


CAIRO

Thurs. Oct. 1st. 70.

The city of Cairo ^{was swept by a} ~~engulfed in a~~ frenzy of grief today; as Gamal Abdel Nasser was laid to his final rest amidst the weeping and wailing of an estimated four million mourners.

Time and again, the multitudes engulfing Nasser's coffin - as it was borne on a gun carriage to the newly renamed Al Nasser Mosque. Police and soldiers assigned to guard - eventually giving up - ~~and~~ ~~calling~~ ^{calling} for ~~four~~ armored cars to escort the procession. ~~and~~ Still ^{the} ~~it was~~ ^{surged over the procession,} mobbed. The Middle East news agency call^s ~~ing~~ it all - "a scene the like of which the world has never witnessed."

And then - at last, final interment in a garden next to the mosque. Egyptian dignitaries who were present ~~and~~ crying as one: "To heaven, Gamal."

 ^{-a Mullah-} a priest sobbed: ^{"Allah} ~~God~~ ^{is great."}

Some thirty minutes later - the streets ~~still~~

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surrounding the mosque were ~~practically~~ ^{again almost} deserted.

Deserted - ~~that is~~ except for those who now slept

by the wayside, ^{of whom there were} ~~perhaps~~ hundreds; ~~in all~~ those whose

~~grief~~ grief had left them totally drained, unable to even

~~continue another step~~ to make their way home.

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ZAGREB - BELGRADE

For President Nixon in Yugoslavia something of an instant replay today. Yugoslavia's President Tito pulling a last minute switch; deciding to accompany the President - on a scheduled solo trip to Zagreb, capital of the Yugoslav republic of Croatia. There joining the President - in another triumphal motorcade.

It was raining at the start. The President observing at one point: "I've seen motorcades before - but never have I seen so many umbrellas." Then ^{as} the sun came out ~~the~~ the welcoming crowds grew ~~larger~~ larger and more enthusiastic. Tito observing: "We can get the people to come out - but you know, Mr. President, you cannot force them to smile and show the warmth they have here."

Next on the agenda: A state dinner ~~tonight~~ at the U S Embassy in Belgrade - the only dinner ~~that~~ President Nixon ^(Tito) will host on his entire trip.

PARIS

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At the peace table in Paris, an exercise today in facing facts. The Communists citing U S refusal to dump the present "top three" in Saigon - as tacit proof that the U S has rejected Hanoi's latest peace initiative; whereupon, America's David Bruce promptly responded - nothing of the sort.

"Let me merely remark" - Bruce ~~was~~ went on "that it is unreasonable to demand the ouster of the President, the Vice President and the Prime Minister of the Republic ~~of~~ of Viet nam - before you will negotiate seriously." This would be the same - he added - "as if we were now to say that the leadership of your side must be removed - before we would be willing to negotiate seriously with you."

Bruce then telling the Communists: "The real question now is - are you prepared to enter into meaningful negotiations?" For the answer to that though - it's ~~the~~ beginning to appear we'll have to wait till next

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week - or ~~the~~ the week after - or the week after ~~and so on~~
ad infinitum. Who knows!

PHNOM PENH FOLLOW PARIS

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Meanwhile, the fighting continues - ~~but~~ mainly in Cambodia, where government troops were forced today to ~~not~~ declare an early end - to a planned three ~~days~~ day cease fire in observance of a religious holiday. This at the instigation of Communist troops - who were taking ~~advantage~~ advantage of the cease-fire to attack a village less than six miles from Phnom Penh.

The ~~Communist~~ Cambodians' unilateral stand-down has also led to a precarious situation in the Provincial capital of Kompong Chhnang about sixty miles northwest of Phnom Penh. Senior officers there reporting:
"Our situation has gone from excellent to awful - almost over night."

BEIN HOA FOLLOW PHNOM PENH

More encouraging though - a ~~small~~ ceremony today at Bein Hoa in neighboring South Vietnam where the U S Air Force turned over to the South Vietnamese - two full squadrons of ~~powerful~~ powerful dragon fly fighter ~~and~~ bombers. General Lucius Clay Jr. - commander of the Seventh Air Force in Vietnam - presiding at the official transfer - which he called an indication of South Vietnam's increased capabilities - in "assuring its own destiny." Air Force Captain Ray Wallbridge, a liaison officer, adding that the South Vietnamese fliers who will now take over the ~~planes~~ ^{planes} are "great, really good pilots, with ~~lots~~ lots of experience."

MOSCOW

Moscow - the Kremlin filed a formal protest with the U S Embassy today - charging anti-Soviet violence by "Zionist extremists" in America. The violence said to include attacks on Soviet trade and diplomatic offices - also, disruptions of performances by Soviet musical and dance groups. With the chief offender - according to the Kremlin -- the New York based Jewish Defense League. The Soviets adding that U S authorities must take steps to curb these acts - or else risk "unfavorable consequences in relations between our two states."

MADRID

At Madrid - a parade of foreign ambassadors today - to the Palace of Spanish strong man Francisco ~~San~~ Franco. The diplomats paying their respects to the Generalissimo - on the thirty-fourth anniversary of his ascendance as Spanish Chief of State. Most government office workers were also given the day off - in honor of the occasion.

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Otherwise, though - the day passing with little pomp and less ceremony. They're saving all that ^{Warren} ~~is~~ we are told - for the arrival of President Nixon, early tomorrow.

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BARCELONA

For those who think ~~that~~ air pollution is something new - this next may prove something of a surprise: Scientists at the University of Barcelona in Spain - undertaking a series of recent experiments attempting to determine the cause of death in a million year old Java man -- whose remains were found way back in Eighteen Ninety Two; eventually zeroing in on a bone spur - found on the Java man's upper thigh.

Now - their conclusions. The Java man said to be an apparent victim - of fluorine poisoning - the fluorine in question - apparently coming from airborne volcanic ash the result of a nearby volcanic eruption. One of the first true men to walk the face of the earth - thus a victim of "stone age fallout."