

WASHINGTON

Tues, Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>. 72,

*From Spiro Agnew - an address today that he himself compared to his blast at the press two years ago. Only this time - the Vice President taking on the academic community.*

*Said Spiro Agnew: "There can be no more dangerous form of anti-intellectualism - than that kind practiced by highly-educated, self-righteous intellectuals;" those "who consider themselves superior - to the point of infallibility."*

*The Vice President further citing as "a notorious example" of what he had in mind - a recent meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; where Hubert Humphrey was pelted with tomatoes - and prevented from speaking; an act - said he - that was then, in effect, condoned by Association officials.*

*Lest there be any doubt, the Vice President adding that what he wants - "is not book burning but more books; books covering every point of view - and not just the*

*propaganda favored by some professors,*

BASTOGNE

*In S. E. Asia*

~~On the war front~~ enemy troops today <sup>were</sup> attacking

in force - a key South Vietnamese combat base; thereby posing a threat to the nearby ancient imperial capital of Hue - also, the northernmost U.S. outpost in Vietnam.

It might be well to note though - the base under attack is called "Bastogne." Like its namesake - at last report, still holding.

Better still - this said to constitute the heaviest ground action in Vietnam; with enemy attacks elsewhere - apparently waning. Perhaps the main reason - mounting losses. At Bastogne alone, the Communist dead today - coming to more than four hundred and forty.

*BASTOGNE*  
**CAPITOL HILL FOLLOW ~~VIETNAM~~**

*Here at home - the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff met today with the House Armed Services Committee. Subject - the current enemy offensive in Vietnam. Admiral Thomas Moorer later quoted as saying: "The invasion has been contained." As to the future - a committee member saying he was "guardedly optimistic."*

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*The Pentagon was also observing today - that Saigon troops "appear to be doing very well." A spokesman adding: "They are inflicting casualties - and they have destroyed a substantial number of tanks that have crossed the DMZ."*

## ANKARA

Ankara, Turkey - the start of a state visit by Soviet President Podgorny; the first Russian chief of state to set foot on Turkish soil - in more than three hundred years; with his state goal <sup>d</sup> ~~to try and~~ ~~that of burying~~ forever past feuds and frequent wars. Podgorny telling an airport crowd: "I want to contribute to good neighborly relations - between Turkey and the Soviet Union."

## SOUTHERN IRAN

In the midst of a frantic relief effort - the death

toll from <sup>Fars Province</sup> the earthquake in Southern Iran continues to mount.

official tally -- now about Four Thousand. But Press reports indicating ~~today~~ the final figure <sup>may soar</sup> ~~could well~~ to <sup>often</sup> ~~nine~~ thousand.

At the same time - a series of continuing after-

shocks; on the average - about one every ninety seconds.

These causing landslides - that threaten additional havoc.

Also, spreading panic - among the survivors, <sup>many of</sup> ~~these~~

Whom ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> including ~~many~~ housed in tents <sup>that are</sup> ~~now~~ virtually surrounded by <sup>the</sup> wide fissures in the earth <sup>caused</sup> by this calaclysm of nature.

## MIDLAND

From Midland, Michigan - the story of a fire that ended in a freak death. Here's how it happened:

The blaze breaking out - on the second floor of a local motel; collapsing the ceiling of a sauna - one floor below; thereby pinning in a whirlpool bath - a guest, one Don Agler of South Bend, Indiana.

Firemen later attempting artificial respiration - but by then it was too late. The coroner ruling - death by drowning. In a fire.



## JUVENILES

For the first time in five years - a "very significant" decline in the annual rate of increase in juvenile crime. This - according to a government report just out tonight; said to indicate that "we may be nearing an end to the <sup>upsurge</sup> ~~growth~~ in juvenile delinquency - that has plagued the nation for so long."

Officials adding, in fact, "we may be coming near the point - where crime and delinquency will actually begin to dip." <sup>Which, we all hope will mean</sup> ~~and thus, it would seem,~~ another triumph for "truth, justice and the American way."

## SMITHSONIAN

If you plan to visit Washington this year - one of the things you must see is the new balloon exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution. Here assembled - a fascinating panoramic history of ballooning.

The first practical free-flying balloon - that of the brothers Joseph and Jacques Montgolfier; who ascended to an amazing height of more than a hundred feet - and traveled more than a mile - at Anonay, France, back in Seventeen-Eighty-Three.

The Montgolfiers - using a hot air balloon. Then came - the lighter than air gases; setting off an epidemic ~~of~~ <sup>what was termed</sup> "balloon madness" - that carried ballooning to the four corners of the globe, including the Arctic and Antarctic; ~~with~~ balloonists in the U.S. and Europe - still holding <sup>their</sup> regular competitions.

Incidentally, the world's first international balloon flight - in Seventeen-Eighty-Five - <sup>was</sup> across the English Channel; <sup>In command - if anyone can command a free balloon,</sup> French aeronaut Jean-Pierre Blanchard



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*with an American passenger, Dr. John Jefferies. They made it - but barely. To make it they had to jettison all excess cargo. The word was that French balloonist Jean-Pierre wanted to jettison his passenger. Anyhow they did throw overboard their shoes, coats, shirts and pants, but not their sox. All of which - would make quite a movie, wouldn't it.*

*So if you are in Washington, Warren, you will want to see this at the Smithsonian.*

## CAPE KENNEDY

At Cape Kennedy - the men of Apollo-Sixteen  
were given their final physicals today. Astronauts Young,  
Duke and Mattingly - all ready and rarin' to go. After  
hurried repairs for a nitrogen leak - their space ship,  
*is all set - they hope. With this next*  
likewise, ~~will~~ blast-off for the moon - now less than five  
days away.