

MOBILE

Tues. May 25-71.

President Nixon made a quick trip to Mobile, Alabama today to be on hand for the dedication of a major new waterway that will link Middle America with the Gulf of Mexico.

to a roaring welcome from some 50,000 people
The President ~~reminded~~ *at the* that said project -

was first suggested in Eighteen Oh Eight and then added:

"After a hundred and sixty years of trying to talk it to

death - Congress finally acted to the credit of both parties

- and several administrations; proving - that where

progress is concerned - "we are not Republicans, Democrats

southern, northern, eastern or Western - we don't know

race or religion - but we are Americans."

The President also calling for this same

dedication - in solving the many national problems that

still ~~remain~~ remain. For, "we cannot be strong in a

spiritual, moral and ideological sense," said he - "if

we are torn apart by racial differences - by regional

differences, by differences between state governments and the federal government: We must work together - in a "peaceful, constructive way."

Next - a short hop to Birmingham - for

another big ~~walk~~ welcome followed by a briefing session with editors and publishers - from twelve southern and border states.

INDO CHINA

In Vietnam - a close call today; with the shooting down of a U S helicopter - bearing the two top commanders in the Mekong ~~Delta~~ River Delta; ~~the~~ Major General John Cushman for the U S - and Major General Ngo Quang Trufuong for South Vietnam. Luckily though - ~~the~~ both men escaping unscathed; and ~~they~~ ~~were~~ quickly picked up - by a second chopper.

Meanwhile, allied forces were ~~to~~ mounting a major effort - in the so-called "Hobo Woods" northwest of Saigon; using tanks, armored vehicles, and even giant plows - in an effort to clean out, once and for all, this long-time enemy sanctuary.

SAIGON FOLLOW VIETNAM

On the political front - the wind-up of a two day visit by Senator Javits of New York who said ~~that~~ the U S would have to spend in Vietnam about two and a half billions a year - for at least three years after the end of ~~the~~ hostilities - to keep that country solvent and stable.

The Senator - who is generally considered a "dove" - adding that he had come to this conclusion - partly by means of "tennis diplomacy;" meaning a tennis match - with Soviet Vietnam's Vice President Ky - a "hawk;" also ^{a tennis game} ~~one~~ with South Vietnam's general ^{Sen.} Duong Van Minh. Javits later observing: "They are both better than I am," at tennis, ~~anyway~~ ^{- at tennis! said he}

SENATE FOLLOW SAIGON

Here ~~on our own shores~~ ^{at home} - the Senate, ^{today} turned
down flat ~~today~~ - an effort to exempt ~~the~~ draftees
from the fighting in ~~in~~ Indochina. With the final
tally coming out - fifty-two to twenty-one, ~~against~~.
This following charges that such a move - would
"absolutely kill" the concept of an all-voluntary army.

CAIRO JERUSALEM

In the Middle East - Cairo - a visit from Soviet President Podgorny; who conferred briefly tonight - with Egypt's President Anwar Sadat. The two men - then scheduling another session tomorrow.

While at Jerusalem - a meeting of Israel's top defense planning body. Israeli sources later contending that Podgorny's visit - can only cause a "further lull" in efforts aimed at reopening the Suez Canal.

NEW HAVEN

~~Here at home again~~ ^{at} New Haven, Connecticut -

a final denouement in the case of Black Panther chairman Bobby Seale -- also, his co-defendant, Mrs. Ericka Huggins; both of whom were cleared of all charges today - in connection with the death of an alleged police informer.

Judge Harold Mulvey, - who ordered the dismissal - noting that one jury had already failed to reach a verdict. Adding that he now found it "impossible to believe - that an unbiased jury could be selected without super human efforts." And so ends the longest, most expensive murder case - in Connecticut history.

NEW YORK

From ~~the~~ Evangelist Billy Graham in New York

- a plea today to "christians everywhere" to join in prayer on behalf of all Soviet Jews; and especially - said he - those who are currently facing treason charges - at Riga, Latvia. Billy Graham observing that the Jewish defendants "only crime - apparently - is that they are Jewish." Adding that he was "deeply concerned and disturbed" at this - as a Christian - as a human being.

UNITED NATIONS

Sec. Gen.
At the United Nations - U Thant lays it on the
line. Saying today he has no intention of serving
beyond the end ~~of~~ of this year - as ~~Secretary~~ ^{head}
~~General~~ of the World body. U Thant adding "my
decision is final." No ifs - ands or buts. And so
apparently killing a combined U S and Russian campaign
aimed at persuading him to stay on still another term.

MUNICH

Munich, West Germany - an international banking conference, hearing today - from Paul Volcker, an under secretary of the U S Treasury; who said that the free nations of western Europe and Asia - have an obligation to help defend the ~~sect~~ stability of the U S Dollar; that they can best do this - by assuming a larger share of their own defense costs - also, by easing restrictive trade policies; and thus help the U S to regain - said he - "it's rightful position as an island of stability in the world."

PRAGUE

Behind the Iron Curtain - at Prague - the Czech Communist party opened ~~today~~^S its first official congress in six ~~years~~ years. Lead off speaker - Czech Communist party leader Gustav Husak; who formally thanked the Soviets for their "brotherly help" in intervening in Czechoslovakia in Nineteen Sixty Eight. ^{"Brotherly help"!} Husak saying: This act of international solidarity - saved the lives of thousands of people. And he ~~no~~ might have added ^{that it} dashed ~~the~~ the hopes of millions.

WASHINGTON

Elsewhere in Washington - the U S Space agency unveiled today - its official emblem for that up-coming Apollo Fifteen moon landing mission; an emblem - created by Italian fashion designer Emilio Pucci; Originally ^{it was} ~~x~~ Lavendar, green and ~~st~~ blue; but now - at the crew's request ^{its} ~~x~~ red white and blue.

Mission commander Al Worden explaining: "It's just pure, ~~and~~ simple boy scoutism." "But we kinda felt" - said he - "if you're going to live here, you ought to be proud of it." ^{Don shall we say} 3 cheers and a tiger for Al Worden? ~~shall we say Don?~~

PARIS

Russia's big new supersonic airliner - the T U-144

~~Exhibit~~ - on display today for the first time in the West.

Flying from Vienna to Paris ^{it now} ~~to~~ takes its place as one
of the prime exhibits at this year's Paris air show.



DAKAR FOLLOW PARIS

~~at~~ But France's new supersonic Concorde -
~~really stealing~~ ^{stole} the thunder ^{over there} today. Flying from Toulouse
in France to Dakar in Senegal - a distance of two
thousand seven hundred and ninety four miles - in
two and a half hours; which averages out - to better
than eleven hundred miles an hour. For speed and
endurance - ~~a fantastic~~ ^{some} performance!