

LONDON

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Britain's first dock strike since the mid-twenties which was about fifty percent effective ~~was today~~ yesterday - all the way today with the nation's ~~some~~ forty-seven thousand longshoremen - formally ~~th~~-turning thumbs down on a tentative contract agreement; thereby forcing a complete shut-down -- in the British shipping industry. Union leader Jack Jones saying: "We are prepared for a long strike." This also giving the new Conservative government - ^{its} ~~the~~ first major crisis. Officials saying it may be necessary to declare a state of emergency - within the next twenty-four hours. They are also talking of using troops - if necessary, to move perishable ~~foodstuffs~~ foodstuffs; and after that - if the strike still drags on - no doubt, some rationing.

DETROIT

Returning to the domestic front - the

~~Next~~ *Nineteen Seventy auto contract negotiating season was officially launched today in Detroit. ~~United~~ United Auto Workers President Leonard Woodcock, presenting a formal set of demands to General Motors; the same ones - he will be giving to Ford and Chrysler later ~~of~~ in the week; the cost of which - if accepted in toto - would run to more than three billion over the next three years.*

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At least one good sign though: G M planning to submit a counter proposal next week - which is the earliest ever. G M 's Earl Bramblett observing that a strike would mean - "everybody loses."

CAPITOL HILL

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On Capitol Hill - a government report today detailing an "enormous escalation" - in the number and cost of ~~66~~ ^{in this country,} bombings. This - according to Assistant Treasury Secretary Eugene Rossides; who said that ~~thirteen~~ terrorist blasts over the past fifteen months have killed forty-three, injured three hundred and eighty seven and caused property damage estimated at nearly twenty-two ~~one~~ billion.

Rossides emphasizing - these are figures taken from actual police ~~reports~~ reports - extremely conservative." And he added that the government will present to Congress next week - a new set of proposals for regulating the explosives industry; = a measure designed, hopefully, to halt such terrorism.

WHITE HOUSE

~~An apparent high level split in administration~~
~~thinking on Vietnam - the subject of growing attention~~
~~today in Washington,~~ ^H with White House press secretary
Ron Ziegler, ^{today seemed to} ~~in effect,~~ contradicting the weekend stand
taken by Secretary of State William Rogers. Ziegler
asserting: It's difficult to say if Hanoi ^{is} closer to
China - as a result of that recent U S operation in
Cambodia. ~~Whereas~~ Whereas Rogers had said - just
the opposite. Ziegler also challenging Rogers
pessimistic ~~view~~ view - on the post-Cambodian outlook
for a negotiated peace. The ~~Former~~ Press Secretary
saying - "our Cambodian operation has helped
Vietnamization - and anything that helps ~~Vietnam~~
Vietnamization helps negotiations".

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In any event, ~~the~~ Ziegler insisting: "It
would be wrong to draw a conclusion - that there is
a lack of ~~unanimity~~ unanimity in this administration on
foreign policy."

*And on this - in a later news conference of his own -
Rogers apparently agreeing. He did add, however,
"the prospects for a quick negotiated settlement -
are not bright."*

MOSCOW

The last two thirds of Russia's ruling Troika - officially returned to their posts today in Moscow. Alexei Kosygin and Nikolai Podgorny - winning re-election as Premier and President, respectively. The final vote - in Russia's Supreme Soviet -- coming out unanimous, what else! Thereby laying to rest - at least, temporarily - all those recent rumors about a split in the Soviet hierarchy.

The Russian parliament also took up today -- a proposed new labor code. One that would guarantee every citizen a job as well as the right to quit that job on two weeks notice. As for those who simply refuse to work -- so-called professional "idlers" the bill pledges, quote a "strengthening of conscious labor ~~disci-~~ discipline."

BRATSK

Have you heard of Bratsk? It's almost a brand new city. It came into existence because the Russians decided to take advantage of power to be developed from the great Angara River, the only river that flows out of Siberia's Lake Baikal. If you ever go to Bratsk the Russians will show you what they insist is the largest hydro-electric plant in the world.

At one time we Americans were charged with always boasting - saying we had the biggest of everything. The Russians boast about their Bratsk Dam and power plant. They are proud of their city too, with its wide streets, and new tall buildings. Once you reach the outskirts you think of the roads we had fifty years ago. Still after all it IS Siberia! With all around you the great Siberian forest, a third of all the timber in the world.

You get the feeling at Bratsk that you are in a part of the world just about to explode - if the Kremlin would open it up to free enterprise. In all Siberia there are only about

as many people as there are in the State of New York, or California. Some day, I suspect it will have a population of a hundred million or more. The Chinese would be glad to move some a hundred million of their surplus population into this immense empty land.

CHICAGO

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The death of ^a salesman - one of the best - reported today from Chicago. James T. Mangan -- actually an industrial engineer by profession. But he once sold the Cook ~~Co~~ County Recorder ~~on~~ the ~~idea~~ idea of issuing a deed to a place called "Celestia" Mangan promptly declaring ~~his~~ himself Prime Minister of Outer Space, setting as his goal - the maintenance of peace throughout the universe.

In his spare time - he also wrote twenty-one books; including one - especially for fellow salesmen. Therein observing that honesty, honor and reliability - were all well enough in their place, But the really successful salesman - Warren - said he ~~has~~ has to be "ruthless, opportunistic and obnoxious."

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~~James T. Mangan - He was seventy-three.~~

MADRID

~~Here's one -~~ Madrid -- a study of Spanish drinking habits; reporting that fully ninety-four-point-five percent of the nation's ~~are~~ children have ~~also~~ already taken their first glass of wine by age ten. Indeed, the study adding that many children in Spain - were actually given their first drink as early as age four.

What about the dangers of alcoholism?

Practically none at all - we are told. The study explaining that - "Spaniards drink for the joy of it - not to become drunk."