

WASHINGTON

Mon. Aug. 27-73.

The violence in Northern Ireland - spills over into official Washington - as no doubt you've heard by now.

A letter bomb that arrived in a diplomatic pouch from overseas - exploding today in the British Embassy.

Blowing off the left hand of a secretary, ~~by the name of Mrs.~~
Nora Murray - ~~as well as~~ ^{and} severely injuring her right hand.

The resulting shock wave - heard right around the globe. Britain ordering its biggest bomb alert - since World War Two. Instructing all ~~its~~ embassies, worldwide - to take emergency precautions. Placing all police and Army bomb disposal experts - on twenty-four hour alert. Also, scheduling a bomb warning for every fifteen minutes - on the BBC. A government spokesman saying: "We cannot stress strongly enough - the dangers the public faces." Adding: "We are convinced - there will be more bombs."

EARTH ORBIT

In the flight of America's Skylab space station - the once-miraculous is becoming now merely routine. Astronauts Alan Bean, Owen Garriott and Jack Lousma - performing a variety of functions today; toiling diligently in solar observation - conducting a number of biomedical experiments - and further testing a one-man flying machine. Also, photographing a strange light - which they suddenly discovered in the earth's upper atmosphere.

All of this - drawing a round of applause today from space scientists here below. Dr. Edward Gibson observing that "once Al and his crew got oriented - they went full bore."

Poll
HARRIS ~~FOLLOW CAMBRIDGE~~

~~still on Watergate~~ The latest Harris poll^s show^{ing}
~~today~~ a tremendous response - to President Nixon's press
conference of last week. By a whopping margin of sixty-two
to thirty-two per cent - nearly two-to-one - those polled
agreeing fully with the President's stand. Agreeing, quote:
"It is time to turn the whole question of Watergate over to the
courts - and allow the President to concentrate on more
important things."

MARTHA

Perhaps you have heard the latest
~~Over the weekend~~ a published report, that Martha
~~was, or had left~~
Mitchell ~~was leaving~~ her husband - former Attorney General
John Mitchell. Mrs. Mitchell quoted as saying her husband
was "going to jail" to protect President Nixon - and she
couldn't take it anymore.

Today a second interview - with a somewhat different
view. Mrs. Mitchell quoted as saying her husband was
"broken up" - and they were no longer speaking. Pledging,
nevertheless, to stand by him - until, as she put it, he's
either "convicted or disbarred or cleared."

CAMBRIDGE FOLLOW MARTHA

A related item - from Cambridge, Mass; where the chief counsel to the Senate Watergate Committee - was asked about the possibility that Mrs. Mitchell might be called to testify. Sam Dash saying: "The Committee and its staff" - recently "conducted interviews and reviewed the deposition of Mrs. Mitchell." "At that time" - he continued - "we felt that Mrs. Mitchell did not have anything to offer."

GUAM

Earlier this month - you may recall - a Guam-based B-Fifty-Two accidentally bombed a Cambodian village. The navigator of that aircraft - today ^{was} fined and reprimanded. He and the pilot of the plane have also been ordered to face a flying evaluation board - to determine their fitness for future missions. This apparently ~~marking~~ the first time ~~that~~ U.S. flyers have been disciplined ~~for~~ ^{for} bombing errors in Indochina.

SAIGON

we have
From Saigon ~~^~~ a report ~~today~~ telling of a record
turn-out - in weekend elections held in South Vietnam.
And the big winner - President Thieu; with Thieu-backed
candidates - winning undisputed control of the National
Senate.

~~However~~ *as expected* The Viet Cong ~~refusing~~ to recognize the
results . Calling the election illegal - under terms of the
Paris agreement signed in January. In response - a Saigon
government white paper ~~Saigon says~~ the Communist stand
"only shows the fear of the Communists - before the
practice of democratic freedoms."

PENTAGON FOLLOW SAIGON

We have another
~~in the same vein~~

report ~~today~~ that North

Vietnamese troops and their Cambodian allies - have begun

attacking
fighting each other instead of Phnom Penh; ~~report~~ This

confirmed, at least in part - by ~~the~~ ^a Pentagon ~~spokesman~~

saying: "It happens from time to time." Stressing,

however, the U.S. is "not prepared to draw any great

significance ~~from~~ ^{such} reports." Unless - ~~we are told~~ -

unless it becomes "a regular and widespread sort of thing."

DAMASCUS

For U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim - a five-nation Middle East "fact finding" tour; starting out with his arrival today - in Damascus. Waldheim scheduling talks with Syria's President Hafez Assad - and other Syrian leaders. He will next visit Lebanon - and then Israel, Egypt and finally Jordan. Waldheim saying on arrival today: "It is the duty of the United Nations - always to strive to solve the Middle East crisis."

CAIRO

The outlook for a merger between Libya and Egypt - seems to grow dimmer. Libya's Colonel Khadafy today telling a Cairo newspaper that efforts at finalizing the form of the merger have all but floundered.

"There are only five days to September First" - said he - the date when the merger was scheduled to take effect. But he said Egypt's President Sadat - if he really wanted to - could still make it a deal.

As for Sadat he returned to Cairo today - following a tour of neighboring oil-rich Arab states. He found Khadafy waiting for him. Political observers say this could be the showdown that will once and for all determine the fate of the much talked of merger.

KREMLIN

In the Soviet ~~Communist Party newspaper~~ Pravda ~~came~~
~~out with~~ another attack today on Peking. Pravda saying: "The
Maoist leadership is openly seeking alliance - with the most
reactionary forces of imperialism;" ^{that} those "which take the
stand of militant anti-Sovietism - pursue an aggressive
revisionist policy - and advocate the continuation of the
bankrupt cold war policies;" ~~namely, the U.S. - and Israel.~~

As alleged proof - Pravda noting that Red China has
given "its consent - to a continuing U.S. military presence
in Asia." Adding that Peking has also given "moral and
political support - to the Israeli expansionists." This last
- we are told - in the interest of maintaining the present
status - of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

TERESINA

At Teresina, Brazil - the opening of a brand new soccer stadium. The local Teresina team playing a Rio team - for the Brazilian national soccer championship.

The game drawing a capacity crowd - of about thirty-five

thousand. ~~The contest had~~ ^{The contest had} barely started & when an unidentified man shouted that the stands were collapsing.

It wasn't true - but it almost might as well have been.

Thousands and thousand of fans ^{started} racing for exits all at once; ~~In the process,~~ crashing through a guard rail about twelve feet off the ground - with hundred^s upon hundreds ^{piling} ~~crashing~~ down on each other. Police ~~later~~ reporting four dead - and more than a thousand injured; ~~of the latter, at~~ ~~last report~~ more than a hundred in critical condition.

NEW YORK

Here in New York - giant Chase Manhattan Bank today raised its prime interest rate - from nine-and-a-half to a record nine-and-three-quarters per cent. Chase Manhattan thereby setting off the nation's fifteenth round of lending rate increases - since the start of the year. A bank spokesman adding that the prime rate could well hit ten-and-a-half or ten-and-three-quarters - before it reaches its peak; perhaps - by next month.

MILLIONAIRES

1/2 Here's one - the secret of success; as spelled out by Lawrence Armour - in a new book entitled "The Young Millionaires." Author Armour saying it takes brains, sure - but much more. The real secret in "acquiring a million dollars" - we are told - "an awful lot of old-fashioned, hard, grueling work." Or as Thomas Edison put it: "One tenth inspiration - and nine-tenths perspiration."

So there you are Bill, the formula for rolling up a few million!

SHENANDOAH

According to the latest Guinness Book of World Records

- the most lightning-struck person in the world is U.S. park ranger Roy Sullivan; the victim ^{who has been} ^{of lightning four times} ~~of four such incidents~~.

^{Now} ~~As of today~~ make it five. Roy Sullivan getting

struck by lightning a fifth time - while driving in

Shenandoah National Park in Central Virginia. Later

saying: "It set my hat on fire, my hair on fire - went down

my left arm and leg - knocked off my left shoe and crossed

over to my right leg." Roy Sullivan adding: "This time was

the hardest of all - I felt like I was ^{belted one by a Dempsey,} ~~hit by a champion~~

~~boxer.~~ a Tunney, or a Joe Louis. He didn't mention perhaps the most ~~powerful~~ devastating slugger of them all, Sam Langford.