

ROME

Fri. Nov, 28-'69.

Excitement in Rome - and shock, too. The Italian Chamber of Deputies approving today a bill for the first time legalizing divorce in that Roman Catholic country. The final vote showing three ^{hundred} and twenty-five in favor - only two-hundred-and-eighty-three against.

This seen as ~~a crushing defeat~~ ^{quite a blow} for the Vatican - also for the ruling Christian Democratic Party. With the measure now moving on to the ~~the~~ Senate where passage a few months hence is considered a virtual ~~one~~ certainty.

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After that - well, opponents of the bill are threatening to force a national referendum; in which case - the ~~stage~~ will be set for a showdown. ~~struggle~~. Both sides - pro and con - said to consider the divorce bill an opening wedge; the first real test - ~~is~~ in a battle for complete separation of Church and State.

HONOLULU

Coming up shortly for the men of Apollo

Twelve - a royal Hawaiian welcome. When the Carrier

Hornet docks tonight at Honolulu. However, a welcome

the three astronauts can only share ^{"by remote" for} ~~from afar~~ they ~~are~~
still in quarantine, ~~you know~~.

Back at Houston - one of the Apollo Twelve

rock boxes has already disclosed something of ~~as~~ a surprise.

Geologists reporting the discovery of a glass coated

volcanic rock - with large protruding crystals. "Quite

different" - they say - from anything that Apollo Eleven

brought back.

KEY BISCAIYNE

A related item from Key Biscayne where President Nixon named Astronaut Mike Collins - ~~out~~ ~~the~~ assistant Secretary of State for public Affairs. Mike Collins, ^{who was} ~~as you know~~ second in command of America's recent ~~of~~ Apollo Eleven Moon landing team. His new job - we are told - that of coordinating State Department participation in public discussions of foreign affairs. The President quoted as saying - "he" is certain -- that Michael Collins will thereby make a further contribution to the nation."

VIETNAM

In Vietnam - a tally today of U S war casualties. The figure coming to more than three hundred thousand, killed, missing and wounded. Raising the possibility that this conflict will soon become - the second costliest foreign war in U S history.

The ~~is~~ worst, by far, of course World War Two. However, Vietnam casualty list rapidly approaching that of World War One - set offically at three-hundred-and-twenty thousand, seven-hundred-and-ten.

FORT BENNING FOLLOW VIETNAM

Here at home - Fort Benning, Georgia -
an Army Judge addressed himself to that alleged massacre
in South Vietnam. Colonel Reid Kennedy who will preside
at the up-coming trial of Lieutenant William Calley -
vowing to stop - as he put it - "continuous" public
~~inter~~ interrogation of possible ~~witn~~ witnesses. "Something
just has to be done about it" - said he - "if the accused
is ever to get a fair trial."

BONN

Overseas again - at Bonn - the West German government today finally okayed that nuclear non-proliferation treaty. West German Chancellor Willy Brandt - reporting that his cabinet gave it unanimous approval. He also predicted the treaty "will be a milestone on the path to disarmament, international relaxation and peace." Whereupon copies of the document were quickly signed - by the West German Ambassadors to Washington, London and Moscow.

Still to come - a formal vote of ratification from the West German Parliament which is said to be deeply divided on this issue. However, Brandt said he will delay presenting the treaty to parliament till safeguard and verification procedures have been fully formulated.

MITCHELL FOLLOW WASHINGTON

Now the latest: A report today that President Nixon is considering along with a number of men - at least three women as possible Supreme Court appointees. This - according to Attorney General John Mitchell; ~~and~~ Which three - he didn't say.

However, a quick check disclosing that there are at present - only three women currently sitting as Federal Judges. And the high^{est} ranking of these ~~is~~ Shirley M. Hufstedler of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in Los Angeles. It's worth noting though^{that} _^ all three were originally appointed by L B J.

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~~Like it or not~~ - Spiro Agnew is still making headlines. Not the least of which concerns a nationwide telephone survey - reported today by the Republican National Committee. Results said to show that sixty-four percent of the American public - wholeheartedly approve of the way the Vice President is handling his job.

As for his recent speech criticizing TV news - fully seventy-one percent who were aware of it -- ~~■~~ said to agree with it.

Reaction to all this?[?] - ~~about what you might expect.~~ Republican National Chairman James Allison Junior saying: "We are delighted with it." ^{Warren, did you ask} ~~Next question:~~
 Why ^{the} poll? ^{Said Chairman} ~~at all? To which~~ Allison ^{replied} "I guess everybody's been curious # about the Vice President's popularity."
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DUKE

From Duke University a study today of rebellious youth. Doctor Morton Bogdonoff reporting that young drop outs from society - have cut ~~it~~ not only their chains of responsibility but also their "life links to the future." And this - said he - ~~because~~ because they are failing to fulfill a basic human need; the need "to be some place each day - to perform some task - to provide some service - to be ~~with~~ with certain people in some planned manner."

End result - says Dr. Bogdonoff -- they ~~allegedly~~ share in common - "a very definite tenor of despair and hopelessness." And that makes our job - said he - the task of convincing the drop out that he - like all the rest of us - ^{does have} ~~has~~ an undeniable "appointment with tomorrow."