

SYDNEY

Mon. Nov. 30-'70.

Today's stop for touring Pope Paul - the great city of Sydney Australia where he was met - by an airport throng numbering only three thousand; also, a chill wind - that promptly blew away his ~~xx~~ skull cap. As he ~~endured~~ ^{went through} a half hour greeting ceremony ~~that followed~~ ^{there he was} standing bare headed all the time - the seventy-three year old Pontiff ~~was~~ ^{ing} to look tired and drawn as well as bored.

~~But~~ Then a motorcade to Sydney's Town Hall -

where a ~~multitude~~ ^{were} multitude of Australians ~~was~~ ^{waiting for} him, and where the ~~roar~~ ^{seemed to} roar of the crowd ~~seemed to~~ ^{bring the Pope to life} - - with ~~the Pope better than~~ a tonic, "His ~~own~~ weary smile"

giving way to "a broad grin," ~~we are told~~. At one point, the Pontiff actually ~~bounding~~ bouncing to his feet - to acknowledge the cheers. And that was only the beginning. Police later reporting the Pope ~~has~~ ^{had been} seen and heard - by the time he retired for the night -

an estimated seven hundred thousand enthusiastic

Australians. For a Protestant country ~~it was quite a~~ *that was something.*

~~turn out.~~

WASHINGTON

Did you ever feel hemmed-in -- surrounded-
stifled - like you couldn't breathe? Sounds like the start
of another commercial, [?]rite - but it's ~~xxx~~ merely a
plug for the U S Census Bureau; which today released
its final figures - on the latest U S head count; figures
showing a U S population increase of around twenty-five
million over the past ten years. The total number of
Americans ^{is} _^ now ~~at~~ ^{upto} _^ two-hundred-and-four million,
seven-hundred-and-sixty-five thousand, seven-hundred-
and-twenty.

Good news though. This ^{does} _^ marking an increase of
only thirteen percent; the lowest such figure since
the decade of the thirties and the great depression.
Raising ^{the} _^ hopes that - the population explosion we've all
been hearing about - ~~well~~, maybe - just maybe - it has
finally "shot its wad."

WHITE HOUSE

~~over~~ At the White House - a bill signing ceremony

today; something of a rare event - these past few months.

At any rate, President Nixon finally signing into law -

that long awaited new farm bill; the one imposing a

^{ceiling}~~floor~~ing for the first time - on federal crop ~~xx~~ subsidies.

The President observing that farmers can now "use their

resources - to produce their most favorable crop and

make more efficient use of the land." And he added

that "one important result should be - broader markets

for U S farm products at home and over seas."

INTEREST

Washington again - a cut today in the nation's discount rate - the second in less than three weeks; dropping the ~~figure~~ ^{figure} from five and three quarters percent down to five and a half percent. This as you perhaps know - the rate that Federal Reserve Banks will now charge on loans to commercial banks; which means, in turn, another likely easing of credit - right down the line.

— as it's called —
The "Fed" [^] apparently ~~responding~~ responding to President Nixon's recent plea for "easier" money - to help ~~combat~~ combat the present ~~economic~~ slump.

MOSCOW

From Russian Novelist Alexander Solzhenitsyn

-- a one page written statement today; perhaps the toughest thing he has ever written; ^{In it he} explained ^{ed} why he decided last week - not to go to Stockholm to accept his Nineteen Seventy Nobel Prize for literature.

Solzhenitsyn saying his decision was prompted by "the hostile attitude" towards his prize in Russia's national press; also, said he - "the continued baiting of my book by means of dismissing people from their jobs and expelling them from institutes for reading my ~~books~~ books." The famed author adding;-"this compels me to suppose my trip abroad would be used to separate me from my ~~native~~ native land - by simply barring my return home."

BOSTON

The Long Thanksgiving weekend just passed -
for TV football fans, ~~anyway~~ a real grid ^afest^{er} fest!

Appropos of which - a brief item today from Boston;
~~where~~ where an A M A committee on the medical aspects
of sports - has just proposed a series of rules changes
in an ~~effex~~ effort to cut down football injuries.

First and foremost - the doctors recommending
that face masks be outlawed. Noting that, ^{while} such devices
- "have greatly reduced the number of facial, mouth and
jaw injuries, ~~Adding~~, however, the player who lands
on his face mask often subjects his head to tremendous
impact; as demonstrated - we are told - by the fact
that ninety percent of all direct football fatalities -
are "due to cervical spine and brain injuries."

~~The doctors also urge ~~an~~ end to blocking
below the waist coupled with a recommendation that
clipping be made illegal - anywhere on the field.~~

RAILS

~~Elsewhere~~ In Washington * the proposed blue print of a new nationwide rail network - ~~has been~~ was unveiled today by transportation secretary John Volpe; who called the plan a first step ^{toward} ~~the~~ establishing "a viable rail passenger system;" one that could be "modernized and expanded - in accordance with future need." *Call how we do need it!!*

Volpe going on to explain that ~~key~~ key terminal points - would include "New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Washington on the east coast - Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles on the West Coast - with Chicago and St. Louis serving as ~~an~~ main transfer points. The new system would thereby link together - said he - "the principal cities of the country;" while improving "rail passenger service - to eighty-five percent of the nation."

And what about the other fifteen percent? *Warren?* Why, *Jesus* they'll still be stuck with the Long Island, *R.R.* ~~line~~

NEW YORK

This next - a profile of America's typical gal Friday; as compiled by Secretary magazine - in cooperation with the National Secretaries Association. The study showing, for example ^{how} a competent secretary is willing to tell a little "white lie" now and then; providing she thinks it will help her boss or else her company. Another finding - that a good secretary will take it in stride - if her boss should "make a pass," at her. If she doesn't like it - we are told - all she has to do is "straighten him out" and forget it.

As for the secretary's number one gripe - clear ~~see~~ across the land - no contest - its filing. One exception though - a girl who said her filing cabinet was no problem at all. All it needs - said she - is someone "to set fire to it from time to time."

CAPE KENNEDY

Mon. Nov. 30-70.

At Cape Kennedy - a successful launch tonight for America's newest star gazer satellite; a space vehicle carrying with it - the world's most powerful space ~~telescope~~ telescope to date. If it works as planned, ^{its} a device capable of giving astronomers - a view of about eight times the strength of anything they now have here on earth. As such, another giant step - in mapping the universe.