

VIETNAM

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Halfway round the world -- a new day is dawning. Saturday morning in Saigon -- bringing ^{with it} ~~one of~~ South Vietnam's worst political crises in four years.

This is the day the National Assembly meets -- to consider confirmation of the nation's recent Presidential election. ^{And} The session set to begin with a special committee report -- ^{that urges} ~~urging~~ the full Assembly to throw out the election results; on grounds of what are called -- "many irregularities" in the voting.

Continuing demonstrations by militant Buddhists and student groups -- adding to the problems of the ruling military junta. With American officials said to be working desperately behind the scenes -- in an effort to prevent complete chaos.

Meantime, the war goes on. American B-Fifty-Twos -- the Demilitarized Zone slashing into ~~North Vietnam~~; to pound ~~at~~ ^{the} fortified ~~and~~ hills -- studded with ~~literally~~ hundreds of firing bays. All of them pointed directly at Con Thien -- that ^{Marine} fortress ~~that~~ just across the D.M.Z.

MOON

Solved -- finally -- another of those great mysteries in space. Federal space scientists ^{confirming} reporting today in Washington -- that the moon is not made of green cheese; nor is it covered with diamonds and emeralds -- as some have speculated; nor even iron -- as many have ^{said.} predicted.

Reported by Federal Space Scientists
Latest findings from Surveyor-Five -- showing the moon's surface is composed largely of plain, ordinary basalt.

A rock so common on earth -- it can be found nearly everywhere; from the Palisades of the Hudson -- to the Hawaiian ^{Islands --} ~~Islands~~ all the way to the Deccan Plains of India.

This finding -- according to space officials -- "one of the greatest scientific achievements in the entire history of man." Proof positive -- they say -- that the ^{moon} ~~moon~~ was once a molten mass -- much like earth; further, that it's still inwardly hot -- still subject to volcanic turmoil.

SAN ANTONIO

Here on the home front -- President Johnson will present a report to the nation tonight; in a special broadcast from San Antonio, Texas -- on the search for peace in Vietnam.

Details of his remarks -- still a closely-guarded secret.

However, the President said to be chiefly concerned -- about what he regards as a spreading misconception; the growing belief in this country and around the world -- that a ~~U.S.~~ bombing halt would lead almost automatically to peace talks.

In view of this -- the President is expected to make it clear -- that U.S. bombing of North Vietnam will continue; until Hanoi demonstrates some tangible evidence -- that the ~~Communists~~ Viet Cong are likewise ready to de-escalate ~~the~~ the war.

PHILADELPHIA

~~Part to catch~~ --

In Philadelphia -- three more Negro extremists were ordered arrested today; in an alleged plot to assassinate President Johnson -- also, FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover. The new charges following earlier arrest of several members of the RAM - The Revolutionary Action Movement same organization -- in ~~a~~ ^{an alleged} plot to poison four 1500 thousand Philadelphia policemen.

(At the same time -- publication today of the latest ~~FBI~~ ^{FBI} Law Enforcement Bulletin; containing an article -- by J. Edgar Hoover; blaming recent big city riots -- mainly on "young thugs and misguided teen-agers." Those -- said he -- who have turned "the doctrine of civil disobedience" -- into a "doctrine of self-destruction."

But equally guilty -- said the FBI chief -- are city officials who practice "quiescence, procrastination or uncertainty" -- in the face of mob ~~disorder~~ ^{violence.} "If our system of law is to survive ^(said Mr Hoover) then the law must be ~~enforced.~~ ^{enforced.}" --
said he.

RIO

Coming soon -- a new kind of world money. Approved today by the International Monetary Fund -- in conference at Rio De Janiero.

The new money ~~comes~~ in the form of Special Drawing Rights -- or S.D.R.'s -- backed by the Monetary Fund. These to facilitate world trade -- among nations who often find themselves temporarily short on gold and dollars.

While it sounds simple enough -- the ~~new~~ procedure representing ~~an~~ historic advance in world trade. Indeed, it's the first major change in international finance -- since the Monetary Fund itself was set up -- twenty-three years ago.

JAKARTA

Exactly two years ago this weekend -- an abortive Communist coup in Indonesia. The one that led to slaughter of thousands -- and, eventually, the ^(downgrading) ~~ouster~~ of President-for-Life Sukarno. Now -- ~~at last~~ -- the beginning of the ^{end} of that tragic affair.

News ^{from} ~~from~~ Jakarta telling ~~today~~ -- of the ^{execution} of three ringleaders in the Communist plot. A former trade union boss -- the commander of Sukarno's palace guard -- a former top Army officer; the first of twenty-seven key plotters -- tried, convicted and sentenced to death by various military tribunals. The rest -- ^{reports say} ~~will~~ -- soon to follow.

NORTH ATLANTIC

The famed "ancient mariner" comes a-cropper -- again.

Story today -- from the North Atlantic; where seventy-four-year-old Captain William Willis has abandoned for a second time -- his attempt to sail the Atlantic -- solo -- in an eleven-foot sailboat.

What happened -- we still don't know. Except that Captain Willis and his craft -- are now aboard the Polish trawler Belona; headed for George's Bank -- about a hundred miles due east of Cape Cod -- and then ^(back) home to New York's Montauk Point.

~~Reverse side~~ -- ^A new English Channel swim record today -- for Australia's ~~lovely~~ Linda McGill. The girl from "Down Under" crossing over -- in just nine hours and fifty-three minutes. Chopping more than half-an-hour -- off the old ~~women's mark~~ *record for women, for crossings from France to England.*

Miss McGill -- [?]you'll recall -- a former Olympic star who was granted permission to swim the Channel topless; if the straps of her bathing suit chafed her shoulders -- as they did once before. Turned out though -- it wasn't necessary. Linda McGill topping the old mark -- while remaining "topped" herself all the way.

PARIS

1967

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As the ~~Nineteen Sixty Seven~~ travel season draws to a close -- a dismal summary today from French tourist officials. Calling tourism this year in France -- in effect: "Beaucoup bad."

The supply of visiting Italians, Belgians and Spaniards -- bigger than ever -- we're told. But not nearly enough -- to offset the disappearance of Americans and Britons; traditionally -- the backbone of the French tourist industry.

By way of explanation, ^(Paris) a French official observing that many Americans went instead -- to Montreal's Expo Sixty-Seven; while the British -- were just too broke -- said he.

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Coming up this weekend at New Canaan, Connecticut -- the sixty-fifth annual meeting of the so-called "jolliest club in America." More formally known -- as the Bald Head Club of America. Numbering among its members -- thousands of ~~baldies~~ ^{baldies} from all over the world.

This year's event-- something of a novelty. In that the baldies are admitting -- just for laughs -- a man who is trying to start a rival National Association of Hairpiece Wearers. Baldy head man, James Rutledge is convinced, however, -- that club members will remain firm, fully convinced -- that a bald head is really a blessing. "None of that fussing around with hair -- just take a wet cloth and wipe ~~it~~ ^{it} off" -- said he.

Once again though -- the baldies are drawing a sex line. Rejecting as an "outrageous affront" -- all membership applications from bald-headed women.

By the way -- the club's mascot. What else ^{bvt} -- a bald eagle. And now, as Lowell Thomas says, "~~until~~ ^{until} So Long Until Monday!"