

ATLANTA

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THE CITY OF ATLANTA - SCENE OF A TREMENDOUS OUTPOURING OF EMOTION TODAY. THE GREAT AND NEAR GREAT - RICH AND POOR - BLACK AND WHITE, PAYING FINAL HOMAGE TO DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING. MORE THAN A HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND PERSONS, IN ALL - FRIENDS, FOLLOWERS AND ADMIRERS OF THE SLAIN CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER. NEVER BEFORE IN AMERICAN HISTORY - SUCH MOURNING FOR A NON-GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, LET ALONE A NEGRO.

IN HIS OWN EBENEZER CHURCH DOCTOR KING WAS HAILED AS A MAN - "PROFOUND BUT UNPRETENTIOUS - GENTLE BUT VALIANT - BAPTIST BUT ECUMENICAL - LOVING JUSTICE BUT HATING INJUSTICE;" A MAN WHO "RESOLVED THE AGONIZING WRESTLING AND GAVE ALL MANKIND NEW HOPE FOR A BRIGHT TOMORROW;" A MAN WHO "MARCHED FOR FREEDOM" - BECAUSE "HE HAD A DREAM."

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DOCTOR KING HIMSELF ADDRESSING THE MOURNERS - BY MEANS OF A TAPE RECORDING OF HIS LAST SERMON. TELLING HIS FLOCK; "IF ANY OF YOU ARE AROUND WHEN I HAVE TO MEET MY DAY - I WANT YOU TO SAY THAT I TRIED TO LOVE AND SERVE HUMANITY. YES, IF YOU WANT TO SAY THAT I WAS A DRUM MAJOR; A DRUM MAJOR FOR JUSTICE - A DRUM MAJOR FOR PEACE - A DRUM MAJOR FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS AND ALL THE OTHER SHALLOW THINGS - WILL NOT MATTER."

HIS FINAL RESTING PLACE, A WHITE MARBLE CRYPT.

BEARING THE INSCRIPTION: "FREE AT LAST - FREE AT LAST -

THANK GOD ALMIGHTY, I'M FREE AT LAST."

HOUSE FOLLOW ATLANTA

PERHAPS THE GREATEST TRIBUTE TO DR. KING - BACK IN WASHINGTON; WHERE THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE FINALLY ~~WAS~~ APPROVED TODAY THAT ~~WAS~~ LANDMARK CIVIL RIGHTS AND OPEN HOUSING BILL. HOUSE LEADERS QUICKLY SCHEDULING A FULL VOTE - FOR TOMORROW AFTERNOON. ~~WAS~~ AMID GROWING OPTIMISM ^{that} THE MEASURE WOULD REACH THE PRESIDENT'S DESK - MAYBE BEFORE THE WEEK IS OUT.

~~WAS~~ TRUE ENOUGH A FEW DISSENTERS; FOR ONE ~~WAS~~ CONGRESSMAN COLMER OF MISSISSIPPI - CHAIRMAN OF THE RULES COMMITTEE; WHO FOUGHT A DELAYING ACTION AGAINST THE BILL - CHARGING THAT CONGRESS WAS ACTING "UNDER THE GUN" - SO TO SPEAK. HOWEVER, HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADERS ALBERT OF OKLAHOMA ~~WAS~~ SILENCING ^{ed} THE OPPOSITION ^{by} NOTING THE BILL HAD LONG BEEN PROGRAMMED - FOR FINAL ACTION TOMORROW. ADDING THAT POPULAR SUPPORT OF THE BILL WAS A CREDIT TO DR. KING'S LIFE - NOT HIS DEATH.

CAMP DAVID

MEANWHILE, THE SEARCH FOR PEACE GOES ON. PRESIDENT JOHNSON CONFERRING WITH TOP AIDES TODAY - AT CAMP DAVID, MARYLAND. LATER TELLING REPORTERS - THE UNITED STATES IS "BACK IN TOUCH WITH HANOI;" TRYING TO COME UP WITH THE BEST POSSIBLE LOCATION FOR PRELIMINARY TALKS. ~~---~~ THAT WILL LEAD HOPEFULLY, TO A ~~-----~~ FULL^YSCALE PEACE PARLEY.

AS YOU KNOW - THE UNITED STATES HAS ALREADY SUGGESTED GENEVA. NORTH VIET NAM - FOR ITS PART = SUGGESTING PHNOM PENH IN CAMBODIA. BUT WHERE THE ~~---~~ TWAIN WILL MEET WE CAN ONLY WAIT AND SEE.

SAIGON - FOLLOW CAMP DAVID

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE GLOBE - in SAIGON - A SOUTH VIETNAMESE ARMY CLERK WAS EXECUTED TODAY BY A FIRING SQUAD. NGUYEN VAN PHUC - CONVICTED OF EMBEZZLING A HUNDRED AND SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM ARMY PAYROLLS. SECOND MAN TO DIE THIS WEEK - IN A GOVERNMENT DRIVE TO WIPE OUT CORRUPTION.

ON THE FIGHTING FRONT _ A TEMPORARY LULL IN GROUND ACTION. HOWEVER, VIET CONG TERRORISTS - MORE THAN MAKING UP FOR IT. KILLING FIVE AND WOUNDING FORTY IN A SNEAK ATTACK ON A U.S. SUPPLY BASE AT QUI NOHN. SOME THIRTY SOUTH VIETNAMESE ALSO LOSING THEIR LIVES - IN A PAIR OF BOMB BLASTS; ONE - UNDER A CROWDED BUS - THE OTHER IN A CROWDED THEATER.

MIDDLE EAST

IN THE MIDDLE EAST - DISCOVERY TODAY OF A DEADLY
LEGACY - FROM THAT ISRAELI PUNITIVE RAID OF YESTERDAY.
WITH ISRAELI TROOPS SAID TO HAVE PLANTED COUNTLESS MINES, *leaving*
them ~~MINES~~ BEHIND ~~THEM~~ - AS THEY RETURNED BACK ACROSS THE CEASE
FIRE LINE. APPARENTLY IN RETALIATION FOR SIMILAR TACTICS -
ALLEGEDLY USED BY ARAB ~~SCOUTS~~ SABOTEURS OPERATING OUT OF
JORDAN. ACCORDING TO AMMAN, - THE FIRST OF THESE MINES
EXPLODING TODAY, -- IN AN AREA JUST BELOW THE DEAD SEA.
THE BLAST KILLING TWO JORDANIAN MINING TECHNICIANS - INJURING
A THIRD.

PRAGUE

AT PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA - ANOTHER COMMUNIST FIRST
TODAY. WITH INSTALLATION OF A NEW CZECH GOVERNMENT PURGED
COMPLETELY OF OLD LINE STALINISTS. EVEN INCLUDING AMONG ITS
MINOR MINISTERS ~~✓~~ TWO ADMITTED NON COMMUNISTS.

GUIDING HAND IN SELECTION OF THE GOVERNMENT- COMMUNIST
REFORM LEADER ALEXANDER DUBCEK, WHO HAS PROMISED A COMPLETE
OVERHAUL OF THE CZECH ECONOMY. ^{This} AIMED AT PROVIDING MORE AND
BETTER CONSUMER ~~RECOMMENDED~~ GOODS. DUBCEK FURTHER PREDICTING
THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA "WILL BE ABLE TO PLAY A FAR GREATER ROLE
~~✓~~ IN STRENGTHENING PEACEFUL RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES OF
DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS."

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WITH APRIL FIFTEENTH FAST APPROACHING - ITS THAT TIME
AGAIN: TAX TIME. THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE - ADDING ~~INNOVATION~~
INSULT TO INJURY TODAY PREDICTING THAT PERHAPS A SCORE OF
AMERICANS WHO EARNED A MILLION OR MORE LAST YEAR - WILL PAY
NOT A SINGLE PENNY ~~IN~~ IN TAXES. THE SAME TRUE OF AN ESTIMATED
HUNDRED-AND ~~THIRTY~~-THIRTY-FOUR WHO EARNED UPWARDS OF TWO HUNDRED
THOUSAND BUCKS LAST YEAR.

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MAIN REASON - WE ARE TOLD - SO-CALLED TAX LOOPHOLES;
PERMITTING HUGE DEDUCTIONS FOR ~~CHARITABLE~~ CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS -
DEPLETION ALLOWANCES - BAD DEBTS AND SO ON.

The one consolation - ACCORDING TO THE IRS - IN THE
FACT THAT A MAN HAS TO DISPOSE OF GREAT CHUNKS OF MONEY TO GET
SUCH EXEMPTIONS. AND THIS ^{is} "GODD FOR THE COUNTRY ANYWAY" --

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~~so~~ SO THEY SAY, Warren,

NAGOYA

EVEN IN JAPAN, IT SEEMS THE BEST LAID PLANS OF MICE
AND MEN - "AFT GANG ^{aglay} AS TRAY." TAKE, FOR EXAMPLE, A PLANNED
DEMONSTRATION TODAY IN THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL OF NAGOYA. THE
IDEA - TO DRAMATIZE JAPAN'S DEMAND FOR THE RETURN OF OKINAWA.
SO THE PROTEST WAS TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH A VISIT - BY A GROUP
OF ~~███~~ U. S. GOVERNORS. ABOUT A HUNDRED PROTESTORS CARRYING
PLACARDS AND SIGNS - SHOUTING SLOGANS IN CADENCE WITH A SOUND
TRUCK.

ONLY ~~███~~ TROUBLE - THE WORDS WERE ALL JAPANESE.
TOTALLY UNINTELLIGIBLE - TO THE AMERICAN OFFICIALS. INDEED,
GOVERNOR BOE OF SOUTH DAKOTA WAS LATER ASKED ABOUT HIS
REACTION TO THE PROTEST - ~~MEMBER~~ AND HIS REPLY: I DIDN'T KNOW
THERE WAS ONE -- I THOUGHT IT WAS A WELCOMING COMMITTEE," --
SAID HE.