

Wed. 31st of July - '68.

Back from the brink at Cierna Nad Tisou -
an apparent compromise today - after three days of
talks between ^{those} Czech and Russian leaders. ~~With~~
Czechoslovakia ^{is} said to have won a period of grace - ~~time~~
to try to work out its own destiny within the Communist
camp. ^{This} Forestalling - ~~at least~~ temporarily - the
threat of massive Soviet intervention ~~to~~ to crush
the Czech reform movement.

In the meantime, ~~the~~ the Czechs capitalizing
on their new found freedom of the press, ^{are} Giving the
widest possible ~~to~~ distribution - both at home and
~~and~~ abroad -- to pictures and news reports of these
showdown meetings. From the Czech point of view -
^{this quite a}
~~an enormous~~ victory.

A later report: ~~The two sides agreeing to~~
~~meet once more - tomorrow morning.~~ But this we are
told merely to iron out the wording of a final ~~comm~~
communiqué.

~~Here at home - the President speaks out.~~

L B J ^{ed} summoning reporters to a surprise press conference ^{late} today - to deal with two vital topics:-

First - steel. The President objecting ~~so~~ strongly to across the board price increases - announced earlier in the day by Bethlehem Steel. Price increases - supposedly aimed at covering the cost of a new three year labor contract. These, "unreasonable" and should not be permitted to stand" - said the President. Adding: If they do - "it would have dire economic consequences, ⁿ for our nation."

Topic two - Vietnam. The President telling of information = indicating that the enemy is planning a massive new offensive in South Vietnam. "I cannot ignore this evidence - I cannot order the further unilateral reduction of bombing - said the President. Further hinting that the Red ~~xxxx~~ attack - if it comes - could well ~~force~~ force U S retaliatory

measures. L B J noting that up to now - We have not invaded North Vietnam.

The President's remarks capping a day filled with political oratory from the men who are trying to succeed him.

~~On the U S political front - the candidates~~
speak.

Also In Washington - Hubert Humphrey, ^{was} calling for truly free elections in South Vietnam. ~~Expecting~~ Elections open to "every group" - said he - including the National Liberation Front. The Vice President ~~asserting~~ ^{saying} "South Vietnam should be run by the people who live there - not by Hanoi or Washington."

This drawing a speedy reply - from Senator McCarthy; who said from New York that the election call was "unrealistic" - "not in the realm of possibility". Especially in view "of the experience we had" - in the last South Vietnamese election - said McCarthy. Adding that the Humphrey statement - only "confused the issue."

~~White~~ at Miami Beach - Richard Nixon was blaming the Johnson administration for the nation's rising crime rate. Said Nixon: "It is not a great

society - when millions of women refuse to walk in their neighborhoods after dusk - out of fear; it is not a great society" he went on "when millions of men buy rifles and pistols - out of fear."

in Washington today was
George Wallace, stressing the same theme,

~~back in Washington. Back Promising, if elected~~
When he becomes

President, ~~he~~ *will* make it safe once more - to walk the streets of the nation's capital. *even said he* ~~To make it safe~~

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~~said he~~ - even "if it takes thirty thousand policemen - on permanent duty - with bayonets - standing thirty feet apart."

MIAMI BEACH FOLLOW POLITICS

At the same time - ^{the} a leading "non-candidate" was also getting in ^{a word or two} ~~his~~ ~~licks~~ today.

Governor Reagan ~~of California~~ [^] scoring a hit with Republican platform writers at Miami Beach. Drawing long and enthusiastic applause - when he demanded a "fight to win" policy in Southeast Asia.

Later, Reagan taking issue with Hubert Humphrey - on the advisability of future N L F participation in the Saigon government. ^{Said} Reagan, ~~asserting~~: "That's like saying the α Cosa Nostra should be in government [^] because we can't control it."

MEKONG DELTA

In So East Asia
~~On the other side of the globe~~ another

Viet Cong sanctuary falls by the wayside. With U S
and South Vietnamese troops - today scoring their
deepest penetration of the enemy-infested Mekong Delta.
Wiping out some ninety Viet Cong - in an area where
the Viet Cong had previously gone unchallenged.

What's more ~~the allied force~~ ^{was} still pushing
ahead, at last report. A U.S. spokesman saying: "There
will be a lot of more communist dead - before this is
over."

to the 4th Cavalry ~~Division~~ Lt. Col. Tom Tyree of the 1st Squadron
here in the studio with me tonight. I ought
to turn the microphone over to him. He's
just back from a year of action
in Viet Nam.

PARIS

Paris peace talks - another exercise in
futility today. With North Vietnam again rejecting
flatly - U S demands for some reciprocal gesture in
return for a full bombing halt. ~~Hanoi's Ha Van Lau~~
~~calling the very idea - "extremely absurd." Adding~~
~~that America's "aggressive policy and bellicosity is~~
~~flying in the face of the aspirations of the American~~
~~and world peoples."~~

While
~~In return, America's~~ Averell Harriman ~~today~~
accus^{ed}~~ing~~ the North Vietnamese - of violating both
the sovereignty and neutrality of Laos. ~~This - said~~
~~he~~ - in obvious disregard of the Nineteen Sixty-two
Geneva agreement. ~~Harriman further inviting the North~~
~~Vietnamese to accompany him to Laos - to see at first~~
~~hand the ~~xxx~~ results of "Communist terror."~~ As yet
though - no takers.

LONDON

~~Question~~ If a motorist happens to drive his mini-car onto a policeman's foot - pinning him where he stands -- and the motorist ~~then~~ refuses to back off immediately - is he guilty of ~~any~~ crime?

^{was}
This [^]the puzzler presented today - to three high court justices in London, ~~In~~ the case of one Vincent Fagan - charged with assault in these self-same circumstances. ~~And~~ The judges' verdict - not guilty. The court accepting Fagan's argument that it was an accident to begin with - so his delay in removing the car could not be considered a criminal act.

— Stew Metz - ~~wasn't you~~

As for the policeman - ~~I guess he just ends~~

~~up a "flatfoot" than ever.~~
What about him?

GYPSUMVILLE

From Gypsumville, Manitoba, comes ~~the~~
~~quite a~~ ~~remarkable~~ story ~~today~~ ~~of a pair of remarkable~~
~~about two~~
Canadian youngsters. Eight year old Jill Sinclair -
and her brother Kirby, four; rescued by Indian trackers
safe and sound - after six days of wandering alone
in the Northern Manitoba Muskeg.

The children camping with their parents
at neaby Honeymoon Lake - when somehow they wandered
off. Pressing on through the treacherous bog - where
an adult probably would have ~~fox~~ found the going
impossible. Living on berries and swamp water - and
huddling together at night in the forty degree temperature^s
- trying to keep warm.

And what was the first thing they asked for -
on reaching civilization? Ice cream. ^{I said} Their mother,
~~later telling reporters~~ "I knew then - they were all
right."