

PRAGUE

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Latest from Prague - a story today of check and check mate. With Soviet occupation forces - melting away into deep forests and secluded valleys, While Czech officials themselves - were removing angry student demonstrators from public display. Clearing the way for political talks - aimed, hopefully, at settling once and for all the current Czech crisis.

According to at least one report - the Czech cabinet <sup>is</sup> now considering <sup>what is called</sup> a most attractive offer of economic aid from the Soviet Union. <sup>Of course</sup> ~~However~~ <sup>an offer</sup> that would tie Prague to Moscow - inescapably - for a period of nine years.

46 1/2 The ~~Easing~~ <sup>seems to be</sup> of the crisis in Czechoslovakia <sup>also</sup> - having a calming effect in Washington. The U S State Department saying today it is inclined to accept at face value ~~the~~ Soviet assurances that Russia does not intend another Czech-type invasion of Romania.

## BARTIN

For the second time in four days - another major earthquake disaster today in the ~~near~~ Near East. The new series of tremors wrecking villages and spreading panic - across a ~~by~~ three hundred mile stretch of northern Turkey. ~~First reports indicating a number of known dead in the village of Bartin~~ <sup>right at the</sup> ~~apparent epicenter~~ <sup>of the quake; with officials fearing a rapid rise in the toll</sup> ~~as reports filter in from outlying districts.~~

Meanwhile, the number of deaths from the <sup>2</sup>~~at~~ weekend earthquake in Iran <sup>is</sup>~~is~~ now set at perhaps as many as twenty thousand. Rescue officials using bulldozers to ~~bury~~ bury the dead today - in hopes of staving off the threat of a post-quake epidemic.

## SAFETY

Here at home - the U S traffic toll for the just-completed holiday weekend - worst ever for a Labor Day or any other three-day summer weekend, according to figures <sup>we have from</sup> ~~compiled today by~~ the National Safety Council.

At last report - the count nearing seven hundred. <sup>As</sup> compared with the previous record of six thirty-six -- set over Labor Day <sup>2 years ago,</sup> ~~in 1934~~. A Safety Council spokesman <sup>S</sup>adding that the outlook for future holidays - is equally ~~gr~~ glum, as long as the American motoring public accepts <sup>quote: -</sup> "more cars - more drivers - more roads - more miles - more congestion - more hazards, and more death." <sup>And more fire water?</sup>



VIETNAM

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Today in South Vietnam - the first anniversary of that country's first presidential election. An occasion marked by a terrorist grenade attack - on U S aid headquarters in the heart of busy Saigon. The blast injuring six South Vietnamese civilians - with the terrorists escaping on a motor bike in rush-hour traffic.

To the North - three attacks today on a hill near Da Nang. With a force of American-led South Vietnamese mercenaries - attempting to dislodge a band of Viet Cong guarding a key ~~infiltration~~ infiltration route. Except that each time - the attackers were driven back. Finally, at dusk - a ~~g~~ Green Beret officer <sup>said:</sup> ~~commenting~~ "We got whipped today- but we're going back tomorrow."



PENTAGON FOLLOW VIETNAM

~~But~~ In Washington - the Pentagon today issued its lowest draft call in more than three years. Asking Selective Service to provide only ten thousand men - during the month of November. This comparing with draft calls of forty thousand <sup>4</sup> plus - as recently as April and May.

KENNEBUNK BEACH

Turning to politics: dateline - Kennebunk Beach,  
Maine, ~~where~~ Democratic Vice Presidential Nominee

Muskie warned today - that Governor Wallace's candidacy

<sup>Rose</sup>  
pose "a real threat" to both major parties. One that  
could well force an electoral stalemate -- throwing the  
presidential election into the House of Representatives.

Wallace's appeal<sup>is</sup> based on two key issues - said

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Muskie: law and order - and racial backlash. Muskie  
adding that rebuttal to Wallace's campaign - "is almost  
more a preacher's chore than a politicians."

BATON ROUGE FOLLOW KENNEBUNK BEACH

A related item - from Baton Rouge where Governor McKeithen of Louisiana said today - he could not and would not support Hubert Humphrey for President. Reason - said he - Humphrey's continued support of Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren. The Governor adding: "Philosophically - the Vice President and I still remain acres apart." All of which <sup>means</sup> ~~seems~~ another big boost - for the Wallace Third Party movement in the South.



McCARTHY

5-0 Just the reverse - Senator McCarthy under-  
scored again today - his stated determination not to  
lead a splinter ticket in November. McCarthy withdrawing  
as a fourth party ~~and~~ candidate for President - in  
Iowa. Adding that he will similarly deny permission  
to have his name entered - in any other state which  
requires his approval. McCarthy asserting: The Senate  
"is the best hope for bringing about a change - in the  
thrust of U S foreign policy."

NEW YORK

*On the Republican side -- Nixon headquarters in New York was busy launching a new project today.*

*With the appointment of Governor Volpe of Massachusetts - as chairman of a so-called special nationalities committee.*

*It's main purpose ~~was to~~ to attract voters from the various ethnic and foreign-origin groups - especially negroes and Mexican Americans.*

WALTER REED

At Walter Reed ~~Army~~ Hospital in Washington -

~~former President Eisenhower~~ achieved another milestone

for Ike.

~~today~~ on the Road to ~~xx~~ recovery, Doctors reporting

50 1/2 ~~that Ike's~~ <sup>his</sup> progress - ~~"continues to be"~~ <sup>so</sup> favorable.

~~So much so, in fact,~~ that daily hospital bulletins are

~~to be~~ <sup>to be</sup> ~~hereafter~~ discontinued - barring "a significant change

in his condition."



# WASHINGTON

In Washington - the lights are burning bright tonight on Capitol Hill, <sup>as</sup> The nation's legislators ~~4~~ <sup>1</sup> getting ready to attack a near-mountain of remaining business; when the Congress resumes tomorrow - for a rare post-convention session.

How long will it take <sup>them?</sup> ~~to finish up~~ House Minority Leader Gerald Ford - predicting <sup>5</sup> ~~the~~ final adjournment by October one. However, Senate Majority Leader Mansfield <sup>says it</sup> ~~asserting that a more realistic target date would~~ <sup>will</sup> probably be sometime around Christmas.

<sup>of</sup> Because <sup>as he put it in</sup> ~~The reason~~ <sup>excessive</sup> said he: Not an overwhelming work load ~~but rather a chronic case of excessive~~ "gaseousity."

51/4 And here's Warren, our man of few words.

## CHICAGO

The city of Chicago - barely recovered from  
a bad case of the shakes; and now - here come the  
Remember them? Some  
Wobblies. ~~These~~ <sup>arriving for</sup> ~~about~~ forty delegates ~~to~~ a meeting  
of the once-powerful <sup>IWW -</sup> Industrial workers of the world;  
~~whose~~ <sup>allegedly</sup> ~~own~~ activities a half-century ago, in behalf of the  
working man, <sup>caused much uneasiness.</sup> ~~raised the same fears that stirred~~  
~~in the Windy City this past week.~~

Now older though - ~~th~~ and perhaps wiser -  
the "Wobblies" <sup>are</sup> voicing only token support of today's  
youthful dissenters. Secretary-Treasurer Carl Keller,  
for one, calling the Chicago demonstrators - "immature  
rebels' who carry the natural rebellion of a child ~~4~~ into  
the adult world." Working man Keller adding: "Why  
some of them <sup>I'll bet, have</sup> ~~they~~ never even seen a pick  
and a shovel."