

TOKYO

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*From Southeast Asia - by way of Tokyo - the story today of a left-leaning "jungle summit." Cambodia's deposed Prince Sihanouk - reportedly conferring with North Vietnamese, Viet Cong and Pathet Lao leaders. The Prince supposedly urging a solid front - in the fight against "U.S. imperialists." This raising anew the speculation that Sihanouk will soon attempt to reenter Cambodia - there to begin a fight to regain power.*

PHNOM PENH FOLLOW TOKYO

Meanwhile, the new government of Cambodia was attempting ~~today~~ to shore up its beleaguered embattlements, Rushing reinforcements into the Takeo-Angtassom area - south of Phnom Penh, where a Communist force is currently threatening - the capital's lifeline to the sea.

## VIETNAM

At the same time <sup>the</sup> air war in Vietnam was marked today by the loss of two American planes. One - a four-engine Hercules gunship - ~~which was~~ shot down on a strafing mission over Laos; the other - a big U.S. helicopter - lost to enemy ground fire near that besieged Green Beret camp at Dak Seang. The two crashes - claiming fourteen American lives.

WHITE HOUSE

Here at home - President Nixon ~~today cancelled~~  
for the third time in less than a week - <sup>cancelled</sup> a scheduled meeting  
of the National Security Council. The President said  
to be otherwise occupied - principally, weighing a request  
from Cambodia for U.S. military assistance.

In this connection, White Press Secretary Ron  
Ziegler observing that "the President is deeply concerned  
- about the present course of events in Cambodia." Ziegler  
adding that the U.S. has "an overriding interest" - in  
preserving the territorial integrity of Cambodia; an integrity  
that is now seriously threatened - said he - by North  
Vietnam's "blatant disregard" of the Nineteen-Fifty-Four  
Geneva Accords.

AMMAN-JERUSALEM

From the Middle East <sup>comes</sup> a report ~~today~~ that Jordan no longer recognizes that cease-fire line - so-called - along the Jordan River. <sup>this</sup> Followed by an expression of grave concern - from Jerusalem. Israeli officials noting it was a similar declaration by Egypt ~~that~~ that led to the current non-stop violence along the Suez Canal.

~~Speaking of which~~ <sup>There was</sup> a one-sided artillery duel today <sup>^</sup> across the Suez. Newly-trained Egyptian gun crews - reportedly scoring direct hits on a number of Israeli positions heretofore considered out-of-range. The Egyptians said to be using new long-range guns - capable of firing a distance of nearly twenty miles into the Occupied Sinai.

## MOSCOW

Moscow - the Kremlin gets tough on water pollution.

Soviet officials unveiling ~~today~~ a new law - making it a crime to discharge untreated industrial wastes into any Russian stream, river or lake. It also orders state enterprises - to equip themselves immediately with

adequate purification machinery. The Kremlin further <sup>pledging</sup>

<sup>modern</sup> ~~measures~~ "strong measures to ensure the preservation and multiplication of fish and other living organisms."

All this - we are told - the result of a recent scandal on the mighty Volga, where it was found that industrial wastes were causing major losses among the sturgeon that usually abound there. And the Volga sturgeon - as you know - <sup>is the main</sup> ~~principal~~ source of all that good Russian caviar.

WASHINGTON

Washington again - a meeting of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; hearing today from White House adviser Daniel P. Moynihan - who criticized the Chamber for stoutly opposing the Administration's new welfare reform program. Moynihan citing this as one of the reasons that a new "college elite" - as he put it - is beginning to "hate our guts."

Another speaker - Texas millionaire-philanthropist H. Ross Perot; who asserted that business experts could probably solve social problems - a lot better than most ~~social~~ "social scientists." Perot adding: "My biggest problem in giving money for social programs - is finding somebody who can use it intelligently."

## SUPREME COURT

Elsewhere in Washington - the Supreme Court agreed today to consider the Constitutionality - of the District of Columbia's existing anti-abortion law. This seen as a landmark case - that could affect abortion laws throughout the country.

The Court also ordered rearguments next fall - in four major cases that have been hanging fire for some ~~time~~<sup>time</sup> now; including one - a test of state laws under which a defendant must risk death - in order to exercise his Constitutional right to a jury trial. This taken as an indication that the present eight-member Court - is split four-to-four, right down the line.



## CHAPEL

**An Assistant Secretary of Defense - the first witness today in a suit challenging compulsory chapel attendance at U.S. military academies. Roger Kelley asserting that "the only purpose of compulsory chapel attendance - is to instill in midshipmen and cadets an understanding of the religious beliefs" of those they will command.**

**Kelley was then asked how compulsory chapel would help a Catholic, for example - ~~to~~ understand the beliefs of a Protestant or a Jew. Kelley answering right back: "It's all part of the same spiritual ball game."**

NEW YORK

Here in New York - a special salute tonight to  
Dr. Norman Vincent Peale; paying tribute to his leadership  
in establishing one of the nation's first mental health  
centers - <sup>in</sup> combining religion and psychiatry.

Among those present - David and Julie Eisenhower -  
representing the President and Mrs. Nixon. The President  
himself sending along a taped message - calling Dr. Peale  
"a tough-minded optimist." The President adding that  
every American "should have an interest in all that Dr.  
Peale stands for - a reverence for God and country, a  
contagious enthusiasm, an inspiring advocacy of the  
positive values in life."

PARIS

The people of France - Europe's biggest consumers of alcohol. According to a recent survey - the average French adult drinking about twenty-eight liters of alcohol - each and every year. Which helps account for the fact that an estimated forty per cent of all French traffic deaths - are caused by drunken driving. Which also makes this next something of a surprise - and then again - maybe not.

At any rate, a bill recently introduced in the French National Assembly - attempting to set for the first time a scientific basis for the charge of drunken driving. As originally presented, the bill specifying a blood alcohol content of point-eight per cent - as sufficient grounds for criminal charges. As finally passed though - the bill setting a limit of one-point-two per cent. And that - according to experts <sup>-- is</sup> just before the passing-out stage.

*John Shafer, 20*  
In other words, why bother?

## HOT DOGS

Here's ~~one~~ good news for hot dog lovers. A government bulletin reporting ~~today~~ that newly-enacted Federal controls - have already trimmed the fat content of hot dogs an average five to six per cent. Indeed, we are told that most frankfurters - now actually have less fat content than the thirty per cent the law allows.

Or as one observer put it: "Exit - the fat dog; enter - the leaner wiener."