

MEDICINE

L.T. - Buick, Fisher. Tuesday, Aug. 9, 1965.

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President Johnson today signed into law - the two hundred and eighty-million dollar Health Research Facilities Act, that will almost double the amount of federal funds available for medical research - over the next three years.

At the same time - the President disclosed plans for the creation of a special task force, to set forth the goals of "health and happiness" that must be fulfilled - said he - if we are to achieve "a great society".

"A staggering era for medicine has just begun" - said the President. And now we must determine "where we are - where we're going - and how we're going to get there."

VIETNAM

On the other side of the globe - the sound of Communist gunfire was heard today on the outskirts of Saigon. As the Viet Cong stepped up a series of harassing attacks - almost within sight of the city.

Three of them - last night and early today. In one case - the guerrillas pouring automatic weapons fire - into a government outpost barely six miles east of Saigon. In another, a second guerrilla force lobbing grenades at a government outpost - only ten miles to the south. A third guerrilla force - ambushed and driven off just short of its goal.

While
Meantime, American war planes today continued their round-the-clock ~~bombardment~~ bombardment of military targets in the Communist north. Blasting army barracks, ammunition dumps, gun emplacements, roads and bridges - the length and breadth of North Viet Nam.

MENTAL

From a big District of Columbia Mental

Institution - news today of a mysterious respiratory infection. One that apparently seeks out - only diabetics. So far - at least thirty-five persons have been stricken with the disease - whatever it is. Of these - all were diabetics - and eight have since died.

The victims also all residents of the same wing - of the six-thousand bed hospital. But how they got the disease - and how to cure ~~one~~ it - still a mystery.

SINGAPORE

The island state of Singapore - today declared its independence of the two year old Federation of Malaysia. By mutual agreement with the ~~fxz~~ federal parliament - at Kuala Lumpur.

Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew - later offering to settle all past differences with Indonesia. ^{This} ~~In~~ a bid ~~for~~ to restore the prosperous trade - that once existed between the two states.

The double development hailed in Jakarta - as a major victory for Indonesia. The Sukarno government further reporting that Indonesia - probably will recognize Singapore - as requested. Adding, however, that it will also continue to ^{work for the} complete destruction ~~of~~ of the rest of what it called - the puppet state of Malaysia.

RIOT (throw out previous story)

A relatively peaceful demonstration in Patna, northern India - today turned suddenly into a bloody riot, that ended with at least two dead - and a number of others seriously injured.

The demonstration began with a march - on the state legislature. Hundreds of Indians - protesting recent price hikes. Also, India's so-called surrender to Pakistan - in their recent border dispute.

So far - so good. But once at the legislature - the demonstrators were joined by an angry mob of students protesting a recent rise in tuition fees. And in less time than it takes to tell it - the riot was on - police finally firing point-blank into the surging mass of humanity - before they were able to disperse the crowd.

Even the riot ^{was} far from over; ~~however~~ ^{with} the rioters later raging through ^{other} ~~whole~~ sections of the city - before they were finally brought under control - some four hours later.

POPE

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Pope Paul today expressed his "great sorrow" -
at religious persecution in the Southern Sudan. Urging
the Sudanese government to - "make the utmost effort to
stop acts of violence and bloodshed." These said to be
mainly the work - of Moslem Arabs of the north - Intent
on suppressing rebellion in the southern Provinces -
predominantly negro and predominantly Catholic.

Reaction from Premier Mohammed ~~Mahj~~ Mahgoub -
broadcast by way of Radio Omdurman. A counter-appeal -
to the Pope. In which he called on the Pontiff - to use
his own influence on the southern rebels, To try and get
them to "lay down their arms and look for a peaceful
solution to the problem."

ESKIMO

*From Canadd's Frobisher Bay in the Far North -
a minority report today on the plight of the poor eskimo;
Caught between a noble heritage - and the advancing tide
of civilization.*

*The report filed by Dr. Roger West - of Canada's
new eskimo educational program, Asserting that education
in city schools - intended to ~~xxx~~ upgrade the eskimo - has
proved by and large a flop, Because eskimo children -
once they have finished school - are still unlikely to find
jobs in white communities. Most of them - returning
eventually to their native villages.*

*By then, however - they've lost the touch for
hunting, fishing and living off the land, As their ancestors
did - for ~~xx~~ centuries before them.*

*In the end - says Dr. West - the educated
eskimo becomes discouraged, demoralized and finally
dependent almost entirely - on government aid. Another
case- said he - of good intentions - gone sadly astray.*

STANFORD

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The evenings get a bit chilly this time of year - around Stanford, California. So much so that Stanford University officials recently installed charcoal habachis - in the orchestra pit of their huge outdoor amphitheater, ~~To~~ help visiting musicians keep their feet warm - their fingers nimble.

This little consideration ~~is~~ resulting in the strange and unexpected. ~~During~~ a Sunday night offering of "The Marriage of Figaro" - by the New York City Opera.

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With nothing to do for most of the third act - a couple of windwood musicians quickly whipped out a box of marshmallows and some metal skewers. Result - the surprise performance of a work ^{Warren} ~~of art~~ ^{that would you call} ~~that might best~~ ^{be titled?} "Toasted marshmallow - for oboe and clarinet."

CAR

This next - from Stratford-on Avon. The tender tale of a little old lady - and her beloved British automobile.

The car - a beautifully preserved Austin, Built in Nineteen Thirty Two and still in perfect working condition.

But its owner, alas - unable to drive it any more - because of age. Yet unwilling to sell the car - because ^{she feared} ~~xxxxxx~~

~~xxxx~~ it might not get the same tender, ~~xxx~~ loving care - that she herself had given it down through the years.

So what did she do? Well, she turned it over to an auto-wrecker, Who took the beautiful car - and crushed it into a solid block of metal, Just like in "Gold finger".

The cubed Austin to stand in the little old lady's garden - until she dies, When it will be moved to the local graveyard - there to serve as her tombstone. Touching- what?