

BELFAST

Wed. Aug. 11 '71

*The death toll in four days of street fighting at Belfast in Northern Ireland is now set at more than twenty and still climbing; as British paratroopers continue to storm barricades and search out snipers in flame scarred Roman Catholic districts.*

*Meanwhile, Britain is sending in an additional six hundred men to reinforce units already on hand and Prime Minister Heath - who was competing earlier in a yacht race - also hurrying back to London; there to engage in urgent talks - on how best to bring an end to the Belfast violence.*

## MEKONG DELTA

In Vietnam - an attempted "banjai attack" against a government ranger camp in ~~the~~ the Mekong Delta; with charging enemy troops - screaming at the tops of their lungs; at the same time - blasting away with rocket grenades, machine guns and ~~automatic~~ automatic rifles.

Unfortunately - for them - they failed to reckon with ~~the~~ a ring of deadly Claymore mines ~~and~~ <sup>en</sup> circling the South Vietnamese position ~~and, therefore,~~ The enemy advance <sup>4</sup> failing to breach even the camp's outer defenses. ~~In all,~~ the attackers ~~losing thirteen men~~ before they ran out of gas; as against government losses ~~set~~ at ~~ten~~

QUANTICO

~~Here on our own shores~~ Marine ~~Sergeant~~

Sergeant John Sweeney was acquitted today -

of ~~the~~ charge that he ran away in the presence of the

enemy in Vietnam. A military judge who rendered

the verdict - ~~acknowledging~~ <sup>saying</sup> ~~asserting that~~ " the defense

of physical infirmity - has been raised and not

rebutted by the ~~prosecution~~ prosecution".

## IRKUTSK

Here's something they usually try to keep quiet. Tragedy in Siberia - Soviet officials disclosing that there ~~was~~ <sup>was a</sup> today ~~the~~ crash of an aeroflot airliner ~~a few~~ days ago at Irkutsk, ~~This~~ <sup>on a</sup> ~~the~~ mid-way stop ~~on~~ of a trans-Siberian ~~flight~~ flight from Odessa to Vladivostok. ~~Officials adding that~~ All ninety-seven aboard were ~~also~~ killed. <sup>We are told it is</sup> ~~at impact, making it~~ the worst known disaster in Soviet airline history.

Cause? - ~~is yet unknown.~~ No word. Why are they telling us about this one? Evidently there were travellers on hand at the airport from other countries, too many witnesses,

NEW YORK If you have been listening to your  
radio today you will have heard over and over  
~~At the top of the news tonight - John Lindsay~~  
the news about the Lindsay switch. The  
~~takes the plunge - as no doubt you've heard by now.~~  
N.Y. Mayor leaving one party and joining  
~~The New York mayor - renouncing his membership~~  
another. This time

~~in the Republican Party,~~ becoming ~~instead,~~ a

Democrat. <sup>In so doing he</sup> ~~in the process,~~ calling for a new

progressive political ~~new~~ coalition to sweep the <sup>present</sup> ~~present~~

administration from power and "change the direction

of this country." <sup>He says he</sup> ~~adding that he himself~~ intends

"to help build this new coalition," all of which is

seen as a first step <sup>toward</sup> ~~in~~ a possible Democratic

presidential bid in Nineteen Seventy Two.

REACTION FOLLOW ~~WASHINGTON~~

As ~~might be~~ expected <sup>^</sup> the Mayor's announcement  
drawing <sup>a</sup> mixed reaction; with Democratic response -  
perhaps best described as "warm, but, wary." The  
Democratic National Chairman extending a prompt  
and formal "welcome". Senator George McGovern -  
the only announced ~~Dem~~ Democratic Presidential  
candidate also observing that Lindsay is an "asset  
and an attractive addition to the party;" ~~but~~ ~~but~~  
But he also speaks of him as  
~~further calling him~~ ~~something~~ something of a  
midnight convert. <sup>^</sup> On the Republican side - New  
York's Ripon Society <sup>^</sup> which is made up of liberal  
Republicans - "~~decriing~~ <sup>de</sup>" the mayor's defection.  
While ~~But~~ ~~But~~ Republican National Chairman Robert  
Dole ~~calling the~~ <sup>says the</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> Mayor's move <sup>^</sup> no "great surprise."  
<sup>^</sup> ~~And~~ The White House - after a "no comment" at  
first - later <sup>gave out a statement to the effect that</sup> ~~stating~~ "the President has always said  
~~that~~ the Republican party should be broad enough -

to contain ~~philosophical~~ philosophical views which  
cover a wide range."

## WHITE HOUSE

~~The White House again~~ - President Nixon

gets tough with regard to school integration; ordering all affected government agencies to comply fully with court ordered desegregation programs; but to do so, wherever possible - without resorting to the use of bussing. White House Press Secretary Ron Ziegler - ~~is~~ adding that the President's directive "will" be followed, or those ~~responsible~~ responsible - said he - "will find themselves ~~not~~ quite possibly not in assignment in government." In other words - they'll do it - or else.



## MINIBIKES

From the national highway traffic safety  
administration <sup>CMQ</sup> a warning ~~today~~ directed to American  
parents; noting that more than a ~~with~~ million and a  
half mini-bikes - will be in operation in the U S  
by the end of the year; most of them - ridden by  
children age ten to fourteen; which means - we are  
told - that "more and more young children are going  
to ~~be~~ be killed unless they and their parents  
recognize the dangers involved in the use of ~~mini~~  
mini-bikes."

## TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

From Truth or Consequences, New Mexico -  
a report today that golfdoms leading money winner -  
Lee Trevino - is making a speedy recovery from  
~~an~~ <sup>an</sup> appendectomy; with doctors adding that he  
will probably be back in competition - in "about  
three weeks."

~~But~~ <sup>For</sup> Lee Trevino - that's a long time.

Indeed the anesthetic had scarcely worn off - we  
are told - before he was asking for his golf clubs.

~~Lee Trevino~~ <sup>said</sup> ~~Lee Trevino~~, ~~explaining~~: "If I can't  
~~too~~ swing 'em -- at least, I can hold ~~them~~ 'em."

# AZERBAIJAN

*This next - from Azerbaijan in Soviet*

*Central Asia; where violent summer hail storms -  
regularly flatten wheat and cotton crops; except  
that Soviet scientists have now developed a new  
~~method~~ technique for preventing such damage.*

*According to the Soviet magazine Seiskaya*

*Zhizn - which means literally rural life the new*

*procedure <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~for cutting for the~~ use ~~of~~ of heavy*

*artillery; ~~which~~ ~~pepper~~ a potential hail storm*

*with shell-filled chemicals <sup>that simply</sup> ~~we are told~~ turning*

*<sup>the hail</sup> ~~it~~ into a soft, gentle rain.*

*If true, <sup>Bill Martin,</sup> ~~warren~~ -- one hail of a trick would*

*you <sup>call it?</sup> ~~say?~~*

NICOLETTE

For pretty Nicolette Milnes-Walker who sailed to the U S - solo - earlier this summer - a joyous ~~return~~ return today to London; where she was met by her parents - -Dr. and Mrs. Henry Milnes-Walker -- also, a host of reporters; whom she told <sup>how</sup> ~~she~~ she plans to write a book - discussing the psychological aspects of her voyage; something on the order of - "the loneliness of the long distance sailor".

~~In the same vein,~~ Nicolette <sup>did say</sup> ~~discuss disclosing~~

~~that~~ she completed her trip - mainly in the nude.

Why so? <sup>Why, oh</sup> ~~Because~~ <sup>because</sup> said she "it was a choice between putting on oil skins and <sup>thus</sup> becoming water

proof - or taking everything off and <sup>just naturally</sup> being waterproof."

At any she had the whole wide Atlantic to herself - so why dress up?