

POLAND

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At the White House ^{today -} - impressive ceremonies

~~today~~ - marking the millennium of Poland as a sovereign Christian nation. President Johnson taking the occasion - for a momentous new expression of American foreign policy.

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The President declaring that Nato - "was and continues to be - a basis for security, solidarity and advance" in western Europe. But beyond that - said he - it can become a basis "for expanding partnership across the Atlantic - and for ~~reconciling~~ reconciling differences with the East."

The President adding that toward the latter end - he is now preparing legislation for Congressional approval; ^{legislation} that would make it possible for expanded trade - between the United States and Communist Europe. In the hope - said he - that peaceful trade - over a period of time - can influence Eastern European societies to develop along paths favorable to world peace."

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The White House later reporting the proposed
legislation - in a "near-final stage" ^{— now or soon —} Designed to extend
so-called "most favored nations" tariff treatment - to
Russia and its satellites behind the Iron Curtain.

THANT FOLLOW POLAND

By contrast - a somewhat gloomy outlook today from United Nations Secretary General U. Thant -- in a speech to the consultative assembly of the Council of Europe -- currently in session at Strasbourg in France.

U. Thant asserting that the war in Viet Nam - "presents a formidable obstacle" -- to any improvement in East-West relations; casting a shadow, as it does - "on all aspects of international cooperation."

The U N leader voicing a hope, however, that ideological rivalry between East and West -- are merely "a passing phase" - as he put it. For anyone to push these differences to the point of global war -- that, said ^UThant, is inconceivable.

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CHURCH FOLLOW THANT

Meanwhile, at Czestochowa in Poland- the Roman Catholic church today opened its own celebration of the Polish millennium. Archbishop Boloslaw Kominek of Wroclaw - ~~pre~~ proclaiming that Catholics in Poland "do not want a political church/" All they want - said he - is "freedom and tolerance."

VIET NAM

In Viet Nam - a bitter fight today for control of a tiny village - near Chu Lai. American Marines battling Communist troops - hand-to-hand - trench to trench - until they finally succeeded in taking the town - a virtual Communist fortress. Enemy losses - called "heavy".

Back at Saigon - U S authorities today officially admitted for the first time - that American forces had fired across the border into Cambodia - supposedly - a neutral nation!

However, this said to be - strictly in "self defense". with American artillery used to silence - "very heavy automatic weapons" from Communists in Cambodia → trying to hit American G I's in Viet Nam.

BUDGET

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The new British budget - presented today to Parliament - a twenty-six billion dollar surprise package. Surprising - in that it failed to call for an expected increase - in income taxes.

The budget - even so - two billion bigger than last year. So where will the money come from? According to Chancellor of the Exchequer James Callaghan - a lot of it from new government savings bonds - carrying a five and a half percent interest rate. Said Callaghan - "the message is clear - more savings, less tax."

SAFETY

On Capitol Hill -- the mid-April slump in nationwide auto sales is blamed in part today on the recent congressional auto safety hearings. House Republican leader Gerald Ford -- noting a ten percent decline in new car registrations -- during the latest ten-day period; this continuing a decline -- that began in the previous ten-day sales period.

All of which is an economic danger signal -- said Congressman Ford. Adding that "the sensational nature" of those auto safety hearings -- "certainly has not helped car sales."

IKE

Former President Eisenhower - back home today
at Harrisburg; following a four-month winter vacation - at
- near Palm Springs,
Palm Desert, California. Refusing, however, to be drawn
into the current debate - on American ~~xxxx~~ intervention
in Viet Nam.

When asked if he advocated a return to the
"Old Eisenhower policy" - instead of the present
administration policy - Ike replied as follows: "There's
no use in comparing them" - ~~said~~ - because "the
conditions are entirely different." Period.

SEARCH

A search under way today for a former naval officer - who was kicked out of the service sixteen years ago, following his conviction on charges of embezzling some ~~five~~^{five} thousand dollars from a naval air station.

The former officer Royal T. Shaw, ~~Who~~^{Who} was allegedly reduced to begging scraps of food - while awaiting a court martial. ~~Who~~^{he} Later_^ received a dishonorable discharge - eventually lost his wife - and finally suffered a nervous ~~break~~^{breakdown}. His last known whereabouts - in Boston - where he was ~~was~~ arrested last year - on charge of drunkenness. Why the search for Royal Shaw - after all these years? It turns out that his conviction ~~now~~^{now} - has just been overturned by a court of appeals. And besides being ~~exonerated~~^{exonerated}_^ - he is now entitled to about a hundred thousand dollars - in back pay.

RIOT

Another student riot today - this one, in Rome.

Hundreds of rock-throwers - neo-fascists from the University of Rome - led by several members of Parliament - in a fierce clash with riot police.

Among the injured - neo-fascist Deputy

Raffaele Delfino - in serious condition with a brain concussion - at last report. The riot capping a week of violence -- stemming from student elections.

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SMOKING

Good news -- and bad today -- from former U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry; in remarks addressed to local, state and national health authorities -- meeting at College Park, Maryland.

The good news -- a report that eighteen million Americans have shaken off the cigarette habit -- in the past twenty-eight months. But -- the bad news -- that about forty-five hundred American youngsters -- still continue to pick up the habit every day.

Said Surg. Gen. Terry -- it's up to anti-smoking groups to 'spread the gospel' the gospel -- said he -- that cigarette smoking is "one of the most serious health problems facing the American people." Does that hit you between the eyes, Warren?

CONGO

The map of the Congo - soon to undergo another startling change. According to this next- from Leopoldville. By government decree - the names of all major cities to be "decolonialized" as of June thirtieth - the sixth anniversary of Congolese independence. Dropping the Belgian names by which they've been known for nearly a hundred years, - ~~to~~ resume their old native names.

Thus, the capital ^{city} ~~of~~ Leopoldville ^{to} becomes once again Kinshasa. ~~In addition - Paris becomes Istro -~~ Stanleyville becomes Kisangani - and Elizabethville becomes Lubumbashi.