACT OF BUTCHERY DURING THE WHOLE WAR. SUCH TACTICS, COMBINED WITH 36,000 SELECTIVE ASSASSINATIONS IN THE PAST12 YEARS, ARE DESIGNED, THROUGH TERROR, TO SOFTEN THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE TO RESIST."

SIR ROBERT SAID THAT "THESE INCIDENT WERE NOT THE WORK OF UNDISCIPLINED SOLDIERS ACTING IN VIOLATION OF INSTRUCTIONS, BUT PART OF A RUTHLESS, DELIBERATE POLICY DESIGNED TO BREAK A PEOPLE WHO WOULD NOT OTHERWISE BEND TO THEIR WILL."

MR. THOMPSON QUOTED COL. TRAN VAN DAC, A NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFICER WHO DEFECTED AFTER 24 YEARS IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY, AS SAYING THAT IF THE COMMUNIST WIN IN VIETNAM THEY WILL SLAUGHTER UP TO THREE MILLION SOUTH VIETNAMESE. HE CITED THE PREDICTION OF ANOTHER COMMUNIST DEFECTOR, COL. LE XUAN CHUYEN, THAT FIVE MILLION PEOPLE IN SOUTH VIETNAM WERE ON THE COMMUNISTS' "BLOOD LIST" AND THAT TEN TO 15 PERCENT OF THESE "WOULD PAY WITH THEIR LIVES."

ASKED IN AN INTERVIEW IF THE POSSIBILITY OF A BLOODBATH HAD BEEN EXAGGERATED, SIR ROBERT REPLIED, "IT COULD NOT BE EXAGGERATED. IT WILL HAPPEN."

MEANWHILE, IN SAIGON FOR THE FIRST TIME DETAILS OF THE APRIL MASSACRE OF POSSIBLY HUNDREDS OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS FLEEING FROM THE COMMUNIST INVASION OF QUANG TRI HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY A NORTH VIETNAMESE EYE WITNESS, A 22-YEAR-OLD NORTH VIETNAM ARMY SIGNALMAN.

THE NEEDLESS SLAUGHTER COMPELLED CORP. LE XUAN THUY TO RALLY TO THE SIDE OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM JULY 31. HIS STORY IN MANY RESPECTS CONFIRMS ACCOUNTS GIVEN EARLIER BY U.S. MARINE CORPS OFFICERS WHO WERE IN THE AREA OF THE "CONVOY OF DEATH." THUY'S ACCOUNT ALSO PROVIDES ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS OF THE MASSACRE: (1) THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMANDERS OF THE AMBUSHES WERE PERFECTLY AWARE OF WHAT THEY WERE DOING; (2) THAT SOME OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS OBJECTED TO THE KILLING OF CIVILIANS, ' AND (3) THAT THE ATTACKS TOOK PLACE OVER A PERIOD OF FIVE DAYS--APRIL 29 THROUGH MAY 3--RATHER THAN A TWO DAY PERIOD ORIGINALLY REPORTED.

FORMER CORP. THUY WAS A MEMBER OF A SIGNAL PLATOON ATTACHED TO BATTALION FOUR, 2ND REGIMENT OF THE 324TH NORTH VIETNAM ARMY DIVISION.

HERE IS HOW FORMER NVA CORPORAL THUY TELLS HIS STORY:

"WE HAD BEEN ORDERED TO SHOOT ANYBODY ESCAPING TO THE SOUTH ALONG UANG TRI THU THIEN ROAD. WE WERE ORDERED TO SHOOT AT ALL YOUNG MEN, WHETHER THEY ROAD BICYCLES OR WALKED. WE WERE ORDERED NOT TO SHOOT AT WOMEN WHO WALKED SEPARATELY.

"BUT A CIVILIAN CAR FULL OF CIVILIANS WAS NEVERTHELESS ATTACKED. THE COMMANDERS SAID IF THESE PEOPLE WERE FLEEING TO THE SOUTH THEN THEY WERE ON THE ENEMY SIDE. SO THEY FIRED ON THE CIVILIANS.

"THE COMMUNISTS SHOT AT ALL MEN WHO WALKED. BUT THEY HAD RECEIVED ORDERS NOT TO SHOOT AT OLD PEOPLE. NEVERTHELESS, WHEN THERE WERE MEN AMONG THE OLD PEOPLE, ALL OF THEM WERE ATTACKED.

"AFTER SHOOTING THEM, THE COMMUNISTS WENT TO INSPECT THE BODIES AND TOOK ALL OF THE VICTIMS' BELONGINGS WHICH WERE CONSIDERED WAR BOOTY. I SAW MANY OLD WOMEN AND CHILDREN FALLING ON THE SPOT."

ASKED WHAT HIS REACTION WAS WHEN HE SAW CIVILIANS BEING KILLED, THE RALLIER SAID, "I FELT VERY SAID, AND IT MADE ME THINK A GREAT DEAL. I HAD BEEN TOLD TO GO TO THE SOUTH TO FIGHT THE AMERICANS, BUT WHEN I ARRIVED I FOUND MYSELF FIGHTING VIETNAMESE. OUR ATTACK WAS AIMED AT BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN VIETNAMESE."

THUY SAID HE SAW A NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND WOMEN AND MANY YOUNG MEN WHO WERE VICTIMS OF THE INDISCRIMINATE SHOOTING.

WHEN THUY'S UNIT LATER HELD A CRITIQUE ON THE ACTION, THE MEN COMPLAINED TO THEIR LEADERS ABOUT THE INDISCRIMINATE FIRING AND SAID IT WAS WRONG, ACCORDING TO THE RALLIER, BUT HE SAID THE LEADERS DID NOT AGREE, DECLARING THAT THE CIVILIANS WERE PART OF THE ENEMY POPULATION.

THUY SAID THE KILLING OF CIVILIANS MADE HIM "VERY MISERABLE" AND THE TRAGEDY OF VIETNAMESE FIGHTING VIETNAMESE "MADE ME DESPAIR."

"I WANTED TO CHALLENGE THE ARGUMENT OF THE LEADERS AND I SUPPOSE THIS ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO MY DECISION TO RALLY," HE SALD. "WHILE WE WERE IN THE NORTH WE WERE TOLD TO TREAT PRISONERS OF WAR AND PEOPLE WHO SURRENDERED WELL. BUT IN ACTUAL PRACTICE, SUCH PEOPLE WERE MISTREATED. IN SOME CASES, PRISONERS OF WAR WERE SHOT UPON BEING CAPTURED."

PHNOM PENH RECEIVES U.S., THAI RICE

WASHINGTON, SEPT. 11--RICE FROM THE UNITED STATES AND THAILAND, IS BEING AIRLIFTED INTO PHNOM PENH, WHERE MAIN HIGHWAYS HAVE BEEN CUT BY COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAMESE INVADERS. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE SOURCES SAID THAT THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF SHIPMENTS OF AMERICAN RICE FROM SOUTH VIETTAM ARRIVED IN THE CAMBODIAN CAPITAL ON SEPTEMBER 11 ABOARD CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT CHARTERED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. A TOTAL OF 10,000 TONS OF U.S. RICE, MOVING BY AIR AND BY MEKONG RIVER CRAFT, IS BEING LOANED TO CAMBODIA.

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THERE WAS ABOUT ONE WEEK'S SUPPLY OF RICE IN PHNOM PENH ON SEPTEMBER 11, STATE DEPARTMENT SOURCES SAID.

CAMBODIA HAS PURHCASED RICE COMMERCIALLY FROM THAILAND, AND THE CAPITAL IS AGAIN RECEIVING SHIPMENTS FROM THE RICE-RICH PROVINCE OF BATTAMBANG, CAMBODIA. RICE FROM BOTH SOURCES TRAVELED IN TRUCKS OVER ROUTE 5 UNTIL AUGUST 18 WHEN SOLDIERS FROM NORTH VIETNAM CUT THE HIGHWAY AND PREVENTED FOOD FROM REACHING RESIDENTS OF PHNOM PENH.

COMMUNIST FORCES HAVE ALSO OCCUPIED RICELANDS ADJOINING SOUTH VIETNAM IN EASTERN CAMBODIA; CAMBODIA WAS EXPORTING RICE UNTIL THE NORTH VIETNAMESE INVASION TWO YEARS AGO AND THE MEKONG DELITA REGION OF VIETNAM WAS RICE-SUPPLUS UNTIL THE WAR SLOWED PRODUCTION AND TRANSPORTATION THERE.

THE UNITED STATES IN RECENT YEARS HAS SHIPPED LARGE AMOUNTS OF R ICE TO SOUTH VIETNAM AND OTHER NATIONS UNDER PUBLIC LAW 480, THROUGH THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (A.I.D.) AND PRIVATE CHARITIES. IT IS SOME OF THIS PL-480 RICE THAT IS BELVG AIRLIFTED TO PHNOM PENH, FOR LATER REPAYMENT BY CAMBODIA.

A.I.D. COORDINATOR RODERIC L. O'CONNOR SAID ON SEPTEMBER 9 THAT PLANS FOR THIS MONTH'S RICE AIRLIFT WERE MADE IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT. MR. O'CONNOR TOLD THE PRESS THAT BETWEEN 60 AND 80 TONS OR RICE WOULD BE FLOWN DAILY FROM U.S. STOCKS IN SOUTH VIETNAM TO PHNOM PENH -- THIS IS ESTIMATED TO BE ONE-QUARTER OF THE CAPITAL'S DAILY NEEDS.

"WE CAN³T TURN DOWN A HUMANITARIAN REQUEST," SAID DR. JOHN A. HANNAH, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

CAMBODIA IS REPORTED TO HAVE APPEALED FOR URGENT HELP FROM JAPAN, IN HOPES OF OBTAINING A GIFT OF SOME 30,000 TONS OF RICE.

PRESS REPORTS FROM PHNOM PEMH TOLD OF LOOTTING OF FOOD STORES ON SEPTEMBER 9, WITH SOME CAMBODIAN SOLDIERS SELLING RICE FOR VERY LOW PRICES TO POOR PEOPLE IN THE STREETS THAT DAY. THE PRICE OF FIRST-QUALITY RICE HAS RISEN SHARPLY IN THE CITY IN RECENT WEEKS AS COMMUNIST INTERDICTION OF HIGHWAYS HAS TIGHTENED. REFUGEES HAVE INCREASED THE CITY'S POPULATION TO MORE THAN ONE MILLION AND MANY FARMS HAVE BEEN ABANDONED.

OBSERVERS DISCOUNT REPORTS OF FRICTION BETWEEN NATIVE CAMBODIANS IN PHNOM PENH AND CAMBODIAN RESIDENTS OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE EXTRACTION, NOTING THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO RECENT INCIDENTS VETWEEN THE TWO ETHNIC GROUPS.

U.S. URGES WORLD-WIDE ANTI-TERRORIST DRIVE

WASHINTON, SEPTEMBER 11 -- SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS HAS S ENT PERSONAL MESSAGES TO FOREIGN MINISTERS OF ALL NATIONS HAVING FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, AND TO OTHERS AS WELL URGING A CONCERTED INTERNATIONAL DRIVE AGAINST TERRORISM. AS AN IMMEDIATE FIRST STEP, MR. ROGERS IS REQUESTING THAT AS MANY GOVERNMENTS AS POSSIBLE BECOME PARTIES TO THREE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS DEALING WITH CRIMES AGAINST CIVIL AVIATION. HE IS URGING SIGNATORIES TO REINFORCE THEIR EFFORTS TO HONOR THE PRINCIPLES OF THE TOKYO, HAGUE AND MONTREAL CONVENTIONS.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 11 BY STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN CHARLES BRAY WHO TOLD NEWSMEN THAT, DURING THE WEEKEND, MR. ROGERS "SENT A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTERS IN ALL OF THOSE COUNTRIES WITH WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAD DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS OR MAINTAINS INTEREST SECTIONS."

THE ROGERS MESSAGES, MR. BRAY SAID, "CALL FOR CONSULTATIONS AND COOPERATION WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING MORE EFFECTIVE MEASURES FOR COUNTERING TERRORISM."

MR. ROGERS SAID THAT PRESIDENT NIXON AND HE WERE CONVINCED THAT GOVERNMENT CAN AND MUST AKE MORE EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO PUT AN END TO SENSELESS ATTACKS OF TERRORIST GROUPS ON INNOCENT CIVILIANS," MR. BRAY NOTED.

IN THE WAKE OF THE MURDERS OF 11 ISRAELI OLYMPIC ATHLETES SEPTEMBER 5 BY ARAB TERRORISTS IN MUNICH, U.S. SENIOR OFFICIALS HAVE CONFERRED IN WASHINGTON WITH ENVOYS OF 30 NATIONS ABOUT HOW TO HALT SUCH CRIMES.

A 17 NATION LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN MEETING AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO DRAFT A CONVENTION TO STRENGTHEN ALREADY EXISTING INTERNATIONAL PACTS AGAINST SKYJACKING AND AERIAL SABOTAGE. THAT MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE FOR ANOTHER WEEK. THE UNITED STATES THUS FAR HAS BEEN DISAPPOINTED IN THE ICAO SESSIONS.

"THE UNITED STATES," MR. BRAY SAID, "WOULD BE PREPARED TO JOIN IN SANCTIONS AGAINST THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT HONOR OBLIGATIONS OF THESE THREE EXISTING CONVENTIONS, WHETHER OR NOT T HESE COUNTRIES ARE SIGNATORY TO THEM."

THE U.S. POSITION, HE CONTINUED, IS FOR A CONVENTION THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF SUSPENSION OF AIR SERVICES AND O THER BOYCOTT MEASURES AGAINST NATIONS THAT DO NOT PUNISH OR EXTRADITE HIJACKERS AND AERIAL SABOTEURS.

"WE WILL KNOW THIS WEEK WHETHER THAT POSITION CAN ATTRACT THE SUPPORT AND COOPERATION AT LAST OF THE (ICAO) LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE," HE SAID, ADDING:

"WE ARE DISTRESSED THAT WE HAVE NOT HAD WHAT WE WOULD REGARD AS WHOLE-HEARTED COOPERATION FROM A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES AND THAT OTHERS HAVE TAKEN A DOWNRIGHT NEGATIVE POSITION."

HE DECLINED TO IDENTIFY THE COUNTRIES HE HAD IN MIND.

SECRETARY ROGERS TOLD THE ICAO COMMITTEE LAST WEEK THAT HLJACKING IS ONE OF TERRORISTS "MOST EFFECTIVE WEAPONS," AND SAID AMERICA IS READY TO "TAKE THE MOST FIRM, SEVERE ACTION THAT THE INTERNATIONAL OMMUNICITY IS PREPARED TO JOIN IN" TO STOP AIR PIRACY.

SECRETARY ROGERS REPEATED THAT STATEMENT IN HIS MESSAGES TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS.

THE 1963 TOKYO CONVENTION PROVIDES FOR RETURN OF PASSENGERS AND CREW OF HIJACKED AIRCRAFT. IT HAS BEEN SIGNED BY 59 NATIONS.

THE 1970 HAGUE PACT, WITH 40 MEMBERS, CALLS FOR EXTRADITION OR PROSECUTION OF HIJACKERS.

THE 1971 MONTREAL CONVENTION, NOT YET IN FORCE, PROVIDES FOR PROSECUTION OF AERIAL SABOLEURS.

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THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE APPROVED A 4.3 BILLION DOLLAR CUT IN THE DEFENSE BUDGET. DESPITE THE REDUCTION, THE 74.7 BILLION DOLLAR MEASURE REPRESENTS THE LARGEST DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL TO BE RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE SINCE WORLD WAR TWO. FOR THE VIETNAM WAR, THE COMMITTEE APPROVED ALL BUT 450 MILLION DOLLARS OF THE ADDITIONAL 2.8 BILLION REQUESTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION IN JUNE FOR INCREASED MILITARY OPERATIONS FOLLOWING THE COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE.

SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN RECEIVED THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE 80,000 MEMBER STUDENT NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, AN ORGANIZATION OF COLLEGE STUDENTS PREPARING FOR CAREERS IN EDUCATION.

SENATOR WILLIAM E. BROOK OF TENNESSEE AND/OUNCED THAT THE REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATION HAD LINED UP 300,000 "UNDER 30" VOLUNTEERS TO WORK FOR PRESIDENT NIXON'S RE-ELECTION AND WOULD ATTEMPT TO RECRUIT 200,000 MORE WITHIN A MONTH.

SENATOR MIKE MANSFIELD SAID IN WASHINGTON HE THOUGHT THE 1976 OLYMPIC GAMES SHOULD BE CALLED OFF. "THEY HAVE BECOME TOO POLITICAL, TOO RACIAL, TOO ANARCHIC, TOO MURDEROUS," HE SAID.

IN ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, FREDRICK WILLIAM HAHNEMAN, AN EASTON, PENNSYLVANIA, ENGINEER, PLEADED GUILTY IN FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT TO ONE COUNT OF AIR PIRACY IN CONNECTION WITH THE HIJACKING OF AN AIRLINER TO HONDURAS LAST MAY 5.

IN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, THE FIRST COMPLETELY NEW MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM BUILT IN THE U.S. IN 65 YEARS CARRIED ITS FIRST PASSENGERS SEPTEMBER 11. THE NEW BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM EXPERIENCED ONLY MINOR PROBLEMS. DIGNITARIES AND NEWSMEN FIRST RODE EIGHT TRAINS AROUND THE 28 MILE STRETCH OF SUBWAY, ELEVATED, AND GROUND-LEVEL TRACKS LINKING DOWNTOWN OAKLAND AND SUBWRBAN FREMONT. THE SYSTEM WILL BE EXTENDED TO LINK OAMLAND AND SAN FRANCISCO NEXT YEAR.

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

IN BERN, THE SWISS GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAD SETTLED A TWO-YEAR CONTROVERSY OVER A NEW JET FIGHTER FOR SWITZERLAND'S ALR FORCE BY DECIDING TO BUY NONE AT ALL. FIVE COUNTRIES ENTERED THE BIDDING WHEN SWITZERLAND WENT SHOPPING FOR A NEW PLANE IN 1970 -- THE U.S., FRANCE, BRITAIN, ITALY AND SWEDEN. EARLIER THIS YEAR THE CHOICE HAD NARROWED TO THE AMERICAN CORSAIR AND THE FRENCH MILAN.

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IN ISTANBUL, NATO SECRETARY GENERAL JOSEPH LUNS TOLD U.P.I. THAT DETENTE IN EUROPE IS POSSIBLE EVEN WITHOUT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. MR. LUNS SAID THE OUTLOOK FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WAS NOT ENTIRELY GLOOMY.

ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER GOLDA MEIR TOLD A SPECIAL SESSION OF PARLIAMENT IN JERUSALEM THAT THE NEW WAVE OF ARAB GUERRILLA ATTACKS THREATENED MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS. SHE VOWED THAT ISRAEL WOULD "SMITE THE TERRORISTS WHEREVER IT CAN REACH THEM." MEANWHILE, ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER MOSHE DAYAN LEFT FOR MONTREAL WHERE HE IS TO OPEN AN ISRAELI-BONDS CAMPAIGN. SOURCES SAID MR. DAYAN HAD NO PLANS TO VISIT THE U.S. DURING HIS TRIP TO CANADA.

IN SOUTH VIETNAM, FIELD REPORTS SAID GOVERNMENT MARINES BROKE THE STALEMATE AT QUANG TRI CITY BY STORMING THE WALLS OF THE 19TH CENTURY CITADEL AND LINKING UP INSIDE. THE MILITARY S ITUATION BELOW DANANG WORSENED, HOWEVER, AS FIELD REPORTS TOLD OF THE RETREAT OF A GOVERNMENT BATTALION IN THE FACE OF A FURIOUS COMMUNIST ARTILLERY ASSAULT.

IN PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA'S NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, LONG BORET, LEFT FOR NEW YORK TO REPRESENT HIS NATION AT THE FORTHCOMING GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION OF THE UNITED MARIONS.

MANILA--PRESIDENT FERDINAND E. MARCOS HAS LINKED A WAVE OF BOMBING IN THE GREATER MANILA AREA WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES AND ITS NEW PEOPLE'S ARMY. MARCOS' STATEMENT FOLLOWED A MEETING OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL HELD JUST A FEW HOURS AFTER THE FIFTH TERRORIST EXPLOSION IN THE CITY IN A WEEK'S TIME.

SEOUL-A 54 MAN NORTH KOREAN RED CROSS DELEGATION ARRIVED IN SEOUL FOR TALKS PRIMARILY AIMED AT REUNITING DIVIDED FAMILIES. IT WAS THE FIRST OFFICIAL DELEGATION FROM THE NORTH TO SET FOOT ON SOUTH KOREAN SOIL IN 27 YEARS.

PRICES CLOSED SHARPLY LOWER ALONG A BROAD RANGE IN MODERATE TRADING ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE. DECLINES LED ADVANCES BY ABOUT A TEN-TO-THREE MARGIN AMONG THE MORE THAN 1,750 ISSUES TRADE. PRICES ALSO WERE SHARPLY LOWER IN MODERATE TRADING ON THE AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

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IN NORTHERN LAOS, THERE WERE REPORTS OF CONTINUED GROUND CLASHES IN THE SAM THONG-OLAIN OF JARS AREA, SEPT 10-11.

IN SOUTHERN LAOS, THERE WERE SEVERAL GROUND CLASHES AND SHELLINGS REPORTED SEPT 10 NORTH AND NORTHEAST OF KHONG SEDONE, WITH SOME ENEMY UNITS REPORTEDLY SUPPORTED BY TANK FIRE.

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HANOI INTRANSIGENT ON PRISONER EXCHANGE

(BY MARION D. JOYCE)

WASHINGTON, SEPT. 12 -- EXCHANGE OF ILL OR SERIOUSLY WOUNDED PRISONERS OF WAR OR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN PROLONGED CAPTIVITY IS A PRACTICE DATING BACK TO THE 19TH CENTURY.

THE CONCEPT HAS BEEN FORMALIZED IN INTERNATIONAL PACTS SUCH AS THE HAGUE CONVENTIONS OF 1899 AND 1907, AND THE GENEVA AGREEMENTS MF 1906, 1929, AND 1949.

NEVERTHELESS, NORTH VIETNAM REPEATEDLY HAS REFUSED TO RELEASE INCAPACITATED ALLIED SERVICEMEN IT HOLDS CAPTIVÉ. HANOI ALSO REFUSES TO ACCEPT REPATRIATION OF ITS OWN TROOPS HELD PRISONER IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

PENTAGON SPOKESMAN JERRY FRIEDHEIM CITED THE LONG-STANDING PRECEDENT OF PRISONER EXCHANCE SEPTEMBER 12 IN REFUTING THE ASSERTION OF AN AMERICAN ANTI-WAR ACTIVIST THAT "THERE IS NO PROVISION IN THE (1949) GENEVA CONVENTION" FOR SUCH EXCHANGE, AND "NO PRECEDENT FOR POW EXCHANGES BEFORE CESSATION OF HOSTI-LITIES."

MRS. CORA WEISS, MEMBER OF AN ANTI-WAR GROUP TO WHICH HANOI HAS SAID THREE U.S. WAR PRISONERS WILL BE RELEASED, MADE THE ASSERTION IN A NATION-WIDE TELEVISION INTERVIEW. MR. FRIEDHEIM CHARACTERIZED HER STATEMENT AS "INCORRECT AND REGRETTABLE."

PENTAGON OFFICIALS CITE NUMBEROUS EXAMPLES OF EXCHANGE OF NOTH INCAPACITATED AND HEALTHY PRISONERS OF WAR, SOME ANTE-DATING FORMAL AGREEMENT ON THE LAWS OF LAND WARFARE. THE U.S. PRECEDENT, FOR EXAMPLE, GOES BACK TO THE WAR OF 1812 WITH GREAT BRITAIN.

THE UNITED STATES WAS AMONG THE 24 SIGNATORIES TO THE HAGUE CONVENTION OF 1899 WITH RESPECT TO THE LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF WAR ON LAND, THE FIRST SUCH AGREEMENT RATIFIED BY SO MANY NATIONS.

THIS, IN TURN, WAS SUPPLEMENTED BY THE HAGUE CONVENTION OF 1907, BOTH OF WHICH OUTLINED THE OBLIGATIONS OF BELLIGERENTS WITH RESPECT TO SICK OR WOUNDED PRISONERS AND PROVIDED FOR OPTIONAL EXCHANGE OR INTERNMENT IN NEUTRAL COUNTRY.

THE FIRST SUBSTANTIAL EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS OCCURED IN THE SPRING OF 1916, WHEN SOME 17,000 RUSSIANS WERE EXCHANGED FOR ABOUT 8,000 AUSTRO-HUNGARIANS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF NEUTRAL SWEDEN.

UNDER A 1917 AGREEMENT, THE UNITED STATES, JAPAN, AND GERMANY CHOSE THE NETHERLANDS TO OVERSEE RETURN OF INVALID PRISONERS, WHILE GERMANY, FRANCE AND GREAT BRITAIN CONCLUDED A PACT TO INTERN INCAPACITATED PRISONERS IN SWITZERLAND.

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LATER, GERMANY, FRANCE AND BRITAIN AGREED TO EXCHANGE PRISONERS ON A "HEAD FOR HEAD AND RANK FOR RANK" BASIS AFTER 18 MONTHS CONFINEMENT. THE FIRST SUCH EXCHANGE, BARELY SIX MONTHS BEFORE THE END OF WORLD WAR ONE, INVOLVED SOME 16,000 PRISONERS.

ALTHOUGH NONE OF THE MAJOR POWERSINVOLVED IN THE 1950-1953 KOREAN CONFLICT HAD YET RATIFIED THE 1949 GENEVA CONVENTION, ALL ANNOUNCED THEY WOULD ABIDE BY ITS PROVISIONS, INCLUDING ARTICLE 109, WHICH STIPULATED MANDATORY REPATRIATION OF SERIOUSLY SICK AND WOUNDED CAPTIVES. NORTH KOREA AND THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND AGREED TO A MUTUAL EXCHANCE OF PRISONERS IN THAT CATEGORY BEFORE THE CEASE-FIRE WHICH TERMINATED THE HOSTI-LITIES IN MAY 1953.

BETWEEN APRIL 20 AND MAY 3, 1953, 6,670 NORTH KOREANS WERE RELEASED AND 684 MEMBERS OF THE U.N. COMMAND REPATRIATED IN "OPERATION LITTLE SWITCH."

NUMEROUS ALLIED PROPOSALS FOR PRISONER EXCHANGES HAVE BEEN REBUFFED BY HANOI. PRESIDENT JOHNSON MADE THE INITIAL OFFER IN JULY 1967. AT THE FIRST SESSION OF THE PARIS PEACE TALKS, IN JANUARY 1970, AMBASSADOR HENRY C. LODGE PROPOSED "THE EARLY RELEASE OF PRISONERS ON BOTH SIDES."

ON DECHMBER 10, 1970, SOUTH VIETNAM OFFERED TO RELEASE ALL OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AND VIET CONG CAPTIVES IT HELD ON BEHALF OF THE ALLIES (SOME 15,000 AT THAT TIME) IN EXCHANGE FOR THE ESTIMATED 1,500 TO 1,600 ALLIED POW'S HELD BY THE INDOCHINESE COMMUNIST FORCES.

PRESIDENT NIXON, ON OCTOBER 7, 1970 AND AGAIN ON FEBRUARY 25, 1971, CALLED FOR THE "IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL PRISONERS OF WAR ON BOTH SIDES."

NORTH VIETNAM, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN UNRESPONSIVE TO THESE PROPOSALS, DESPITE THE FACT THAT IT RATIFIED THE 1949 GENEVA CONVENTION IN 1954, AND DESPITE LONG-STANDING PRECEDENT FOR THIS HUMANITARIAN PRACTICE.

REPATRIATED U.S. PILOTS NOT INVOLVED IN TRAINING

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WASHINGTON, SEPT. 12 -- CHARGES BY HANOI AND ITS SUPPORTERS THAT U.S. PILOTS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED BY NORTH VIETNAM HAVE BEEN USED TO "TRAIN OTHER PILOTS TO OPERATE OVER NORTH VIETNAM" ARE "UTTERLY GROUNDLESS," THE U.S. DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SAYS.

THE CHARGE WAS REPEATED BY ANTI-WAR ACTIVIST DAVID DELL-INGER ON A TELEVISION INTERVIEW SEPTEMBER 12, DEFENSE SPOKESMAN JERRY FRIEDHEIM OBSERVED DURING A PRESS BRIEFING LATER THAT DAY.

MR. DELLINGER'S ASSERTION IS "UTTERLY GROUNDLESS AND REGRET-T ABLE," MR. FRIEDHEIM COMMENTED.

OF THREE U.S. PILOTS RELEASED IN 1969, MR. FRIEDHEIM REPORTED, ONE HAS RETURNED TO CIVILIAN LIFE, ONE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED ONLY ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES -- NOT TO INCLUDE PILOT TRAINING -- SINCE HIS RELEASE, AND A THIRD IS SERVING AS A TEST PILOT.

NO REPATRIATED U.S. PRISONER HAS EVER BEEN USED TO TRAIN PILOTS FOR "OPERATIONS OVER NORTH VIETNAM," MR. FRIEDHEIM SAID.

AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT, SPOKESMAN CHARLES BRAY SAID THAT THE YALE CHAPLAIN, THE REVEREND WILLIAM SLOAME COFFIN, APPLIED LAST WEEK FOR A PASSPORT VALIDATED FOR TRAVEL TO NORTH VIETNAM AND HIS REQUEST "IS UNDER CONSIDERATION."

THE CHAPLAIN REPORTEDLY PLANS TO ACCOMPANY MR. DELLINGER AND MRS. CORA WEISS TO HANOI FOR THE PROMISED RELEASE OF THREE U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR.

MR. BRAY SAID THAT MRS. WEISS AND MR. DELLINGER HAVE NOT ASKED FOR PASSPORTS VALIDATED TO VISIT NORTH VIETNAM, WHICH LIKE CUBA AND NORTH KOREA, IS RESTRICTED FOR AMERICAN TRAVELLERS.

THE SPOKESMAN RECALLED, HOWEVER, THAT "ANYBODY HOLDING AN AMERICAN PASSPORT IS FREE TO TRAVEL" TO A PROSCRIBED COUNTRY "AS LONG AS THEY DO NOT USE THE PASSPORT FOR PURPOSES OF ENTRY AND EXIT" THERE.

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AMERICA'S 1972 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN DEMOCRATS STRESS DOMESTIC ISSUES

(BY RICHARD P. WILSON)

(UNDATED) SENATOR MCGOVERN IS TRYING TO MAKE THE DOMESTIC POCKETBOOK ISSUES THE DOMINANT ONES OF 1972, WHILE MR. NIXON CONTENDS THAT FOREIGN POLICY IS THE PRIME ISSUE OF THE CAMPAIGN.

ALTHOUGH STILL SADDLED WITH THE WINDING-DOWN VIETNAM WAR, THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN KEEPING THE LARGE QUESTIONS OF RUSSIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE HEADLINES, AND THE LATEST VISIT OF HIS AIDE, HENRY KISSINGER, TO MUNICH AND MOSCOW IS DOING NOTHING TO SHIFT THE FOCUS.

MR. MCGOVERN, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAS BEEN DRAWING LITTLE MORE THAN LUKEWARM RESPONSE FROM HIS RURAL AUDIENCES, ALTHOUGH HE HAS A GOOD STOCK OF AMMUNITION IN THE ECONOMIC INDICES.

PRESIDENT NIXON REALIZES THAT THE REPUBLICANS HAVE WON THREE OF THE PAST FIVE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, PRINCIPALLY ON FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES. INDICATING THAT HE IS ON SOUND GROUNDS, A NEW HARRIS SURVEY SHOWS THAT THE INCUMBENT PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN POLICY STANDS ENJOY WIDE SUPPORT.

THE BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM IS ENDORSED, 55 TO 32 PERCENT, AND THE MINING OF NORTH VIETNAMESE HARBORS IS APPROVED BY 64 TO 22 PERCENT OF THE VOTERS. THESE MEASURES SHOULD MAKE THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AGREE TO PEACE TERMS FASTER, THE VOTERS BELIEVE BY A 53 TO 32 PERCENT MARGIN. IN ADDITION, BY 74 TO 11 PERCENT, THE VOTERS DO NOT WANT SOUTH VIETNAM TO FALL INTO COMMUNIST HANDS. THEREFORE, BY A VOTE ON 47 TO 35 PERCENT, THEY DO NOT WANT A COALITION GOVERNMENT IN SAIGON. THIS IS THE WIDEST PLURALITY IN OPPOSITION TO A COALITION GOVERNMENT SINCE MARCH 1971.

THE HARRIS SURVEY, IN ANOTHER POLL, HAD FURTHER BAD NEWS FOR THE MCGOVERNITES. THE NUMBER OF VOTERS WHO FEEL FAMILLAR WITH MR. MCGOVERN'S POLITICAL STANDS HAS RISEN FROM 49 TO 81 PERCENT SINCE APRIL, THE NUMBER WHO - HOWEVER, THENK HE HAS "TOO EXTREME LIBERAL VIEWS" HAS JUMPED FROM 29 TO 55 PERCENT. AND 55 PERCENT OF THE VOTERS AGREE WITH THE STATEMENT THAT SENATOR MCGOVERN "WANTS TO CHANGE THINGS TOO MUCH." THE HARRIS POLLSTERS CONCLUDE THAT WHILE THE ELECTION'S OUTCOME MAY DEPEND IN PART ON VOTER ASSESSMENT OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S RECORD IN OFFICE, INCLUDING HIS FOREIGN POLICY, SENATOR MCGOVERN'S POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY HAS BECOME A CENTRAL ISSUE AS WELL.

IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL FROM VIETNAM HAS BEEN A CORNERSTONE OF MR. MCGOVERN'S CAMPAIGN, SO THE HARRIS POLLS -- WHICH SHOWED MARGINS SO MUCH WIDER THAN ANTICIPATED -- HAVE HAD A DISMAYING EFFECT ON THE DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGER'S SUPPORTERS. TO HELP COUNTER THEIR EFFECT, MR. MCGOVERN HAS EMBARKED ON A NEW TACTIC -- TANDEM CAMPAIGNING WITH OTHER BIG STARS OF THE DEMOCRATIC GALAXY.

SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY OF MASSACHUSETTS JOINED HIM THIS WEEK IN MINNEAPOLIS AND IS EXPECTED TO STAY BY HIS SIDE IN A SWING THROUGH THE INDUSTRIAL CITIES OF CHICAGO, DETROIT, CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD OF 10,000 (SEVERAL THOUSAND MORE WERE TURNED AWAY AT THE DOOR) CHEERED SENATORS MCGOVERN AND KENNEDY IN MINNEAPOLIS, THE FIRST REAL SPARK OF LIFE THE DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN HAS SEEN SINCE THE MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION. THE CROWD SCREAMED AND CHANTED WHEN SENATOR KENNEDY DECLARED: I STAND WITH GEORGE MCGOVERN FOR THE RIGHTS OF ALL THE PECPLE."

THERE IS A RICH HARVEST OF VOTES TO BE GATHERED IN THIS BELT OF ILLINOIS, MICHIGAN, OHIO AND PENNSYLVANIA, WHERE ORGANIZED LABOR IS STRONG AND WHERE THE VOTERS ARE HEAVILY ROMAN CATHOLIC. AND THESE STATES ARE CRUCIAL TO DEMOCRATIC HOPES THIS YEAR, FOR SENATOR MCGOVERN MUST CARRY AT LEAST THREE OF THE FOUR, SAY POLITICAL ANALYSTS, IF HIS BID FOR THE PRESIDENCY IS TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

IN HAVING SENATOR KENNEDY, A CATHOLIC WELL LIKED BY LABOR, JOIN HIM IN THIS WEEK'S SWING, SENATOR MCGOVERN IS CHALLENGING THE POLITICAL THEORY OF NON-TRANSFERENCE. AMERICAN POLITICS IN THE PAST HAS GENERALLY SHOWN THAT ONE POLITICIAN CANNOT TRANSFER HIS OWN PERSONALITY AND POPULARITY TO ANOTHER.

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TWO VETERAN CONGRESSMEN, JOHN L. MOMILLAN OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND WAYNE ASPINALL OF COLORADO, WERE DEFEATED SEPTEMBER 12 IN DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES. MR. MCMILLAN, A 17-TERM VETERAN, WAS UPSET IN A RACE SO CLOSE THAT A RECOUNT APPEARED PROBABLE. MR. ASPINALL HAS BEEN IN CONGRESS FOR 12 TERMS.

IN MINNESOTA, DEMOCRATIC SENATOR WALTER MONDALE AND FOUR DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMEN WON RENOMINATION IN THE STATE'S SEP-TEMBER 12 PRIMARY. MINNESOTA'S FOUR REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMEN ALSO WERE RENOMINATED.

VETERAN REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMEN ALVIN E. O'KONSKI AND GLENN R. DAVIS WERE RENOMINATED IN WISCONSIN'S PRIMARY. DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMEN LES ASPIN AND CLEMENT ZABLOCKI, AND REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMAN VERNON THOMPSON ALSO BEAT THEIR OPPONENTS IN THE PRIMARY.

IN VERMONT, LUTHER F. HACKETT WON THE REPUBLICAN GUBERNA-TORIAL NOMINATION BY DEFEATING STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL JAMES M. JEFFORDS.

FORMER NEW HAMPSHIRE GOVERNOR WESLEY POWELL DEFEATED FOUR CHALLENGERS TO WIN HIS STATE'S REPUBLICAN SENATORIAL NOMINATION. IN THE SAME PRIMARY, MELORIM THOMSON UPSET GOVERNOR WALTER PETERSON TO WIN THE REPUBLICAN GUBERNATORIAL NOMINATION.

IN UTAH'S REPUBLICAN PRIMARY, CONGRESSMAN SHERMAN LLOYD WON RENOMINATION FOR A FIFTH TERM IN THE HOUSE.

IN ARIZONA'S PRIMARY, STATE SENATOR JOHN CONLAND APPARENTLY WON THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION FOR THE NEW FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. HE WILL FACE PHOENIX LAWYER JACK BROWN, A DEMOCRAT. IN NOVEMBER. REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMAN JOHN RHODES WON RENOMINATION BY OVERWHELMING HIS OPPONENT.

IN WASHINGTON, CONGRESSMAN JOHN J. ROONEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE WHICH PROVIDES THE FUNDS FOR U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS, SAID HE WILL INSIST THAT THE UNITED STATES' SHARE OF U.N. COSTS BE REDUCED FROM 31 PERCENT TO 25 PERCENT OF THE WORLD BODY'S OVERALL BUDGET. HIS INSISTENCE WAS HEIGHTENED, MR. ROONEY SAID, BY THE "INCREDIBLE PERFORMANCE IN THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL ON (SEPTEMBER 10) WHEN THAT AUGUST CONGLOMERATION SOUGHT TO TAKE THE ONUS OF THE MUNICH SLAUGHTER OFF THE SHOULDERS OF THE ARAB TERRORISTS AND THEIR FRIENDS AND SOMEHOW TRANSFER IT TO THE ISRAELIS."

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ALSO IN WASHINGTON, THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE SUMMONED GENERAL CREIGHTON ABRAMS FOR QUESTIONING ABOUT UNAUTHORIZED AIR RAIDS AND FALSE REPORTS ABOUT THE AIR STRIKES WHILE HE WAS COMMANDING U.S. FORCES IN VIETNAM. GENERAL ABRAMS HAS BEEN NOMINATED FOR ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF.

IN LONDON, THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT BRITAIN'S OVERSEAS TRADE IN AUGUST WAS IN THE RED BY 480 MILLION DOLLARS. THE REASON FOR THE WORST SET OF TRADING FIGURES FOR TWO YEARS WAS THE EFFECTS OF A MONTH-LONG STRIKE BY DOOK WORKERS WHICH PARALYZED PORTS AND HELD UP EXPORTS.

POLICE IN BELGIUM ISSUED AN INTERNATIONAL ARREST WARRANT FOR A FORMER MOROCCAN ARMY OFFICER WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SHOOTING IN BRUSSELS SEPTEMBER 10 OF AN ISRAELI EMBASSY OFFICIAL.

INFORMED SOURCES IN MADRID SAID SPAIN AND THE SOVIET UNION ARE CLOSE TO REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE FIRST TRADE TREATY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES SINCE GENERALISSIMO FRANCISCO FRANCO CAME TO POWER 33 YEARS AGO. THE SOURCES SAID NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE TREATY BEGAN LAST YEAR AND MAY BE COMPLETED WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

THE JERUSALEM POST'S MILITARY CORRESPONDENT SAID ISRAEL WILL CARRY ITS FIGHT AGAINST ARAB GUERRIILAS INTO EUROPE AND OTHER AREAS IF ATTACKS AGAINST ISRAELI INTERESTS AND CITIZENS OVERSEAS CONTINUE.

IN SOUTH VIETNAM, HEAVY FIGHTING WAS REPORTED INSIDE AND OUTSIDE QUANG TRI CITADEL AS REINFORCEMENTS TRIED TO REACH GOVERNMENT MARINE UNITS OCCUPYING A QUARTER OF THE FORTRESS. MEANWHILE, U.S. BOMBERS HIT OIL PIPELINES, FUEL DUMPS, AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT SITES AROUND HANOI AND HAIPHONG.

SEOUL--SOUTH AND NORTH KOREAN RED CROSS OFFICIALS AGREED TODAY TO ANOTHER FULL ROUND OF TALKS IN SECUL IN AN ATTEMPT TO REACH ACCORD ON CONFERENCE PROCEDURES FOR REUNITING SEPARATED FAMILIES. AN EARLIER MEETING WAS ADJOURNED WHEN THE TWO SIDES FAILED TO REACH AGREEMENT. SOUTH KOREAN RED CROSS SOURCES SAID THE MAJOR PROBLEM WAS NORTH KOREAN INSISTENCE ON INJECTING POLITICS INTO THE TALKS BY DEMANDING THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF SOCIAL, LABOR AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATE IN THE TALKS.

AFTER BOUNCING UP AND DOWN MUCH OF THE DAY, PRICES ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE CLOSED WITH THEIR FIRST GAIN IN SEVEN SESSIONS: TRADING WAS MODERATE. ADVANCES HELD A NARROW LEAD OVER DECLINES AMONG THE MORE THAN 1730 ISSUES TRADED.

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USINFO:

IN NORTHERN LAOS, THERE WERE REPORTED OF CONTINUED GROUND CLASHES IN THE SAM THONG-PLAIN OF JARS AREA, SEPT 10-11.

IN SOUTHERN LAOS, THERE WERE SEVERAL GROUND CLASHES AND SHELLINGS REPORTED SEPT 10 NORTH AND NORTHEAST OF KHONG SEDONE, WITH SOME ENEMY UNITS REPORTEDLY SUPPORTED BY TANK FIRE.

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TERRORISM: CIVILIZATION IS THE VICTIM

(BY BARRY BROWN)

WASHINGTON, SEPT. 11 -- THE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS USED ITS VETO POWER IN THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL JUST TWICE IN 26 YEARS DEMONSTRATES THE STRICT AMERICAN INTERPRETATION OF THE PROPER SCOPE AND EXERCISE OF THAT POWER.

IT SUGGESTS ALSO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ISSUE THE UNITED STATES FELT TO BE AT STATE WHEN IT CAST ITS NEGATIVE VOTE FOR THE SECOND TO BLOCK ADOPTION OF A RESOLTUION THAT WOULD, IN EFFECT, HAVE DEMANDED THAT ISRAEL HALT ITS CURRENT REPRISAL RAIDS AGAINST PALESTINIAN GUERRILLA BASES IN SYRIA AND LEBANON--WITH NO REFERENCE WHATEVER TO THE EVENT THAT PROVOKED THE RETALIATION, THE MURDER BY PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS OF ELEVEN ISRAELI OLYMPIC ATHLETES IN MUNICH.

THE ISSUE THUS BECAME WHETHER THE UNITED NATIONS IS TO ACT IN AN EQUITABLE AND EFFECTIVE WAY AGAINST THE GROWING PROBLEM OF TERRORISM IN THE MODERN WORLD. IT WAS NOT THE AMERICAN PURPOSE TO USE ITS VETO SIMPLY TO PROTECT ISRAEL. THAT WOULD BE THE KIND OF INDISCRIMINATE USE OF THE POWER FOR POLITICAL ENDS THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS ALWAYS AVOIDED AND CONDEMNED--AND ABUSE DEMONSTRATED AGAIN IN THE PAST WEEK-END'S DEBATE, WHEN THE SOVIET UNION USED ITS VETO FOR THE 109TH TIME TO BLOCK AMENDMENTS THAT WOULD HAVE INCLUDED CRITICISM OF THE MUNICH MURDERS IN THE RESOLUTION.

ONLY WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR THAT NO EVEN-HANDED CONDEMNATION OF BOTH TERRORISM AND REPRISALS COULD BE ADOFTED DID THE UNITED STATES CAST ITS DECISIVE NEGATIVE VOTE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION AIMED EXCLUSIVELY AT ISRAEL.

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE SLAYING OF THE ISRAELIS AT THE OLYMPICS AND THE ISRAELI MILITARY ACTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS SELF-EVIDENT. AS TO THE IMPORTANCE OF RECOGNIZING THAT CONNECTION, THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, GEORGE BUSH, PUT IT THIS WAY:

"THOSE WHO PREACH VIOLENCE AND EMPLOY IT AS A MATTER OF POLICY ALWAYS SUFFER ITS CONSEQUENCES, FOR VIOLENCE ALWAYS BEGETS VIOLENCE. THE CRIMES THAT WERE CARRIEDOUT AT...MUNICH CANNOT HJT BREED TRAGEDY FOR THEIR PERPETRATORS AND FOR THOSE WHO BEFRIEND THEM. STATES WHICH HARBOR AND GIVE SUCCOR TO TERRORISTS CANNOT THEM CLAIM SANCTUARY FOR THEMSELVES. THE GREATEST TRAGEDY OF ALL IS THAT WHEN VIOLENCE IS EMPLOYED, INNOCENT PEOPLE ON ALL SIDES ARE ALMOST INEVITABLY MADE TO SUFFER...INDEED, THE WHOLE CIVILIZED WORLD IS THE REAL VICTIM OF TERROR..."

THE CONCEPT THAT CIVILIZATION ITSELF IS ENDANGERED BY THE ANARCHY AND NIHILISM NOW SEEMINGLY LOOSE IN THE WORLD IS ALSO THE FOCUS OF PERSONAL MESSAGES SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS HAS SENT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF ALL NATIONS WITH WHICH THE UNITED STATES MAINTAINS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. HE HAS APPEALED, IN THE WORDS OF HIS SPOKESMAN, FOR "CONSULTATIONS AND COOPERATION WITHIN THE INTERNAT IONAL COMMUNITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING MORE EFFECTIVE MEASURES FOR COUNTERING TERRORISM."

A GOOD PLACE TO BEGIN, SECRETARY ROGERS HAS SUGGESTED, WOULD BE BY REINFORCING EFFORTS TO APPLY THE PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN THE THREE CONVENTIONS ALREADY ADOPTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION, A U.N. AFFILIATE. AERIAL PIRACY IS ONE OF THE "MOST EFFECTIVE WEAPONS" OF THE TERRORISTS, HE HAS POINTED OUT, BUT CONSIDERABLE AGREEMENT ON WAYS OF DEALING WITH IT WAS REACHED BY THE ICAO AT TOKYO IN 1963, AT THE HAGUE IN 1970 AND AT MONTREAL IN 1971. THE NEED NOW IS FOR ALL NATIONS TO ADHERE TO THESE CONVENTIONS AND TO ENFORCE THEM RIGOROUSLY. NOT ONLY WOULD THIS APPROACH BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF ADDRESSING THE URGENT PROBLEM OF CRIMES AGAINST CIVIL AVIATION, BUT IT WOULD ALSO BE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE BODY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW THAT MUST BE THE CONERSTONE OF A STABLE WORLD ORDER. ALL RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENTS HAVE A COMMON INTEREST IN DEVELOPING SUCH AN ORDER -- AND NOT LEAST THOSE OF THE ARAB NATIONS, TO WHOSE SYMPATHIES THE TERRORISTS OF MUNICH HAVE SOUGHT TO APPEAL.

THOSE GOVERNMENTS MAY BE OBLIGED TO PLEAD THAT SUCH OUT-RAGEOUS ACTIONS ARE THE WORK OF DESPERATE INDIVIDUALS OF THE FEDAYEEN, BUT IT IS PRECISELY THE TRRESPONSIBILITY AND UN-PREDICTABILITY OF THESE ELEMENTS THAT THREATENS RESPONSIBLE ARAB LEADERS. THEIR BEST HOPE OF RETAINING CONTROL OF THEIR OWN POLICIES, AND OF THEIR CLAIM TO WORLD UNDERSTANDING OF LEGITIMATE ARAB INTEREST IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE, WOULD BE TO DENY ALL SUPPORT TO THOSE WHO OPERATE NOT ONLY OUTSIDE THE LAW, BUT OUTSIDE THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER ITSELF.

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IN WASHINGTON, THE PRESIDENT OF ONE OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST FOREIGN EXCHANGE COMPANIES ADVISED AMERICAN TOURISTS VISITING EUROPE TO CARRY TRAVELER'S CHECKS IN THE GURRENCY OF THE COUNTRY OR COUNTRIES THEY PLAN TO VISIT. NICHOLAS L. DEAK, PRESIDENT OF DEAK AND COMPANY, SAID HE ADVISED THIS BECAUSE THE U.S. DOLLAR IS TODAY SUBJECT TO WIDE DISCOUNT MARGINS AT HOTELS AND OTHER PLACES WHERE TOURISTS MIGHT WISH TO CHANGE THEIR DOLLARS OR TRAVELER'S CHECKS.

U.S. SCHOOLS WILL SPEND A RECORD 90.5 BILLION DOLLARS THIS SCHOOL YEAR TO PROVIDE CLASSROOMS AND INSTRUCTION FOR 60.4 MILLION STUDENTS ENROLLED IN KINDER GARTEN THROUGH GRADUATE SCHOOL, THE U.S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION ESTIMATED.

DESPITE WELFARE CUTBACKS IN THE TWO MOST POPULOUS STATES CALIFORNIA AND NEW YORK--NATIONAL RELIEF ROLLS REACHED ANOTHER ALL TIME HIGH OF 15,089,000 PERSONS IN MAY, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE REPORTED.

IN WASHINGTON, UNITED AUTO WORKERS PRESIDENT LEONARD WOODCOCK DENOUNCED GOVERNMENT HEARINGS ON CAR PRICES AS "NOTHING MORE THAN A POLITICAL CHARADE DESIGNED TO DELAY PRICE INCREASES FOR THE MAJOR AUTO CORPORATIONS UNTIL AFTER ELECTION DAY." PRICE COMMISSION CHAIRMAN C. JACKSON CRAYSON SAID: "I CATEGORI-CALLY DENY THE CHARGES."

IN DETROIT, HENRY FORD 11 SAID HE WILL GO "UP THE LADDER" TO PRESIDENT NIXON IF NECESSARY TO GAIN THE PRICE INCREASES ON 1973 MODELS DENIED BY THE PRICE COMMISSION. THE HEAD OF THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY SAID "WE WILL FIND OURSELVES IN A DISASTROUS POSITION IF WE ARE NOT ALLOWED ANY RELIEF WHATSOEVER."

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

ABOUT 64,000 MEN, 300 SHIPS AND 700 PLANES ARE TAKING PART IN ONE OF THE BIGGEST EXERCISES EVER STAGED BY NATO, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 14, REUTER REPORTED FROM OSLA. THE EXERCISE, CODE-NAMED "STRONG EXPRESS," WAS DESIGNED TO TEST THE NORTHERN DEFENSES OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION.

WEST GERMANY AND POLAND RE-ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE WORLD WAR TWO. A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED IN BONN AT THE END OF A TWO-DAY VISIT TO THE GERMAN CAPITAL BY A POLISH DELEGATION HEADED BY FOREIGN MINISTER STEFAN OLSZOWSKI. THE COMMUNIQUE SAID EMBASSIES WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN BONN AND WARSAW EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 14.

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TASS REPORTED FROM MOSCOW THAT AMERICAN INDUSTRIALIST ARMAND HAMMER, CHAIRMAN OF OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION, WAS RECEIVED IN THE SOVIET CAPITAL BY PREMIER ALEKSEI KOSYGIN. OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM BECAME THE SECOND U.S. MANUFACTURING FIRM TO BE ACCREDITED TO OPEN A PERMANENT OFFICE IN MOSCOW.

IN NEW DELHI, BANGLADESH PRIME MINISTER SHEIK MUJIBUR RAHMAN RULED OUT ANY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO BEFORE PAKISTAN RECOGNIZED HIS COUNTRY. SPEAKING TO NEWSMEN AFTER TWO HOURS OF TALKS WITH THE INDIAN PRIME MINISTER, MRS. INDIRA GANDHI, HE SAID: "IF MR. BHUTTO WANTS DISCUSSIONS WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF BANGLADESH, IT IS PROPER FOR HIM TO RECOGNIZE BANGLADESH FIRST.

IN SEOUL, SOUTH AND NORTH KOREAN RED CROSS OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED THAT THEY HAD REACHED AGREEMENT ON DATES FOR FUTURE TALKS IN PYONGYANG AND SEOUL AIMED AT REUNITING MILLIONS OF SEPARATED FAMILY MEMBERS IN DIVIDED KOREA.. THEY SAID THE NEXT FULL-DRESS MEETING WOULD BE HELD IN PYONGYANG OCTOBER 24, WITH SEOUL HOSTING THE FOURTH ROUND NOVEMBER 22.

AN ADVANCE PARTY OF JAPANESE OFFICIALS ARRIVED IN PEKING TO PREPARE AN AGENDA FOR THE FORTHCOMING MEETING BETWEEN JAPAN'S PRIME MINISTER TANAKA AND CHINESE LEADERS, REUTER REPORTED FROM THE CHINESE CAPITAL.

IN SOUTH VIETNAM, GOVERNMENT MARINES INCHED FORWARD IN HOUSE-TO-HOUSE FIGHTING THROUGH THE RUBBLE OF QUANG TRI CITY'S CITADEL. FIELD REPORTS SAID THEY CONTROLLED HALF OF THE 50-ACRE STRONGHOLD. NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS CLUNG TO THE WEST SIDE OF THE WALLED FORTRESS.

THE U.S. COMMAND IN SAIGON SAID ONE AMERICAN SERVICEMAN WAS KILLED AND EIGHT OTHERS WERE WOUNDED IN VIETNAM WAR FIGHTING LAST WEEK.

IN CA BODIA, FIERCE FIGHTING FLARED AROUND OUDONG, 15 GOVERNMENT FORCES MET LITTLE OR NO RESISTANCE IN RECAPTURING FROM COMMUNIST TROOPS ANOTHER PORTION OF HIGHWAY FIVE, CAMBODIA'S VITAL OVERLAND LINK WITH THE RICE WAREHOUSES IN BATTAMBANG PROVINCE.

DOW JONES CLOSING STOCK AVERAGES: 30 INDUS 947.55 OFF 2.33 20 TRANSP 222.03 OFF 0.93 15 UTILS 109.31 UNCHANGED 65 STOCKS 309.07 OFF 0.78 VOLUME 12,500,000.

USINFO:

SCATTERED GROUND CLASHES AND SHELLING INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED SEPT 12-13 IN THE PLAIN OF JARS AREA IN NORTHERN LAOS, AND NEAR KHONG SEDONE AND EAST OF PAKSE IN SOUTHERN LAOS. HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO BASIC CHANGE IN THE MILITARY SITUATION IN LAOS.

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COMMUNIST PROPOSAL DENOUNCED AS 'EMASCULATION' OF S. VIETNAM

PARIS, SEPT. 14 -- U.S. AMBASSADORS WILLIAM J. PORTER TOLD THE COMMUNISTS SEPTEMBER 14 THAT THEIR PROPOSAL FOR A TRIPARTITE COVERNMENT IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM WAS UNREASONABLE AND UNWORKABLE, BOTH "PROCEDURALLY AND SUBSTANTIVELY."

THE U.S. CHIEF NEGOTIATOR AT THE 159TH PLENARY SESSION OF THE PARIS TALKS SAID THE VIET CONG PLAN LISTED PRECONDITIONS WHICH, HE UNDERSTOOD, WERE MADE BEFORE THE COMMUNISTS WOULD NEGOTIATE WITH THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT.

"YOU PROPOSE A GOVERNMENT COMPOSED OF FIRST, THE VIET CONG, SECOND, A NEUTRAL GROUP OF PERSONS WHO FAVOR 'PEACE, INDEPEN-DENCE, NEUTRALITY AND DEMOCRACY' AS YOU HAVE DESCRIBED THEM, AND THIRD, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT IN SAIGON," MR. PORTER SAID, CONTINUING:

"UNDER YOUR FORMULA, THE UNITED STATES SHOULD UNDERTAKE THE FIRST STEPS TO BRING ABOUT SUCH A GOVERNMENT BY ORDAINING CHANGES IN THE POLITICAL, MILITARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE OF SOUTH VIETNAM."

SPECIFICALLY, THE U.S. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT THE CHANGES DEMANDED INCLUDED: THE DEPARTURE OF THE CHIEF OF STATE OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND HIS SENIOR ADMINISTRATORS IN THE ARMY AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT, THE RELEASE OF ALL NORTH VIETNAMESE AND VIET CONG PRISONERS OF WAR AND CIVILIANS DETAINED FOR CRIMES AGAINST THE STATE, AND A TOTAL CHANGE OF THE POLICY OF THE "EMASCULATED SAIGON GOVERNMENT THUS CREATED."

AT THE SAME TIME, MR. PORTER SAID, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY WOULD REMAIN IN SOUTH VIETNAM DURING AND AFTER THESE CHANGES AND WOULD NOT CEASE MILITARY ACTIVITY THERE UNTIL THE TRIPARTITE GOVERNMENT WAS FORMED.

"MOREOVER," AMBASSADOR PORTER TOLD THE COMMUNISTS," YOU ARE SILENT AS TO WHEN THAT WOULD HAPPEN. YOU WOULD RELEASE NONE OF OUR MEN WHO ARE PRISONERS, NOR WOULD YOU ACCEPT ANY OF YOUR SICK AND WOUNDED MEN WHOM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAS OFFERED TO REPATRIATE, UNTIL ALL YOUR CONDITIONS, POLITICAL OR MILITARY, WERE MET."

SUCH PRECONDITIONS, HE TOLD THE COMMUNISTS, ARE FAR FROM "TRANSITIONAL" IN NATURE, BUT WOULD DETERMINE THE OUTCOME NOT ONLY OF ANY NEGOTIATIONS ON A FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR SOUTH VIETNAM, BUT ALSO OF ANY ELECTIONS WHICH" YOU MIGHT SUBSEQUENTLY CHOOSE TO HOLD IN SOUTH VIETNAM"

HE SAID SUCH PRECONDITIONS, IF MET, WOULD DEPRIVE THE SOUTH VIEINAMESE GOVERNMENT OF ANY POLITICAL OR MILITARY LEADERSHIP, WHILE ALL NORTH VIETNAMESE PRISONERS AND OTHERS WHO HAVE FOUGHT AGAINST THE STATE WOULD BE RELEASED TO PREY ON THE PUBLIC. "IS THIS HOW YOU CONCEIVE OF EQUAL STRENGTH AND EQUAL FOOTING?" HE ASKED THE COMMUNIST SIDE. "WHAT YOU ARE AFTER SEEMS CLEAR. YOU ARE TRYING TO PREDETERMINE THE FUTURE OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND YOU FEEL YOU MUST AVOID AT ALL COSTS A PEOPLE'S DECISION UNDER INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION."

AMBASSADOR PORTER, EMPHASIZING THE ABSURDITY OF THE SITUATION. READ A SHORT PASSAGE FROM AN ENGLISH CLASSIC: "LET THE JURY CONSIDER THEIR VERDICT," THE KING SAID FOR ABOUT THE 20TH TIME THAT DAY. "NO, NO, '" SAID THE RED QUEEN, "SENTENCE FIRST--VERDICT AFTERWARDS."

HE SAID THIS EXPRESSES "YOUR FEELINGS ABOUT AN INDEPENDENTLY ORGANIZED AND INTERNATIONALLY SUPERVISED ELECTION TO DETERMINE THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM. HE SAID THE UNITED STATES HAS AGREED TO ABIDE BY SUCH AN ELECTION OR ANY OTHER POLITICAL PROCESSES SHAPED BY THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE THEM. SELVES. YOU WANT TO SENTENCE THE PEOPLE OF THAT COUNTRY TO A COMMUNIST EXISTENCE BEFORE THEY CAN RENDER A VERDICT OR VOTE."

IN LATER REMARKS AT THE SESSION, AMBASSADOR PORTER CHALLENGED THE COMMUNIST SIDE TO RESPOND TO THE OFFER OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT TO REPATRIATE 600 SICK AND WOUNDED NORTH VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS CAPTURED IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

HE SAID THIS WOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH A LETTER SENT BY NORTH VIETNAMESE PRESIDENT TON DUC THANG IN JULY DECLARING IT THE DUTY OF THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT OF NORTH VIETNAM TO LOVE AND HELP SICK AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS.

AMERICA'S 1972 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN REPUBLICANS HOPING FOR A LANDSLIDE

(BY RICHARD P. WILSON)

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(UNDATED) -- REPUBLICAN PARTY TACTICIANS ARE PUTTING THE FINAL TOUCHES ON CAMPAIGN STRATEGY DESIGNED NOT JUST TO WIN RICHARD NIXON'S RE-ELECTION AS PRESIDENT FOR FOUR MORE YEARS, BUT TO FASHION A MASSIVE LANDSLIDE THAT COULD CHANGE AMERICA'S POLITICAL POWER STRUCTURE FOR A GENERATION.

THE GOP, "THE GRAND OLD PARTY," ALTHOUGH A MINORITY PARTY (RELATIVE TO THE DEMOCRATIC) WITH A LOYAL, HARD-CORE MEMBER-SHIP YEAR IN AND YEAR OUT OF LITTLE MORE THAN 25 PERCENT OF THE ELECTORATE, HAS WON THREE OF THE LAST FIVE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. NOW SOME REPUBLICANS ARE TALKING ABOUT A DECADE OR TWO OF GOP OCCUPATION OF THE WHITE HOUSE.

THE STRATEGY NIXON MEN ARE PUTTING INTO FULL OPERATION THIS WEEK IS AIMED AT CREATING "A NEW MAJORITY," A BROAD-BASED COALITION REACHING FAR BEYOND THE PARTY'S USUAL BASE OF STRENGTH, TO PRODUCE A TRIUMPH AT THE POLLS OF HISTORIC PROPORTIONS.

THE PRESIDENT'S CAMPAIGN MANAGER, CLARK MACOREGOR, IS CON-VINCED THAT THE POINT ALREADY HAS BEEN PASSED WHERE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO "BLOW THE CAMPAIGN" AND LOSE THE ELECTION. ALL THAT REMAINS TO BE DECIDED, HE HAS TOLD NEWSMEN, IS THE SIZE OF THE GOP VICTORY IN NOVEMBER.

"MOST PEOPLE WOULD SAY THAT IF THE ELECTION WERE HELD TOMORROW," SAYS MR. MACGREGOR, "IT WOULD BE A LANDSLIDE." AND WHILE NOVEMBER 7 IS NOT TOMORROW, HE SEES NOTHING ON THE HORIZON THAT WOULD DRASTICALLY CHANGE THE SITUATION BEFORE THEN. SOME PARTY STRATEGISTS LESS CAUTIOUS THAN MR. MACGREGOR SEE A 1972 PRESIDENTIAL VOTE MAJORITY SO OVERWHELMING AS TO CARRY ENOUGH REPUBLICANS INTO OFFICE TO GIVE THE PARTY A CHANCE TO CONTROL CONGRESS, AN OBJECTIVE LONG DENIED THEM.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOP SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, SENATOR PETER DOMINICK OF COLORADO, HAS CALCULATED THAT IF PRESIDENT NIXON WINS A 55 PERCENT MAJORITY, THE REPUBLICANS CHANCES OF CONTROLLING THE SENATE WOULD BE EXCELLENT. AND HE SAYS A 58.5 PERCENT MAJORITY IS ARITHMETICALLY POSSIBLE EVEN IF MR. NIXON'S CURRENT 34 PERCENT LEAD IN THE POLLS IS CUT IN HALF BY ELECTION TIME.

A NEW HARRIS SURVEY MEANWHILE SHOWED THAT MR. MACGREGOR'S HOPES FOR A LANDSLIDE ARE SHARED BY MANY VOTERS. THE POLL INDICATED THE ELECTORATE BELIEVES BY A MARGIN OF 46 TO 40 PERCENT THAT PRESIDENT NIXON "DESERVES TO WIN BY A LANDSLIDE VOTE."

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S CAMPAIGN MANAGER, GARY HART, IS QUITE SURE THAT PRESIDENT NIXON'S 34 POINT LEAD OVER SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN WILL NOT STAND UP AS THE CAMPAIGN GETS DOWN TO THE WIRE. HE EXPECTS THE CANDIDATES TO BE NECK-AND NECK IN THE PUBLIC OPINION POLLS BY NOVEMBER 1. HE DELIEVES THAT IN THE MEANTIME THE REPUBLICANS WILL STUMBLE AS SMOLDERING DOMESTIC ISSUES BURST INTO FLAME. AND DESPITE THE OPVIOUS OBSTACLES AHEAD IN THE NEXT SEVEN WEEKS, HE PREDICTS A MCGOVERN VICTORY.

IN REBUTTAL THE REPUBLICANS SAY THAT SENATOR MCGOVERN HAS ALIENATED TOO MANY SEGMENTS OF THE ELECTORATE BY HIS "EXTREME" STANDS ON FOREIGN POLICY, NATIONAL DEFENSE AND TAX REFORM TO WIN HIS WAY THROUGH . AND THEY CONTEND THAT HIS IMAGE IS NOT "PRESIDENTIAL" ENOUGH. THE GOP STRATEGISTS ARE DETERMINED THAT MR. NIXON'S PRESIDENTIAL IMAGE SHALL NOT BE TARNISHED; FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE HE WILL REMAIN ABOVE MUCH OF THE POLITICAL FRAY, CARRYING ON HIS PRESIDENTIAL DUTIES, AND WILL RESIST THE TEMPATION TO ENGAGE IN FACE-TO-FACE ARGUMENTATION WITH HIS CHALLENGERS.

WHILE A DEBATE CONTINUES AMONG REPUBLICAN POLITICAL EXPERTS OVER HOW MUCH THE PRESIDENT SHOULD CAMPAIGN OPENLY, MR. MIXON HIMSELF IS REPORTED TO HAVE DECIDED TO BEGIN TRAVELING AROUND

THE COUNTRY ON A REGULAR BASIS ABOUT OCTOBER 14 WHEN CONGRESS SHOULD BE ADJOURNING. ONE WHITE HOUSE AIDE SAID THE PRESIDENT "WANTS TO RETAIN THE OPTION TO MOVE IN HARD AND FAST AT ANY POINT, DEPENDING ON HIS EVALUATION AT THE MOMENT OF HOW THE CAMPAIGN IS DEVELOPING." WHEN HIS CAMPAIGN PLANE DOES TAKE OFF FROM WASHINGTON, IT IS EXPECTED THAT MANY OF HIS TOURS WILL BE TO STATES WHERE REPUBLICANS SEEKING CONGRESSIONAL SEATS COULD USE HIS SUPPORT.

IN THE MEANTIME 39 "SURROGATE CANDIDATES" OR STAND-INS FOR THE PRESIDENT WILL BE CRISS-CROSSING THE NATION ON SPEAKING TOURS AND ORANIZING PROJECTS, GETTING ACROSS THE NIXON MESSAGE AND AT THE SAME TIME SETTING IN MOTION A PROCESS EXPECTED TO ENLIST ONE MILLION CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEERS BEFORE ELECTION DAY.

THE SURROGATES, ALL PROMIENT REPUBLICANS, INCLUDE TWO WOMEN, A BLACK SENATOR AND A SPANISH-SPEAKING AGENCY HEAD. IDEOLOGICALLY THEY RANGE FROM LIBERAL SENATOR JACOB JAVITS OF NEW YORK TO CONSERVATIVE SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER OF ARIZONA. SOME OF THE SURROGATES ALREADY HAVE GONE INTO ACTION. THEY INCLUDE SEVEN CABINET MEMBERS, FOUR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY HEADS, 10 SENATORS, THREE CONGRESSMEN, TWO GOVERNORS, TWO MAYORS, TWO WHITE HOUSE AIDES AND TWO PARTY OFFICIALS WHO WILL DESCEND ON 49 CITIES ACROSS THE NATION TO CANVASS VOTERS, ENLIST VOLUNTEERS AND LAUNCH A VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE. IN EACH CITY THE SURROGATES WERE TO SEEK 200 TO 400 VOLUNTEERS TO HELP GET OUT THE GOP VOTE AND ENLIST MORE VOLUNTEERS.

THE SURROGATES, LATER TO BE JOINED BY FOUR MORE CABINET MEMBERS, THREE MORE GOVERNORS AND SUCH CAMPAIGNERS WITH NON-SURROGATE STATUS AS MEMBERS OF THE NIXON FAMILY, WILL SPEND THE REST OF SEPTEMBER ADDRESSING KEY VOTER GROUPS.

DETAILS OF THE DRIVE AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE CAMPAIGN WERE MAPPED EARLIER IN MID-SEPTEMBER WHEN PRESIDENT NIXON HELD A THREE-HOUR STRATEGY MEETING AT THE WHITE HOUSE BREAKFAST TABLE WITH 39 KEY CAMPAIGN AIDES, CABINET MEMBERS AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, FOLLOWED BY A FIVE-AND-A-HALF-HOUR BRIEFING FOR 120 STATE OFFICIALS AT REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS. THE NEXT DAY THE PRESIDENT FLEW TO HIS MARYLAND MOUNTAIN RETREAT, CAMP DAVID, FOR MORE TAIKS WITH CAMPAIGN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE HEAD OF THE DEMOCRATS-FOR-NIXON.

PARY STRATEGISTS POINTED OUT THAT MANY OF THE CITIES TO BE VISITED BY SURROGATES IN THE ACCELERATED CAMPAIGN ARE IN THE 12 STATES THAT ARE THE KEY TARGETS OF THE COMMITTEE TO RE-ELECT THE PRESIDENT.

THE BASIC GOP CAMPAIGN STRATEGY IS SAID TO RELY ON VICTORIES IN THE SOUTHERN AND BORDER STATES, THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN STATES AND MOST OF THE FARMBELT STATES. THE STRONGEST DRIVES ARE EXPECTED TO BE LAUNCHED IN NEW YORK, TEXAS, PENNSYLVANIA AND MICHIGAN, LOST BY MR. NIXON IN 1968, AND IN ILLINOIS, OHIO, NEW JERSEY AND CALIFORNIA, WON BY THE PRESIDENT LAST TIME AROUND.

GOP CAMPAIGN STRATEGY, WHILE RELYING HEAVILY ON THE SURROGATES' PROGRAM, ALSO INCLUDES:

--PROJECTS SPECIFICALLY TAILORED TO WOO UNION MEMBERS, JEWS, CATHOLICS AND OTHER USUALLY DEMOCRATIC OR INDEPENDENT VOTERS WHO REPUBLICANS CLAIM HAVE BEEN ALIENATED BY THE 'NEW POLITICS' FORCES OF SENATOR MCGOVERN.

--A MASSIVE GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONAL DRIVE TO SEEK OUT EVERY POTENTIAL NIXON VOTE, A DRIVE UTILIZING HUGE MAILINGS, REGISTRATION EFFORTS AND ELECTION-EVE TELEGRAMS AND TELEPHONE CALLS TO GET OUT THE VOTE.

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HANOI'S STRATEGY: MORE TALK AND MORE FIGHTING

WASHINGTON, SEPT. 14--THERE IS NOTHING NEW IN HANOI'S BASIC WAR STRATEGY--MORE TALK AND MORE FIGHTING. OVER THE YEARS, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE LEADERSHIP HAS ALWAYS ACKNOWLEDGED RATHER FRANKLY THAT TALKING, OR NEGOTIATIONS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF ITS WAR POLICY, EXACTLY LIKE THE ACTUAL FIGHTING ON THE BATTLEFIELD. MILITARY SUCCESSES ARE TO BE USED TO REINFORCE NEGOTIATING POSITIONS. AND POLITICAL MOVES ARE INTENDED TO WEAKEN THE FIGHTING SPIRIT OF THE OTHER SIDE.

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THE LATEST MOVE ON THE "TALKING" FRONT HAS BEEN THE SEPTEMBER 11 PEACE PLAN. A CAREFUL READING IN NO WAY BEARS OUT FIRST REPORTS THAT IT REPRESENTS AN IMPORTANT MODIFICATION OF HANOI'S CONDITIONS FOR PEACE. IT WAS, OF COURSE, THE INTENTION OF THE STATEMENT TO GIVE THE APPEARANCE OF SUCH A CHANGE. AMERICAN CHIEF NEGOTIATOR, AMBASSADOR WILLIAM PORTER, IN "ENTERING THURSDAY'S MEETING OF THE PARIS PEACE TALKS, CALLED THE LATEST HANOI STATEMENT AN UNDISCUISED ATTEMPT TO PUT THE VIET CONG INTO POWER IN SOUTH VIETNAM WITHOUT AN ELECTION. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE LEADERSHIP CANNOT STAND THE THOUGHT OF AN ELECTION UNDER INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION. SALGON'S REPRESENTATIVE, PHAM DANG LAM POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS NOTHING NEW IN THE HANOI PROPOSAL AND, THEREFORE, NOTHING NEW WORTH REJECTING.

A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE SEPTEMBER 11 STATEMENT BEARS OUT THESE SUMMATIONS. THE STATEMENT REITERATES THE LONG-HELD COMMUNIST POSITION: TOTAL AMERICAN WITHDRAWAL, THE OVERTHROW OF THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT, AND THE IMPOSITION OF A THREE-PART COALITION GOVERNMENT. ANY DIFFERENCE IN LANGUAGE BETWEEN THIS STATEMENT AND THE OLD SEVEN-POINT PEACE PLAN OF THE VIET CONG IS UNDERMINED BY THE SPECIFIC ENDORSEMENT OF ALL SEVEN POINTS. THERE IS THE CLAIM IN THE NEW STATEMENT-SHOULD BE IMPOSED ON SOUTH VIETNAM. WITHOUT AN ELECTION. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE MORTH VIETNAM WITHOUT AN ELECTION. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE MORTH UNDER INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION. SAIGON'S' REPRESENTATIVE, PHAT DANG LAT. POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS NOTHING NEW IN THE HANOI PROPOSAL AND, THEREFORE, NOTHING NEW WORTH REJECTING.

AND, THEREFORE, NOTHING NEW WORTH REJECTING. THE DEMAND FOR TOTAL U.S. WITHDRAWAL THIS TIME INCLUDES ALSO "TECHNICAL PERSONNEL" AS WELL AS THE END OF ALL SUPPORT FOR THE THIEU ADMINISTRATION. IT IS EASY TO SEE WHAT LITTLE NEGOTIATING POWER A SAIGON GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE AFTER ALL U.S. MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SUPPORT HAS CEASED. IN OTHER WORDS, THE SEPTEMBER 11 STATEMENT DROPPED SOME OF THE SPECIFIC CONDITIONS ADVANCED PREVIOUSLY FOR THE FORMING OF A COALITION GOVERNMENT. IT REPLACED THEM WITH THE ALL-INCLUSIVE DEMAND FOR THE END OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR SAIGON. ON THE PRISONER RELEASE, THE LATEST STATEMENT MAKES IT CLEAR THAT IT WILL COME ONLY AFTER A FULL MILITARY AND POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IS ACHIEVED.

SO MUCH FOR THE "TALKING" PART OF HANOI'S STRATEGY. IT IS DEVISED WITH THE AMERICAN ELECTION CAMPAIGN CLEARLY IN MIND. THE "FIGHTING" PART OF HANOI'S POLICY IS NOT OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED, ALTHOUGH IT, TOO, AIMS AT THE AMERICAN ELECTORATE. AS AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE SOURCES POINT OUT, THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT NORTH VIETNAM WILL START A NEW MILITARY OFFENSIVE IN THE SOUTH LATE IN SEPTEMBER OF EARLY IN OCTOBER. THE AIM WOULD BE TWO-FOLD: TO PROVE THAT THE AMERICAN BOMBING OFFENSIVE HAS NOT BROKEN HANOI'S ABILITY TO SUSTAIN AN OFFENSIVE AND TO INPROVE ITS BARGAINING POSITION IN PARIS AT THE HEIGHT OF THE AMERICAN ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

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NORTH VIETNAM RELEASED 3 CAPTURED AMERICAN SERVICEMEN AT A CEREMONY IN HANOI SUNDAY NIGHT. A HANOI BROADCAST SAID THE 3 U.S. FLYERS ATTENDED THE CEREMONY AND EACH EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR GOOD TREATMENT RECEIVED DURING THEIR DETENTION. AFTERWARDS THE 3 SOLDIERS WERE GREETED BY A SMALL GROUP OF AMERICANS WHICH INCLUDED TWO RELATIVES. THE GROUP IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE HANOI FOR THE U.S. LATER THIS WEEK. SOUTH VIETNAMESE COMMAND SPOKESMAN SAY INTENSE FIGHTING CONTINUES IN THE CENTRAL COASTAL PROVINCE OF QUANG NAI FOLLOWING A WAVE OF NORTH VIETNAMESE ARTILLERY AND GROUND ATTACKS. MEANWHILE PRESIDENT THIEU CONTRATULATED GOVERNMENT MARINES RESPONSIBLE FOR RECAPTURE OF QUANG TRI AND ITS FORTRESS CITADEL. IN THE AIR WAR, A U.S. PHANTOM JET DOWNED A NORTH VIETNAMESE MIG FIGHTER IN AN AIR BATTLE OVER HANOI.

SEVERAL HUNDRED NATIONALIST CHINESE STUDENTS STORMED A MOTORCADE CARRYING A JAPANESE SPECIAL ENVOY, AFTER HIS ARRIVAL AT TAIPEI AIRPORT ON SUNDAY. SEVERAL CARS IN THE MOTORCADE WERE DAMAGED. BUT THEIR WERE NO INJURIES. THE MISSION OF THE ENVOY WAS TO EXPLAIN TO TAIPEI'S LEADERS JAPAN'S CURRENT POLICY ON NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH PEKING. MEANWHILE, JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER TANAKA TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE HIS VISIT TO PEKING WOULD OCCUR ABOUT OCTOVER 1.

DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL MCGOVERN SUNDAY CHARGED THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS FAILED TO STEM THE FLOW OF HEROIN FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA AND HAS PLEDGED TO MAKE IRRADICATION OF THE DRUG A NATIONAL PRIORITY. MEANWHILE A SENIOR ADVISOR IN THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION CLAIMED IN AN INTERVIEW WITH AN AMERICAN NEWS MAGAZINE THAT NARCOTICS AGENTS HAVE BEEN STATIONED IN MOST OF THE KEY ILLICIT DRUG TRANSIT POINTS IN THAILAND AND LAOS. SENATOR MCGOVERN LEFT WASHINGTON SUNDAY ON A 2 WEEK CAMPAIGN TRIP.

ISRAEL SAYS IT HAS WITHDRAWN ALL OF ITS FORCES FROM SOUTHERN LEBANON AFTER A 36 HOUR SWEEP AGAINST ARAB GUERRILLAS. AN ISRAELI SPOKESMAN SAID 60 GUERRILLAS WERE KILLED AND A NUMBER WOULDED. THE ISRAELI ARMOURED FORCE CLASHED SATURDAY WITH LEVANESE ARMY UNITS IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN SECTORS NORTH OF THE BORDER.

THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL WAS NOTIFIED OF THE OPERATION IN LEBANON BY THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR. HE SAID IT WAS PART OF A CONSTANT EFFORT BY THE ISRAELIS AGAINST THE MURDEROUS ORGANI-ZATIONS OPERATING FROM LEBANESE TERRITORY. THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR CONDEMNED THE LEPANESE VILLAGES AND SUBJECTED TO OTHER RESTRICTIONS BY THE LEBANESE ARMY COMMANDER. IN BEIRUT, LEBANESE PRIME MINISTER SAID NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN AGAINST THE GUERRILLAS AND LEBANON HAS NO COMPLAINT AGAINST THEM.

BAGHDAD RADIO SAID IRAQ'S ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER HAS ASKED FOR AN EMERGENCY SESSION OF THE ARAB LEAGUE PRIME MINISTER'S COUNCIL TO DISCUSS ISRAEL'S DRIVE INTO SOUTHERN LEBANON. ON SATURDAY ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARAB LEAGUE DECLARED THEIR FULL SUPPORT FOR LEBANON. SYRIA AND LIBYA OFFERED MILITARY ASSISTANCE. IN JERUSALEM, THE ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER ASSERTED ISRAEL'S DETERMINATION TO FIGHT TERROR AND THOSE WHO SUPPORT IT IN EVERY PLACE.

UGANDA HAS CHARGED THAT A 1,000 - MAN FORCE FROM TANZANIA INVADED ITS TERRITORY SUNDAY AND OCCUPIED THREE VILLAGES. TANZANIA FLATLY DENIED THE CHARGE AND SAID FIGHTING HAS ERUPIED IN UGANDA BETWEEN DISSIDENT UGANDA FORCES AND TROOPS LOYAL TO PRESIDENT IDI AMIN. UGANDA ASKED THE U.N. SECRETARIAT TO NOTIFY THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF WHAT IT CALLED AN UNPROVOKED ATTACK BY TANZANIA. IN LONDON, BRITAIN OFFICIALLY DENIED ANY COMPLICITY IN THE REPORTED INVASION, AS A UGANDIAN SPOKESMAN SUGGESTED. THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE SAID ABOUT 20 EUROPEANS, INCLUDING SEVERAL BRITISH JOURNALISTS HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN KAMPALA, BRITAIN'S HIGH COMMISSIONER HAD PROTESTED THEIR DETENTION. AN AMERICAN JOURNALIST, AN ASSOCIATED PRESS CORRESPONDENT, WAS ALSO ARRESTED IN KAMPALA. THE FIRST CHARTER AIRPLANE CARRYING ASIANS WHO HAVE BEEN EXPELLED FROM UGANDA LEFT SUNDAY FOR LONDON. THE AIRLINES PARTICIPATING IN TRANSPORTING ASIANS WILL MAKE 16 SUCH FLIGHTS WEEKLY IN ADDITION TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED FIGHTS.

USINFO:

IN SOUTHERN LAOS, NUMEROUS GROUND CLASHES AND SHELLINGS WERE REPORTED SEPT 14-15 IN AND AROUND THE TWON OF MUONG WAPI, 15 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF KHONG SEDONE AS GOVERNMENT UNITS INITIATED EFFORTS TO RETAKE POSITIONS OCCUPIED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE EARLIER THIS WEEK. LATEST REPORTS INDICATE THAT GOVERNMENT TROOPS OCCUPY A MAJOR PORTION OF MUONG WAPI ITSELF.

ONLY SCATTERED SKIRMISHES AND SHELLINGS WERE REPORTED ELSE-WHERE IN LAOS, SEPT 14-15.

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HANOI CONDONES TERRORIST KILLINGS AT MUNICH OLYMPICS

(UNDATED) -- THE COMMUNIST REGIME OF NORTH VIETNAM HAS PUBLICLY CONDONED THE MURDER OF 11 OLYMPIC GAMES PARTICIPANTS IN MUNICH ON SEPTEMBER 5 BY TERRORISTS.

HANOI'S OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER "NHAN DAN" SAID ON SEPTEMBER 12 THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE "RESOLVED TO SUPPORT THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S FIGHT." RADIO HANOI THE SAME DAY REPEATED THIS AND OTHER PARTS OF AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE "BLOODY EVENT IN MUNICH."

THE NEWSPAPER STATED THAT "COMBATANTS OF A PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE ORGANIZATION ENTEREED THE BILLETING QUARTERS OF THE ISRAELI OLYMPIAN COMPETITORS, ABDUCTED THEM," AND THAT 11 OF THE ISRAELIS WERE KILLED AT THE NEARBY AIRPORT.

NHAN DAN OMITTED THE FACT THAT WEST GERMAN AUTHORITIES ANNOUNCED AFTER AUTOPSIES THAT 10 OF THE OLYMPICS VICTIMS DIED FROM TERRORIST BULLETS. ANOTHER WAS KILLED BY SMOKE FROM A BURNING HELICOPTER, SET AFTRE BY A TERRORIST HAND GRENADE DELIBERATELY THROWN AMONG THE UNARMED, TRUSSED CAPTIVES.

THE REST OF THE NHAN DAN COMMENTARY IS A MIXTURE OF DISTORTIONS, HALF-TRUTHS AND OUTRIGHT FABRICATIONS, AS CAN BE SEEN FROM A COMPARISO WITH FACTUAL ACCOUNTS REPORTED FROM MUNICH.

OBSERVERS STRESS THAT HANOI'S SUPPORT OF THE BARBARIC SLAUGHTER IN MUNICH WAS TO BE EXPECTED FROM THE LEADING PROPONENT OF A DELIBERATE POLICY OF TERRORISM.

HANOI, WHICH PROFESSES TO BE PEACE-LOVING, PRACTICES TERRORISM ON A SCALE RARELY MATCHED IN WORLD HISTORY. TENS OF THOUSANDS OF INNOCENT NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEASANTS--INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN--HAVE BEEN DELIBERATELY MURDERED ON ORDERS FROM THE NORTH VIETNAMESE LEADERS, AND MANY THOUSANDS MORE HAVE BEEN WOUNDED AND INJURED.

IN THE LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH, SIR ROBERT THOMPSON WROTE THIS MONTH OF COMMUNIST VIETNAMESE TERRORISM:

"THE WORLD CANNOT PLEAD IGNORANCE, BECAUSE IT HAS ALL BEEN WELL DOCUMENTED (FROM ALMOST ENTIRELY COMMUNIST SOURCES) BY DR. STEPHEN HOSMER IN A BOOK ON 'VIET CONG REPRESSION' (THEIR OWN WORD) AND BY DOUGLAS PIKE IN HIS BOOK ON 'THE VIET CONG'."

SIR ROBERT TRACES THE HANOI REGIME'S SYSTEMATIC CAMPAIGN OF EXTERMINATION OF ITS CIVILIAN "ENEMIES" FROM 1946 TO THE 1972 SPRING INVASION OF QUANG TRI AND OTHER PARTS OF SOUTH VIETNAM. HE NOTES THE NUMEROUS EXECUTIONS AND KILLINGS IN THE NORTH THROUGH 1956 HAVE BEEN CONTINUED IN THE SOUTH.

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HE TERMED "THE MOST CALCULATED ACT OF BUTCHERY DURING THE WHOLE WAR" THE KILLING OR WOUNDING OF MORE THAN 2,000 CIVILIAN REFUGEES FLEEING FROM QUANG ERI LAST MAY, MANY OF THEM VICTIMS OF THE HANOI ARMY'S 130-MILLIMETER GUNS.

"SUCH TACTICS, COMBINED WITH 36,000 SELECTIVE ASSASSINATIONS IN THE PAST 12 YEARS, ARE DESIGNED, THROUGH TERROR, TO SOFTEN THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE TO RESIST," SIR ROBERT POINTS OUT.

HE SAYS THAT THE COMMUNIST ATROCITIES "HAVE OCCURRED, BOTH SELECTIVELY AND INDISCRIMINATELY, AS A MATTER OF DELIBERATE POLICY."

NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS "WERE FIRING 122-M4 ROCKETS IN-DISCRIMINATELY INTO SAIGON AND PHNOM PENH" LAST SPRING, HE BRINGS OUT, AND HANOI'S "ARTILLERY AND MORTARS HAVE POUNDED AN LOC, QUANG TRI AND MUCH OF KONTUM, INCLUDING THEIR HOSPITALS, TO RUBBLE."

DR. HOSMER'S 241-PAGE DOCUMENT, DRAWN PRIMARILY FROM DOCUMENTS CAPTURED FROM THE VIET CONG AND NORTH VIETNAMESE DATED THROUGH 1969, RELATES MANY INSTANCES OF INDIVIDUAL MURDERS AND LARGE-SCALE MASSACRES. THE INFAMOUS MASS KILLINGS AT HUE DURING THE COMMUNIST "TET OFFENSIVE" IN 1968 INCLUDED SCORES OF VICTIMS BURIED ALIVE.

"ONE SUCH VICTIM WAS AN 80-YEAR-OLD TEACHER WHO HAD BEEN BURIED ALIVE BECAUSE HE WAS ACCUSED OF HAVING A SON IN THE ARMY," DR. HOSMER RELATES. A MONK IN A PAGODA REPORTED HEARING "NIGHTLY EXECUTIONS BY PISTOL AND RIFLE SHOTS IN A PLOWED FIELD BEHIND THE PAGODA DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF FEBRUARY, WITH VICTIMS PLEADING FOR MERCY.:

GERMAN DOCTORS AND FRENCH PRIESTS WERE DELIBERATELY KILLED BY THE COMMUNISTS.

PERSONS ATTEMPTING TO FLEE FROM COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED AREAS OF SOUTH VIETNAM ARE COMMITTING A "CRIME" IN THE EYES OF THE COMMUNISTS, DR. HOSMER FOUND FROM THEIR DOCUMENTS. THUS, FIRING ON ESCAPING REFUGEES IS ORDERED BY HANOI.

DOUGLAS PIKE'S "VIET-CONG STRATEGY OF TERROR" GIVES PAGE AFTER PAGE OF DOCUMENTED ACTS OF COMMUNIST TERROR FROM 1960 TO 1969 IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

HE SUMMARIZES, "IN SHORT, THE COMMUNISTS OPERATE A POPULATION-CONTROL SYSTEM CONSISTING IN PART ON TERROR...THE AVERAGE COMMUNIST IN VIETNAM...FINDS TERROR TO BE THE SINGLE GREATEST ADVANTAGE HE HAS OVER THE GOVERNMENT..."

SOME PUBLIC "TRIALS" WERE HELD DURING THE HUE MASSACRES.

"THE TRIALS LASTED ABOUT 10 MINUTES EACH AND THERE WERE NO KNOWN NOT-GUILTY VERDICTS, MR. PIKE RECOUNTS. "PUNISHMENT, INVARIABLY EXECUTION, WAS METED OUT IMMEDIATELY... IT WAS THE SORT OF THING THAT HAD BEEN GOING ON SYSTEMATICALLY IN THE VILLAGES FOR 10 YEARS."

WHAT OF THE FUTURE FOR THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE?

DR. HOSMER SPECULATES THAT IF HANOI'S FORCES TOOK CONTROL OF THE SOUTH THROUGH MILITARY MEANS, "ONE COULD EXPECT A BLOODBATH OF VERY LARGE PROPORTIONS... THE PATTERN OF EXECUTIONS EXHIBITED IN THE HUE AREA IN FEBRUARY 1968 COULD BE REPLICATED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY...."

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MANY THOUSANDS OF GOVERNMENT WORKERS, "REACTIONARIES" AND OTHERS WOULD BE SYSTEMATICALLY HUNTED DOWN AND ANNIHILATED, ACCORDING TO COMMUNIST DOCTRINE, HE SAYS.

DR. HOSMER BELIEVES THAT IF THE COMMUNISTS DECIDED TO BE SEVERE, THEY WOULD EXECUTE MORE THAN 100,000 SOUTH VIETNAMESE.

THE COMMUNISTS THEMSELVES HAVE EVEN HARSHER PLANS. COLONEL LE XUAN CHUYEN, WHO DEFECTED AFTER 21 YEARS IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY, WAS QUOTED BY SIR ROBERT THOMPSON AS STATING THAT FIVE MILLION PEOPLE IN SOUTH VIETNAM WERE ON THE COMMUNISTS' "BLOOD DEBT" LIST AND THAT 10 TO 15 PERCENT WOULD PAY WITH THEIR LIVES.

ANOTHER NORTH VIETNAMESE COLONEL WHO DEFECTED, TRAN VAN DAC, STATED THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WILL SLAUGHTER UP TO THREE MILLION SOUTH VIETNAMESE.

A FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF SOUTH VIETNAM, TRAN VAN HUONG, IN A LETTER TO A WASHINGTON EVENING STAR REPORTER, ESTIMATED THAT "AS MANY AS FIVE MILLION VIETNAMESE WOULD BE SINGLED CUT FOR REPRISALS SHOULD THE COMMUNISTS GAIN CONTROL OF THE SOUTH," DR. HOSMER SAYS.

THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER WROTE IN PART, "ALL THOSE WHO HAVE, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, OPPOSED COMMUNIST RULE SINCE 1945, WILL BE SUBJECTED TO REPRISALS, IN SPITE OF ANY GUARANTEES THAT MAY BE GIVEN THEM ON PAPER. SOME MAY BE ELIMINATED PHYSICALLY, OTHERS MAY BE JAILED OR SENT TO REEDUCATION CAMPS."

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NEW YORK CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM F. RYAN DIED IN NEW YORK CITY AT THE AGE OF 50. MR. RYAN HAD BEEN NOMINATED BY BOTH THE DEMOCRATIC AND LIBERAL PARTIES FOR A SEVENTH TERM IN CONGRESS. IT WAS UNCLEAR HOW HIS SUCCESSOR WILL BE CHOSEN.

ALSO IN NEW YORK CITY, CITY DETECTIVES, RAILROAD POLICE AND F.B.I. AGENTS, WORKING ON AN ANONYMOUS TIP, OPENED A BAGGAGE LOCKER IN GRAND CENTRAL STATION AND RECOVERED STOLEN ART WORKS VALUED AT BETWEEN 150,000 TO 200,000 DOLLARS. POLICE SAID THE RECOVERED ITEMS INCLUDED WORKS BY TOULOUSE-LAUTREC, PICASSO AND THE NORWEGIAN IMPRESSIONIST EDWARD MUNCH.

MRS. NIXON FLEW TO CHICAGO ON THE FIRST LEG OF A SIX-DAY, SEVEN-STATE SOLO CAMPAIGN TO WORK FOR THE RE-ELECTION OF HER HUSBAND. THE FIRST LADY WILL BE VISITING ILLINOIS, MONTANA, WYOMING, IDAHO, CALIFORNIA, TEXAS AND OKLAHOMA. MRS. NIXON'S CAMPAIGN EXPENSES ARE BEING PAID BY THE PRESIDENT'S CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

CONGRESSMAN WAYNE N. ASPINALL OF COLORADO CALLED ON U.S. POLICYMAKERS TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH STUDY OF THE AMERICAN FUELS AND ENERGY SITUATION, SAYING THE COUNTRY APPARENTLY FACES A MAJOR ENERGY CRISIS. MR. ASPINALL IS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE INTERIOR COMMITTEE.

SENATOR WILLIAM PROXMIRE OF WISCONSIN CAMPAIGNED FOR SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN ON THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE--ACCOMPANIED BY A ROLL OF BOLOGNA, A CAN OF PEACHES, A GIANT TIN OF KIDNEY BEANS AND A PACK OF HOT DOGS. WAVING THE GROCERIES ALOFT, SENATOR PROXMIRE CONTENDED THAT THE PRICE RISE IN EACH ITEM SINCE PRESIDENT NIXON TOOK OFFICE PROVED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION'S ECONOMIC POLICIES HAVE FAILED.

"HE CALLS THAT A PROGRAM, I CALL THAT BALONEY," SAID SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER HUGH SCOTT.

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

SPAIN IS READY TO SEND BACK TO SWEDEN NINE CROATIAN EXTREMISTS WHO HIJACKED A SCANDINAVIAN AIRLINES DC-9 FROM MALMO TO MADRID AND SURRENDERED TO POLICE, REUTER REPORTED FROM THE SPANISH CAPITAL. THE NINE INCLUDE TWO MEN CONVICTED OF ASSASSINATING YUGOSLAVIA'S AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN.

IN BLANTYRE, TWO LEBANESE WERE EACH SENTENCED TO 11 YEARS IMPRISONMENT AT HARD LABOR ON CHARGES CONNECTED WITH THE HIJACKING OF A SOUTH AFRICAN AIRLINER TO MALAWI LAST MAY. THE PLANE WAS DIVERTED TO BLANTYRE WHILE BOUND FOR JOHANNESBURG FROM SALISBURY. IN TOKYO, BRITISH PRIME MINISTER EDWARD HEATH COMPLETED HIS FIRST DAY OF TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER KAKUEI TANAKA BY ISSUING A PLEA FOR JAPAN TO OPEN ITS DOMESTIC ECONOMY TO BRITAIN AND THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET.

IN THE PHILIPPINES, TWO EXPLOSIONS RIPPED THROUGH QUEZON CITY'S CITY HALL WHERE THE CONSTITUIONAL CONVENTION WAS MEETING AND AT LEAST 16 PERSONS WERE INJURED, POLICE IN MANILA REPORTED. POLICE SAID THREE SUSPECTS WERE ARRESTED SHORTLY AFTER THE BLASTS.

EMPRESS FARAH DIBA OF IRAN ARRIVED IN PEKING TO A TUMULTUOUS WELCOME AT THE START OF A STATE VISIT. THE EMPRESS WAS GREETED AT THE AIRPORT BY PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI AND OTHER OFFICIALS.

THREE AMERICAN PILOTS RELEASED BY NORTH VIETNAM ARE EXPECTED TO LEAVE HANOI FOR HOME WITHIN THE NEXT TWO DAYS, REUTER REPORTED FROM HONG KONG.

IN SOUTH VIETNAM, GOVERNMENT MARINES AND RANGERS REPORTED KILLING 304 NORTH VIETNAMESE AND CAPTURING FOUR PRISONERS AS THEY ATTEMPTED TO CLEAR THE REMAINING COMMUNIST FORCES FROM QUANG TRI CITY.

DOW JONES CLOSING STOCK AVERAGES: 30 INDUS 945.36 OFF 1.96 20 TRANSP 221.26 UP 0.04 15 UTILS 109.02 OFF 0.23 65 STOCKS 308.24 OFF 0.46 VOLUME: 8,880,000

USINFO:

IN NORTHERN LAOS, HEAVY FIGHTING WAS REPORTED SEPT 15-17 WEST OF THE PLAIN OF JARS AS ENEMY FORCES INCREASED GROUND AND ARTILLERY ATTACKS AGAINST GOVERNMENT FORCES IN THE AREA.

IN SOUTHERN LAOS, SEVERAL GROUND ACTIONS WERE REPORTED SEPT 15-17 AS GOVERNMENT UNITS CONTINUED ATTEMPTS TO SECURE THE AREA IN AND AROUND THE VILLAGE OF MUANG WAPI. 15 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF KHONG SEDONE. THERE WERE ALSO REPORTS OF COMMUNIST ATTACKS AND SHELLINGS EAST OF PAKSE.

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THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE APPROVED A BILL THAT WOULD PROVIDE 4.2 BILLION DOLLARS TO CONTINUE ECONOMIC, MILITARY, TECHNICAL AND RELATED AID PROGRAMS TO 102 COUNTRIES. IN ITS REPORT, THE COMMITTEE SAID THE PROPOSED 1973 BUDGET WOULD EXTEND MILITARY AID TO 47 COUNTRIES, MILITARY BUDGET SUPPORT TO EIGHT, ECONOMIC AID TO 66, SURPLUS FOOD SALES TO 81, AND PEACE CORPS ASSISTANCE TO 63.

PRESIDENT NIXON SIGNED A BILL AUTHORIZING A MEMORIAL TO BE ERECTED IN WASHINGTON IN HONOR OF THE U.S. NAVY SEABLES. COST OF CONSTRUCTION WILL BE BORNE BY THE SEABLE MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

DESPITE A COURT ORDER TO HALT AN ILLEGAL STRIKE, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TEACHERS THREW UP PICKET LINES TO PROTEST PERSONNEL CUTS AND A PAY RAISE BILL STALLED IN CONGRESS.

SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER MIKE MANSFIELD AND SENATOR GEORGE D. AIKEN OF VERMONT INTRODUCED A BILL TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY A SOCIAL SECURITY PENSIONER COULD MAKE WITHOUT LOSING ANY BENEFITS. BESIDES RAISING FROM 1,680 DOLLARS TO 3,000 DOLLARS THE MAXIMUM THAT COULD BE EARNED YEARLY FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES, SENATOR MANSFIELD SAID THE BILL WOULD ALSO "REDUCE THE AMOUNT BY WHICH A PERSON WOULD BE PENALIZED" FOR EARNING MORE THAN THAT.

IN ATLANTIC CITY, A CONTRACT WAS SIGNED FOR CREATION OF THE WORLD'S FIRST OFFSHORE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT TO BE MOORED IN THE OCEAN OFF ATLANTIC CITY BEHIND A MASSIVE SEMI-CIRCULAR BREAKWATER.

IN MIAMI, FIVE PERSONS WERE ARRESTED IN FIVE SEPARATE COCAINE SEIZURES AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. A TREASURY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID ABOUT SEVEN POUNDS OF COCAINE WERE SEIZED WITH AN ESTIMATED STREET SALE VALUE OF 840,000 DOLLARS.

IN JEFFERSON CITY, THE MISSOURI MEDECAL ASSOCIATION SUGGESTED THAT ACUPUNCTURE BE CLASSED AS PART OF MEDICAL PRACTICE. A SPOKESMAN SAID THE RECOMMENDATION WAS INTENDED TO PREVENT LAYMEN FROM ENGAGING IN THE ANCIENT CHINESE ART.

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD:

IN LONDON, A BOOBY-TRAPPED PARCEL MAILED FROM AMSTERDAM EXPLODED IN AN OFFICE OF THE ISRAELI EMBASSY, KILLING ONE EMBASSY OFFICIAL AND WOUNDING ANOTHER. DR. AMI SHACHORI, 44, THE AGRIQUITURAL ATTACHE, WAS KILLED WHEN A BULKY ENVELOPE EXPLODED AS HE WAS OPENING IT.

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FRENCH PIANIST AND COMPOSER ROBERT CASADESUS, AN ARTIST AS WELL KNOWN IN THE UNITED STATES AS IN FRANCE, DIED IN A PARIS HOSPITAL FOLLOWING AN OPERATION. HE WAS 73.

IN VIENNA, A LEADING AUSTRIAN CHESS OFFICIAL WARNED THAT HIS NATION IS IN DANGER OF BECOMING AN UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRY IN CHESS UNLESS STATE SUBSIDIES ARE USED TO STIMULATE NATIONWIDE INTEREST IN THE GAME.

IN REYKJAVIK, THE GOVERNMENT REJECTED AN OFFER TO HOLD TRIPARTITE TALKS WITH BRITAIN AND WEST GERMANY ON THE "COD WAR" CAUSED BY ICELAND'S UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF A 50-MILE FISHERY LIMIT. BUT A SPOKESMAN SAID ICELAND WAS READY AT ANY TIME TO HOLD SEPARATE TALKS WITH THE TWO NATIONS.

IN TOKYO, THE BRITISH AND JAPANESE PRIME MINISTERS HELD A SECOND ROUND OF TALKS. REUTER SAID EDWARD HEATH AND KAKUEI TANAKA WERE CONCENTRATING ON METHODS TO ACHIEVE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AND TRADE STABILITY. EARLIER, MR. HEATH ATTENDED A LUNCHEON GIVEN BY EMPEROR HIROHITO.

IN SOUTH VIETNAM, MILITARY SOURCES SAID COMMUNIST FORCES HAD LAUNCHED HEAVY ATTACK ON THE CENTRAL COAST AGAINST DEFENDERS OF A DISTRICT CAPITAL AND NEARBY OUTPOSTS. THE ATTACKS CENTERED NEAR THE DISTRICT CAPITAL OF BONG SON IN BINH DINH PROVINCE, 290 MILES NORTH OF SAIGON. IN AIR ACTION, THE U.S. COMMAND REPORTED 230 U.S. FIGHTER-BOMBER ATTACKS OVER NORTH VIETNAM SEPTEMBER 18.

IN CAMBODIA, THE MILITARY COMMAND REPORTED THAT GOVERNMENT AIR-CRAFT CAUGHT AND ATTACKED AN ARMADA OF ABOUT 300 NORTH VIETNAMESE SAMPANS IN THE MEKONG RIVER VALLEY, 26 MILES SOUTHWEST OF FHNOM PENH.

PRICES CLOSED MIXED TO SLIGHTLY LOWER IN MODERATE, BUT IMPROVED, TRADING ON THE NEW YORK STOCK MARKET. DECLINES OVERTOOK ADVANCES, 725 TO 656, AMONG THE MORE THAN 1,775 ISSUES TRADED.

DOW JONES CLOSING STOCK AVERAGES:

30 INDUS 943.18 OFF 2.18 20 TRANSP 221.84 UP 0.58 15 UTILS 108.54 OFF 0.48 65 STOCKS 307.83 OFF 0.41 VOLUME: 13,330,000.

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THERE WERE REPORTS ON SCATTERED GROUND CLASHES AND SHELLINGS SEPT 17-18 IN NORTHERN LAOS NEAR THE PLAN OF JARS, AND, IN SOUTHERN LAOS, NORTHEAST OF KHONG SEDONE AND EAST OF PAKSE. BUT THERE WAS NO BASIC CHANGE IN THE OVERALL MILITARY SITUATION.

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U.S. TO PRESS U.N. FOR DRUG, PIRACY PACTS

WASHINGTON, SEPT. 19 -- PRESIDENT NIXON WANTS U.S. REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UNITED NATIONS TO PRESS FOR AGREEMENTS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CURB INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFIC, AERIAL PIRACY AND TERRORISM.

PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY RONALD ZIEGLER TOLD REPORTERS THE PRESIDENT DISCUSSED STRATEGY FOR ACHIEVING INTERNATIONAL UNITY ON THESE GOALS AT A MEETING SEPTEMBER 19 WITH SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS AND U.N. AMBASSADOR GEORGE BUSH.

SECRETARY ROGERS WILL DELIVER THE U.S. ADDRESS SEPTEMBER 25 BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH HAS OPENED ITS 27TH SESSION IN NEW YORK CITY. THE SECRETARY PLANS TO BE IN NEW YORK ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

THE PRESIDENT'S DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY ROGERS AND AMBASSADOR BUSH ALSO COVERED SECURITY FOR FOREIGN DIPLOMATS ATTENDING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION, MR. ZIEGLER SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE PRESIDENT PLACED "GREAT" EMPHASIS ON THE SUBJECT OF INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING.

ON SEPTEMBER 18, MR. NIXON ADDRESSED AN INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL CONFERENCE AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT, HITTING HARD AT "THESE DESPICABLE PROFITEERS IN HUMAN MISERY."

MEANWHILE, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID THE U.S. DELEGATION PLANS TO APPROACH THE PROBLEM OF TERRORISM "IN VARIOUS POSITIVE WAYS."

SECRETARY ROGERS IS EXPECTED TO RAISE THE SUBJECT IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN CHARLES BRAY SAID THE U.S. GOVERNMENT "HOPES VERY STRONGLY" THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CAN TAKE "SOME POSITIVE, USEFUL STEPS" TO CURB TERRORIST ACTIONS.

U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM HAS PROPOSED THAT THE MATTER OF "MEASURES TO PREVENT TERRORISM AND OTHER FORMS OF VIOLENCE" BE TAKEN UP IN FULL DEBATE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

ON OTHER SUBJECTS, MR. BRAY SAID WASHINGTON WANTS TO KEEP KOREA OUT OF THE U.N. DEBATE SO THAT NORTH AND SOUTH KOREANS CAN MOVE TOWARD PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF THEIR OWN.

MR. BRAY SAID THE U.S. GOVERNMENT "HOLDS A VERY STRONG VIEW THAT GIVEN THE EVOLUTION OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF KOREA IN RECENT MONTHS, THE U.N. WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO FOREGO THE TEMPTATION TO RENEW DISCUSSION OF THE KOREAN ITEM."

THE KOREAN MATTER, MR. BRAY ASSERTED, "SHOULD BE MOST USEFULLY LEFT" TO SECUL AND PYONGYANG "TO WORK OUT AT THEIR OWN PACE."

HE ADDED THAT "WE HAVE SOME HOPE BASED ON PRELIMINARY SOUNDINGS "THAT THERE WILL BE A POSTPONEMENT" OF THE KOREAN QUESTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

HE ALSO SAID THAT BASED ON A "PRELIMINARY READING" THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ANY SERIOUS MOVEMENT BY OTHER U.N. MEMBERS TO SEAT THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND EAST GERMANY.

HE SAID THE UNITED STATES SHARES WITH WEST GERMANY AND NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION NATIONS THE BELIEF THAT A MODUS VIVENDI SHOULD BE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLIDED "BETWEEN THE TWO GERMANYS" AS A PRIOR STEP TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

ACCORDING TO MR. BRAY, THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE ITS DRIVE TO HAVE ITS SHARE OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL BUDGET LOWERED FROM 31.5 PERCENT TO 25 PERCENT BY 1974.

AT U.N. HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S ANNUAL SESSION BEGAN SEPTEMBER 19 WITH A SHORT, LARGELY CEREMONIAL MEETING ATTENDED BY THE DELEGATIONS OF ALL 132 UNITED NATIONS MEMBER STATES. THE SESSION IS SCHEDULED TO LAST FOR THREE MONTHS, AND IT HAS AN AGENDA OF OVER 100 SEPARATE ITEMS TO DEAL WITH.

THE ASSEMBLY ELECTED DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER STANISLAW TREPCZYNSKI OF POLAND AS PRESIDENT FOR THE 27TH SESSION. ME SUCCEEDED INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ADAM MALIK, WHO HAD LED THE 26TH SESSION.

IN HIS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH, MR. TREPCZYNSKI TOLD THE ASSEMBLY "THERE IS STILL AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT TO BE DONE" BY THE UNITED NATIONS "AND AN INFINITE NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY AND COOPERATION."

SOLVING THE MANY PROBLEMS FACING THE WORLD COMMUNITY, HE SAID, "CAN BE ATTAINED ONLY THROUGH AN ORGANIZED COLLECTIVE EFFORT BY ALL PEOPLES AND ALL STATES. ALL MUST MAKE THEIR CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THIS -- THE SMALLEST PEOPLES AND STATES IN CONCERT WITH THE LARGEST POWERS IN THE WORLD."

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AMERICA'S 1972 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN PARTY LOYALTY IMPORTANT FACTOR IN U.S. ELECTION

(BY RICHARD P. WILSON)

UNDATED -- VOTERS INDICATED TO POLLSTERS THAT TICKET-SPLITTING ON NOVEMBER 7 MAY BE MORE COMMONPLACE THAN EVER BEFORE IN U.S. POLITICAL HISTORY.

WHILE THE HARRIS SURVEY, LIKE THE GALLUP POLL, STILL SHOWS PRESIDENT NIXON LEADING HIS DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGER, SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN, BY 34 POINTS, ANOTHER HARRIS SURVEY SHOWS THAT DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS ARE LEADING THEIR REPUBLICAN OPPONENTS BY A MARGIN OF 46 TO 41 PERCENT. (AT THIS STAGE OF THE 1968 CAMPAIGN, DEMOCRATS HELD A 49 TO 40 PERCENT EDGE AND WENT ON TO CAPTURE BOTH LEGISLATIVE HOUSES.) THIS YEAR REPUBLICAN C ONGRESSIONAL HOPEFULS HOLD A FIVE-POINT LEADIN THE MIDWEST, BUT IN ALL OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY THE DEMOCRATS LEAD BY MARGINS OF FROM NINE TO 13 POINTS. IN THE "BATTLEGROUND" STATE OF CALIFORNIA, A MERVIN FIELD POLL FOUND "ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THOSE DEMOCRATS WHO ARE CROSSING OVER IN THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE ARE ALSO PLANNING TO VOTE FOR THE REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE IN THEIR DISTRICT." OBSERVERS SAID THAT WHILE MR. NIXON HAS BEEN BUILDING A PERSONAL CONSENSUS, THERE IS AS YET NO EVIDENCE THAT HE IS BULDING A REPUBLICAN MAJORITY.

EVEN BEFORE THE NEW POLL RESULTS WERE PUBLISHED, THE MCGOVERN FIELD DIRECTOR IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, ELMER COOPER, SAID THAT IN HIS AREA "REPUBLICANS WIN ONLY BECAUSE OF DEMOCRATIC CROSSOVERS, SO KEEPING PEOPLE LOYAL TO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS BECOME A MAJOR FACTOR IN THE CAMPAIGN."

MCGOVERN VOTER-REGISTRATION DRIVES THEREFORE ARE CONCENTRATING ON "HIGH LOHALTY" DEMOCRATIC AREAS, AS DETERMINED BY THE VOTE IN PREVIOUS ELECTIONS. SIGNS ON CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS NOW STRESS THE WORD "DEMOCRATIC." REFORM-MINDED MCGOVERN PARTISANS OF THE "NEW POLITICS" FORCES APPARENTLY UNDERSTAND WHY THIS IS NEACESSARY, BUT THEY DO NOT NECESSARILY LIKE IT.

WHAT IS TRUE OF CALIFORNIA APPEARS TO BE REPEATED IN THE REST OF THE NATION. A 50-STATE ANALYSIS OF PRESIDENTIAL, SENATORIAL, CONGRESSIONAL AND GUBERNATIORIAL RACES PUBLISHED BY THE RIPON SOCIETY, A PROGRESSIVE REPUBLICAN RESEARCH AND POLICY ORGANIZATION, SAYS THE PROSPECTS OF A "REPUBLICAN RESURGENCE" IN 1972 ARE SLIM DESPITE PRESIDENT NIXON'S COMMANDING LEAD. THE SURVEY CONCLUDES THAT REPUBLICANS ARE LIKELY TO MAKE ONLY SMALL GAINS IN CONGRESSIONAL AND GUBERNATORIAL RACES, ALTHOUGH THE GOP--"THE GRAND OLD PARTY" -- DOES HAVE AN OUTSIDE CHANCE OF WINNING CONTROL OF THE U.S. SENATE.

THE HARRIS SURVEY MEANWHILE FOUND AN ENORMOUS RESERVOIR OF SYMPATHY FOR THE POSITION THAT LAUNCHED MR. MCGOVERN ON HIS PRESIDENTIAL BID: BY A MAJORITY OF 76 TO 21 PERCENT, AMERICANS WANT TO BRING HOME "ALL U.S. MILITARY, NAVAL AND AIR FORCES FROM VIETNAM." THE SAME POLLSTERS ASKED VOTERS WHETHER THEY AGREED WITH MR. MCGOVERN OR WITH MR. NIXON IN HIS "APPROACH TO BRINGING HOME" THOSE U.S. FORCES, AND THE VOTERS CHOSE PRESIDENT NIXON BY 51 TO 30 PERCENT.

EVEN THE YOUTHS WHO FIRST SPARKED MR. MCGOVERN'S ANTI-WAR CANDIDACY DO NOT SEEM TO BE SOLIDLY IN THE DEMOCRATIC CAMP. A GILBERT YOUTH RESEARCH POLL OF 18-TO 25-YEAR-OLD FIRST-TIME VOTERS SHOWED THAT WHILE COLLEGE STUDENTS ENDORSE THE SOUTH DAKOTA SENATOR BY 59.9 TO 43.3 PERCENT, PRESIDENT NIXON IS BACKED BY YOUTHS NOT IN SCHOOL BY A MARGIN OF 51.1 TO 35.4 PERCENT. THIS GIVES THE INCUMBENT PRESIDENT AN OVER ALL LEAD AMONG YOUTHS OF 51 TO 44.5 PERCENT.

SENATOR MCGOVERN, IN HIS FIRST MAJOR POST-CONVENTION CAMPAIGN SWING INCLUDING 13 DAYS, 19 STATES, 34 CITIES AND SOME 11,000 MILES, REPEATEDLY SCOFFED AT THE POLLS, REMINDING HIS AUDIENCES HE COULD NOT HAVE WON THE NOMINATION ACCORDING TO POLL RESULTS LAST MARCH. HIS CAMPAIGN MANAGER, GARY HART, WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE PUBLICATION OF THE CURRENT ONE-SIDED POLL RESULTS IS IN ITSELF HURTING MR. MCGOVERN, SAID THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE WOULD FARE BETTER IN THE NEXT ROUND OF POLLS. MR. HART ESTIMATED THAT NOW THAT THE CAMPAIGN IS IN FULL SWING, MR. MCGOVERN IS PICKING UP FIVE POINTS EVERY TEN DAYS.

MRS. JEAN WESTWOOD, THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MEANWHILE RAISED THE POSSIBILITY THAT SENATOR MCGOVERN C OULD LOSE THE POPULAR VOTE TO PRESIDENT NIXON YET STILL CAPTURE THE WHITE HOUSE BY WINNING THE ELECTORAL VOTE. (THEORETICALLY IT IS POSSIBLE TO WIN THE ELECTORAL VICTORY BY CARRYING THE TEN "BATTLEGROUND" STATES PLUS ONE OTHER LARGE STATE, LIKE INDIANA, HENCE THE PUNDITS' OBSERVATION THAT THE REPUBLICANS SEEM TO BE RUNNING A 50-STATE CAMPAIGN AND THE DEMOCRATS A 15-STATE CAMPAIGN.) THE BIG VOTES ARE IN CALIFORNIA, TEXAS, THE INDUSTRIAL MIDWEST AND THE NORTHEAST, AND THAT IS THE AREA MR. MCGOVERN CONCENTRATED ON IN HIS LAST CAMPAIGN TOUR. STUMPING WITH SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY OF MASSACHUSETTS AT HIS SIDE, SENATOR MCGOVERN WAS BUOYED BY LARGE AND ENTHUSIASTIC CROWDS -- 9,000 IN CLEVELAND, 15,000 IN DETROIT, 40,000 IN RAINY CHICGO. "I KIND OF HAVE THE FEELING," SAID MR. MCGOVERN, "THAT WE'RE TURNING THE CORNER IN THE LAST FEW DAYS AND THAT WE'RE ON THE WAY UP."

A HIGHLIGHT OF HIS MIDWEST SWING WAS SENATOR MCGOVERN'S MEETING WITH CHICAGO MAYOR RICHARD DALEY, WHO HAILED THE CANDIDATE AS "THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES" AND INSURED THAT DEMOCRATIC WARD LEADERS TURNED OUT IN FORCE FOR THE RANKS-CLOSING RALLY, IN RETURN MR. MCGOVERN WARMLY ENDORSED ALL OF MAYOR DALEY'S REGULAR STATE. "WE HAVE TO STAND TOGETHER," SAID THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE AND, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, MOST CHICAGO WARD CHIEFS HAD TO AGREE.

THE REPUBLICANS WERE BUSY CAMPAIGNING AT THE SAME TIME. THE RANKS OF THE 'S.URROGATE CANDIDATES," THE STAND-IN CAMPAIGNERS FOR PRESIDENT NIXON, SWELLED FROM 35 TO NEARLY 75, AND ALL WERE HEADING OUT ON CAMPAIGN TOURS ACROSS THE NATION, MAKING SPEECHES AND ENLISTING VOLUNTEERS FOR A VOTER-REGISTRATION DRIVE.

ALTHOUGH GOP STRATEGISTS INSISTED THAT THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF WOULD NOT START ACTIVE CAMPAIGNING UNTIL CONGRESS ADJOURNS ABOUT MID-OCTOVER, MR. NIXON HIMSELF APPARENTLY FELT RESTIVE UNDER SUCH RESTRAINTS. WHEN HIS DAUGHTER TRICIA COULD NOT ATTEND AN ITALIAN-AMERICAN FESTIVAL IN A MARYLAND COUNTY NEAR WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT NIXON SHOWED UP INSTEAD. FIFTEEN THOUSAND CHANTED "VIVA NIXON" AS HE ATE ITALIAN FOOD AND SHOOK HANDS.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

AROUND THE NATION:

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF THE SEPTEMBER 19 PRIMARY AND RUNOFF ELECTIONS:

COMPLETE BUT UNOFFICIAL RETURNS SHOWED NEW YORK CONGRESSMAN JOHN ROONEY HAD DEFEATED ALLARD LOWENSTEIN BY A VOTE OF 15,486 TO 13,071 IN A RUNOFF ELECTION. CONGRESSMAN ROONEY DE-FEATED MR. LOWENSTEIN IN NEW YORK'S JUNE 20 PRIMARY, BUT STATE COURTS ORDERED A RERUN ON THE BASIS OF IRREGULARITIES IN THE PRIMARY.

IN MASSACHUSETTS, DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSWOMAN LOUISE DAY HICKS WON RENOMINATION TO HER HOUSE SEAT. MIDDLESEX COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY JOHN J. DRONEY WON THE DEMOCRATIC U.S. SENATE NOMINATION. JOHN KERRY, SPOKESMAN FOR VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR, DEFEATED NINE OTHER CANDIDATES FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION IN THE 5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

IN OKLAHOMA, REPUBLICANS PICKED FORMER TULSA MAYOR J.M. HEWGLEY, JR., AS THEIR CHOICE TO SUCCEED RETIRING REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMAN PAGE BELCHER.

IN WASHINGTON, FORMER GOVERNOR ALBERT D. ROSSELLINI, A DEMOCRAT, WON HIS PARTY'S GU^BERNATORIAL NOMINATION AND WILL FACE REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR DAN EVANS IN NOVEMBER. IN CONGRESSIONAL CONTESTS, ALL SIX DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENTS WON RENOMINATION.

IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, A ONE-DAY STRIKE OF TEACHERS IN THE DISTRICT SCHOOL SYSTEM WAS SETTLED FOLLOWING MARATHON, ALL-NIGHT NEGOTIATIONS. MEANWHILE, A THREE-WEEK STRIKE OF TEACHERS IN PHILADELPHIA CONTINUED WITH NO SIGN OF SETTLEMENT.

THE CENSUS BUREAU SAID HOME CONSTRUCTION PICKED UP IN AUGUST AFTER A TWO-MONTH DECLINE, WITH HOUSING STARTS RUNNING AT A 2.46 MILLION ANNUAL RATE.

NEW YORK GOVERNOR NELSON ROCKEFELLER, OVER THE PROTESTS OF NEW YORK CITY'S FIVE REGULAR DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, APPOINTED A STATE "SUPER DISTRICT ATTORNEY" TO CARRY OUT A CAMPAIGN AGAINST CORRUPTION, AND NARCOTICS IN THE NATION'S LARGEST CITY.

IN TRENTON, GOVERNOR WILLIAM T. CAHILL ANNOUNCED THAT BEGINNING NOVEMBER 29, NEW JERSEY WILL CONDUCT A DAILY STATE LOTTERY. TICKETS WILL COST 50 CENTS AND THE TOP DAILY PRIZE WILL BE 2,500 DOLLARS.

IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, DELEGATES OF THE 1.4 MILLION-MEMBER UNITED STEELWORKERS UNION VOTED TO REMAIN NEUTRAL IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. IT WAS A VICTORY FOR A.F.L.-C.I.O. PRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY, WHO CAME TO LAS VEGAS TO URGE SUPPORT OF HIS OWN NEUTRALITY STAND.

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SENATOR CALLS DRUG ABUSE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM

WASHINGTON -- SENATOR WILLIAM B. SPONG, JR. OF VIRGINIA, HAS CALLED DRUG ABUSE BOTH A FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC PROBLEM AND SAID THAT EFFORTS TO CURB IT WOULD BE EFFECTIVE ONLY IF TAKEN SIMULTANEOUSLY AT BOTH LEVELS.

THE VIRGINIA SENATOR'S REMARKS WERE MADE AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, AFTER SUBMITTING A REPORT ON DRUG TRAFFICKING IN THE MIDDLE EAST, EUROPE AND ASIA TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO HOLD BACK THE DRUG FLOW WILL, ACCORDING TO THE SPONG REPORT, "ALMOST INEVITABLY IMPINGE ONLY TO A DEGREE UPON THE SYSTEMS OF ILLICIT TRAFFIC WHICH OPERATES IN STEALATS."

THE REPORT ALSO STATES THAT ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION "INDICATES THAT, FOR AS LONG AS A PROFITABLE ECONOMIC DEMAND EMANATES FROM THIS COUNTRY, TRAFFICKERS WILL BE ABLE TO SUPPLY IT. THE INCENTIVES AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES VIRTUALLY GUARANTEE THIS: THE WIDE NUMBER OF AREAS IN WHICH OPIUM IS ALREADY GROWN AND THE UNGOVERNABILITY OF MANY OF THESE AREAS (THE HILL COUNTRY OF BURMA AND LAOS AND THE YUNNAN PROVINCE OF MAINLAND CHINA, FOR EXAMPLE), THE EASE WITH WHICH OPIUM CAN BE GROWN ELSEWHERE, THE SIMPLICITY OF THE PROCESS BY WHICH OPIUM BECOMES HEROIN, THE COMPACTNESS AND EASE OF SMUGGLING, THE TITANIC PROFITS THAT AWAIT THOSE IN THE TRADE."

SENATOR SPONG CALLS FOR THE "CALM AND ACCURATE EDUCATION OF OUR PUBLIC, THE LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF SEVERE AND WELL-REASONED PENALTIES AGAINST THOSE WHO SELL THIS DRUG, AND BOLD AND COMPREHENSIVE MEASURES OF TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION."

THE SOUTHEAST ASIA NETWORK TO UNDERSTAND IN DETAIL THE ILLICIT OPIUM MARKET OF SOUTHEAST ASIA WOULD BE, IN A SENSE, TO COMPREHEND THE WAYS OF LIFE OF A MAJOR PORTION OF THE WORLD. ACROSS THE ENTIRE REGION, THE DISTRIBUTION AND CONSUMPTION OF OPIUM ARE DIFFUSED THROUGH ALL LEVELS OF SOCIETY, AND SIZABLE OPIUM AND HEROIN SMOKING COMMUNITIES ARE CONCENTRATED IN ALMOST EVERY CITY. IT IS THIS MARKET OF ASIAN USERS AND ADDICTS WHICH IS THE PRIMARY OBJECT OF THE REGION'S ILLICIT OPIUM TRAFFIC; AND IT IS ONLY RECENTLY THAT A SIGNIFICANT FRACTION OF THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN PRODUCT HAS BEEN TRAFFICKED INTO OTHER, MORE DISTANT MARKETS.

THE SUPPLY OF OPIUM FOR THE REGION IS DRAWN FROM THE VIRTUALLY UNGOVERNED TRI-BORDER AREA OF BURMA, LAOS, AND THAILAND WHERE HILL TRIBES CULTIVATE A HUGE QUANTITY, USE MORE THAN HALF THEMSELVES, AND DELIVER THE REMAINDER INTO THE HANDS OF PROFESSIONAL TRAFFICKERS. IN NORMAL YEARS, ABOUT 300 TONS OF CPIUM ARE BROUGHT TO COLLECTION CENTERS IN THE PRODUCING AREA, WHERE THE COLLECTED PRODUCT IS PROCESSED AND PACKAGES FOR DISTRIBUTION. AS INDICATED EARLIER, THE ROUGHLY 400 TONS RETAINED BY THE PRODUCING TRIBES STAND AS A GIGANTIC POTENTION RESERVE; FOR THE TRIBESMEN ARE USERS, NOT ADDICTS, AND THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT THEY WOULD PART WITH EVEN MORE OF THEIR PRODUCT IF THE PRICE OFFERED WERE SOMEWHAT HICHER.

ONCE IN THE HANDS OF TRAFFICKERS, THE OPIUM PRODUCT IS DISPERSED THROUGHOUT THE REGION -- BY TRAWLER, MERCHANT SHIP, LAND CARRY, AND AIR -- IN PATTERNS OF PASSAGE THAT INVOLVE AN. INTERLACING MONTAGE OF HIGHLY-ORGANIZED RINGS AND SMALLTIME SMUGGLERS. THE MAJOR. TRAFFICKING NETWORKS ARE WELL-COORDINATED BUSINESS ACTIVITIES, LED BY MEN -- OFTEN ETHNIC CHINESE -- WHO ARE WELL-FINANCED, EXPERIENCED IN DEALING WITH HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO ARRANGE PROTECTION, AND SKILLED AT EVADING GOVERNMENT CONTROLS WHEN. NECESSARY. IN BANGKOK, VIENTIANE, SAIGON, SINGAPORE, HONG KONG AND OTHER CITIES, THE TRAFFICKING IS PERFORMED WITH SECRECY AND SOPHISTICATION AND IN SUCH VOLUME AS TO OVERWHELM ATTEMPTS TO CURTAIL IT. IN HONG KONG ALONE, THERE ARE APPARENTLY MORE THAN 150,000 OPIATE ADDICTS -- MORE THAN 100,000 OF WHOM ARE ADDICTED TO HEROIN -- AMPLY SUPPLIED BY AT LEAST TWO OR THREE MAJOR CLANDESTINE ORGANIZATIONS FOR IMPORT AND DISTRIBUTION. AT PRESENT, U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES ESTIMATE THAT ONLY ABOUT 10-20 PER CENT OF THE HEROIN ON THE AMERICAN MARKET ORIGINATES IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN REGION. CLEARLY, HOWEVER, THE REGION NOW HOLDS THE POTENTIAL TO BEVOME AN ALMOST UNLIMITED SOURCE FOR INTER-REGIONAL TRAFFIC. ASIAN TRAFFICKERS HAVE ALREADY DEMONSTRATED REMARKABLE FLEXIBILITY IN SUPPLYING THE QUICKLY EXPANDING MARKET WHICH DEVELOPED IN 1970 AS HEROIN USE EXPLODED AMONG U.S. TROOPS IN VIETNAM. AND IF THE WESTERN MARKET REMAINS AS LUCRATIVE IN THE FUTURE AS IT IS TODAY WHILE TURKEY IS BEING EFFECTIVELY CLOSED OFF AS A SOURCE OF WESTERN SUPPLY, THERE WILL, ALMOST INEXORABLY, BE AN INCREASING FLOW .- THROUGH A THOUSAND CHANNELS -- OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN OPIUM INTO THE AMERICAN MARKET FOR HEROIN.

THERE HAS, IN THE AMERICAN MIND, BEEN A LONG-STANDING ASSOCIATION OF OPIUM WITH CHINA, AND IMAGE WHICH PERHAPS HAS ITS HISTORICAL ORIGINS IN THE OPIUM WARS OF 1840-42. IT WAS THEN THAT THE WESTERN POWERS FORCIBLY PREVENTED THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA FROM CLOSING ITSELF TO THE OPIUM, PRODUCED IN INDIA, WHICH WESTERN TRADERS FOUND IT PROFITABLE TO MARKET TO THE CHINESE PEOPLE. THOUGH CHIWA WAS THUS HELD OPEN TO THE IMPORT OF FOREIGN OPIUM, AS TIME PASSED DOMESTIC CHINESE PRODUCERS GRADUALLY TOOK OVER THE MARKET BY GROWING THE POPPY LOCALLY. STEADILY, THROUGH THE DECADES OF THE SECOND HALF OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY, OPIUM USE AND ADDICTION SPREAD THROUGH THE CHINESE POPULATION. CONTINUING ATTEMPTS BY SUCESSIVE CHINESE GOVERNMENTS TO REMEDY THE PROBLEMS MET FAILURE; AND BY THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, CHINA HAD BECOME A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF AN OPIUM "VICTIM" COUNTRY. AT ANY TIME BETWEEN 1900 AND 1950 AN EXCESS OF TEN MILLION CHINESE WERE ADDICTED TO OPIUM.

IN FEBRUARY 1950, LESS THAN SIX MONTHS AFTER ACCEEDING TO POWER, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ADOPTED STRINCENT CONTROLS OVER THE PRODUCTION OF THE OPIUM POPPY AND THE USE OF OPIATES. STATULES WERE IMPLEMENTED TO PROHIBIT THE PRIVATE IMPORTA-TION, PROCESSING, AND SALE OF OPIUM AND OTHER NARCOTICS; AND A MAJOR EFFORT WAS UNDERTAKEN TO IDENTIFY AND REHABILITATE OPIUM USERS. THESE MEASURES WERE APPARENTLY VIGOROUSLY EMFORCES: AND THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA HAS NOW ELIMINATED THE MISUSE OF OPIUM. FOR PHARMACEUTICAL PURPOSES, CHINA CONTINUES TO PRODUCE ABOUT 100 TONS OF OPIUM PER YEAR UNDER A SYSTEM OF STRICT GOVERNMENT CONTROL; BUT, ACCORDING TO AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES, THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS NEITHER ENGAGED IN NOR SANCTIONED THE ILLICIT EXPORT OF OPIUM AND ITS DERIVATIVES.

THERE SEEMS TO BE ONLY ONE POSSIBLE FLAW IN THE GOVERNMENT'S EXERCISE OF RIGID CONTROL OVER PRODUCTION AND USE: THE SOUTHERN BORDER AREA. HERE, PARTICULARLY IN YUNNAN PROVINCE, MANY OF THE SAME HILL TRIBES WHICH TRADITIONALLY CULTIVATE OPIUM IN THE HIGH-LANDS OF BURMA CONSTIUTE A SIZABLE PROPORTION OF THE POPULATION. THERE MAY THUS BE SOME ILLICIT PRODUCTION AND CROSS-BORDER TRADE ON A SMALL SCALE AND IN VIOLATION OF NATIONALLY ENFORCED LAW. THERE ARE, OF COURSE, MANY MILLIONS OF PEOPLE OF CHINESE ORIGIN SCATTERED THROUGHOUT SOUTHEAST ASIA, IN COUNTRIES WHERE ADDICTION AND TRAFFICKING ARE STILL WIDESPREAD. CHARACTERISTICALLY, THESE ETHNIC CHINESE TEND TO BE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN COMMERCE; AND IN SOME COUNTRIES, THEY CONSTITUTE A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF THE POPULATION. AS WOULD BE EXPECTED, THESE CHINESE, UNAFFECTED IN ANY WAY BY THE RIGOROUS MORALITY AND CONTROLS WHICH NOW ARE IN EFFECT ON THE CHINESE MAINLAND, CAN FREQUENTLY BE FOUND TO BE INVOLVED IN THE USE AND TRAFFICKING OF OPIUM.

RECENTLY, THE GOVERNMENT OF MAINLAND CHINA HAS GIVEN SOME IN-DICATION THAT IT MAY SOON BEGIN TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORTS. A SPEECH GIVEN ON MAY 16, 1972, BY THE CHINESE DELEGATION ON THE U.N. ECONOMIC ANBIACIAL COUNCIL (THE U.N. AGENCY CONCERNED WITH NARCOTICS MATTERS), SUGGESTS THAT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC MAY IN THE FUTURE ACCEDE TO THE SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS AND THUS BEGIN FORMAL COOPERATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD.

WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 20 -- ROBERT C. SEAMANS, JR., SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, ADDRESSED THE AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION AND SPOKE OF THE VITAL ROLE THE U.S. AIR FORCE HAS PLAYED IN CARRYING OUT AMERICA'S FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES.

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FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM HIS SPEECH:

"IN THE NEARLY FIVE MONTHS SINCE THE NORTH VIETNAMESE LAUNCHED THEIR MASSIVE INVASION OF SOUTH VIETNAM, AIRPOWER HAS PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN HELPING TURN THE TIDE AGAINST INVADING FORCES. IN THE ATTACK LAST EASTER THERE WAS REAL CONCERN WHEN THE NORTH VIETNAMESE CAPTURED QUANG TRI AND SEEMED TO POSE AN IMMINENT THREAT TO HUE, BUT U.S. AND VNAF AIR SUFFORT HELPED SOUTH VIETNAMESE GROUND FORCES TO HALT THE ADVANCE AND INFLICTED SEVERE LOSSES ON ENEMY FORCES. MOST OF THE TANKS WHICH BEGAN THE OFFENSIVE HAVE BEEN DESTROYED -- A MAJORITY WERE TAKEN OUT BY AIR STRIKES. AND WHAT IS NOT GENERALLY REALIZED, MOST OF THESE WERE DESTROYED BY THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE AIR FORCE.

ACCOMPANYING THIS INCREASE IN THE USE OF AIRPOWER IN THE SOUTH WAS THE MINING OF THE PORTS AND THE INITIATION OF A SERIES OF HEAVY AIR STRIKES AGAINST MILITARY TARGETS IN NORTH VIETNAM. THESE STRIKES HAVE ACHIEVED THE DESTRUCTION OF MANY OF THE FACILITIES THAT SUPPORT THE INVASION, SUCH AS PETROLEUM STORAGE AREAS AND ELECTRIC POWER PLANTS. ALSO, A SYSTEMATIC AIR CAMPAIGN AGAINST INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS HAS SERIOUSLY HAMPERED TRAFFIC ON HANOI'S NORTHEAST AND NORTHWEST RAIL LINES TO CHINA.

THE USE OF BOMBS EQUIPPED WITH LASER OR ELECTRO-OPTICAL GUIDANCE HAS REATLY INCREASED OUR EFFECTIVENESS. THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FAMOUS THANH HOA BRIDGE BY JUST A FEW AIRCRAFT DELIVERING THESE NEW WEAPONS IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF HOW WE CAN ACHIEVE RESULTS THAT DOZENS OF SORTIES COULD NOT ACCOMPLISH A FEW YEARS AGO. THIS REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF SORTIES NEEDED HAS REDUCED THE EXPOSURE OF OUR AIRCRAFT LOSSES. AS A MATTER OF FACT, OUR LOSS RATE TO SAM'S IS ABOUT 50 PER CENT LESS THAN THAT SUSTAINED DURING EARLIER AIR CAMPAIGNS.

THE NET EFFECT OF OUR ACTIONS HAS BEEN TO RESTRICT NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFENSIVE CAPABILITIES, AND MAKE THE ENEMY PAY A FAR GREATER PRICE FOR FUTHER MAJOR MILITARY AGGRESSION. WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT THEY WILL RESPOND TO OUR PRESIDENT'S VERY REASONABLE PEACE OFFER EXTENDED ON THE 8TH OF MAY. THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO US IN THAT IT WOULD MEAN THE RELEASE AND SAFE RETURN OF OUR MEN WHO. ARE PRISONERS AND AN ACCOUNTING. FOR THE MISSING."