

WHITE HOUSE

Wed. Oct. 7-70.

Washington, Paris, Saigon, Hanoi, right around the globe, an air of ~~a~~ growing anticipation; as President Nixon prepares to present tonight - a new U S proposal for ending the war in Vietnam.

The President's plan - still a ~~closely guarded~~ secret, ~~of course~~. However, the President <sup>did have a</sup> meeting today - first with his cabinet and then <sup>with</sup> key congressional leaders of both ~~part~~ parties, discussing in advance the move he intends to take. Rumors persist~~ing~~ that these will ~~to~~ include a call for a stand-still ~~and~~ cease fire - coupled with a withdrawal of all foreign troops. ~~In any event,~~ The President's <sup>3</sup> broadcast ~~address~~ coming up at ~~nine~~ nine tonight eastern time, <sup>will</sup> ~~be~~ be carried "live" on most of these CBS radio stations.

## **PRAKHAM**

War news from Cambodia tells of another setback today - in the government effort to mount a major offensive north of Phnom Penh. Communist troops springing ~~on~~ <sup>new</sup> a surprise attack on the ~~new~~ guard of that stalled Cambodian task force. Killing three, wounding twenty - we are told - as against enemy losses set at twelve. This near the village of Prakhham - where the Communists are also said to have shot and killed at least six civilians.

## CAIRO JERUSALEM

In the Middle East - Cairo - Egypt's national  
assembly makes it official; today ~~nominating~~ <sup>voting for</sup> a full  
six year ~~term~~ <sup>for</sup> interim President Anwar Sadat;  
who will doubtless be confirmed as Nasser's successor -  
in a national plebiscite now set for October fifteenth.

Reverse side - Jerusalem - Israeli sources  
~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> applauding America's new hard line stance in the  
Middle East. An Israeli newspaper ~~observing~~ observing  
that "Washington has proved - it is no longer prepared  
to cover up for Moscow's failure to live up to its  
commitments."

## MONTREAL

~~up~~ At Montreal - Canadian officials were standing firm today; refusing to meet the long list of ~~ransom~~ ransom demands set forth by French ~~Separatist~~ Separatist terrorists holding British diplomat James Cross. Instead, the government expressing a willingness - to negotiate a some of the kidnappers demands. ~~With~~ <sup>With</sup> the Terrorists ~~finally~~ extending their so-called death deadline - one more day.

## ROME

In "the Eternal City" ~~Rome~~ - leaders of the Italian senate met in secret session today; attempting to hammer out a compromise bill -- to <sup>arrange</sup> ~~commit~~ for the first time, <sup>for some</sup> ~~some~~ form of divorce <sup>for</sup> ~~in~~ Roman Catholic Italy.

Meanwhile, Pope Paul <sup>was</sup> taking note of the divorce issue in an audience ~~today~~ especially for Italian newlyweds. The Pontiff quoting from the Bible - asserting flatly: "What God hath joined together - let no man put asunder."

Now this: The Italian Senate voting tonight - to delay enactment of the divorce bill. A move - observers says - that could kill it entirely.

LAPAZ

LaPaz - leftist General Juan Jose Torres was  
officially sworn in today - as the new President of Bolivia.  
Torres assuming control of the Bolivian government - with  
the full approval of the three-man military junta he now  
replaces; thereby <sup>hopefully</sup> cutting short ~~temporarily at least~~  
a power struggle ~~between~~ between left and right wing elements -  
<sup>and even</sup> ~~that nearly led to~~ civil war. President Torres pledging  
as his prime objective - once and for all, <sup>to put</sup> an end to hunger  
in Bolivia.

## MOSCOW

*For French President Pompidou - who is ~~currently visiting~~ in Moscow - five hours of talks today with Soviet Premier Kosygin. Subjects discussed including the outlook for an all-European security conference;- the possibility of French "economic ventures" in the Soviet Union;- also, the ramifications of that new Soviet West German non-aggression treaty.*

*Pompidou later telling reporters - that he and Kosygin had "narrowed their difference". He also hinted at the possibility - of a "new step" in French and Soviet relations. Pompidou observing that such a development - "is not to be excluded."*



PARIS FOLLOW MOSCOW

*Meanwhile*

~~Back~~ in Paris - the first volume of General DeGaulle's new series of memoirs was released to the public today. This including a section - discussing ~~the~~ his talks with the late President Kennedy back in Nineteen Sixty One.

DeGaulle reporting that Kennedy told him - he would not hesitate to use nuclear weapons = if necessary, to prevent the Soviets from seizing Western Europe. DeGaulle adding that he, in turn, advised the young President - to turn back from massive U S military intervention in Indo China. The French President quoting himself as saying that U S intervention - would be "an endless involument bogging down more and more in a bottomless military and political quagmire." President Kennedy is said to have insisted though that South Vietnam must serve as "a pier" against the further spread of Communism.



## OCEANS

*The White House again - a special report from the President's new environmental quality council; detailing ~~made~~ damage to the nation's surrounding oceans - caused by "indiscriminate dumping;" Also urging the adoption of a new set of rules - to prevent any further desecration; ~~of~~ chief of which would be a total ban - on the future ocean dumping of trash, ~~poison~~ poison gases or any other toxic materials.*

*President Nixon promptly endorsing the report - sending it along to Congress. ~~At the same time, pledging to ~~only~~ submit to the next Congress "specific legislative proposals to implement" the council's recommendations. The President observing that - "Man does not treat the oceans well" - acting on the assumption "that there capacity to absorb wastes is infinite."~~ But there can be no denying now - said he - "the damage that Man has caused."*

## WASHINGTON

Elsewhere in Washington - a meeting of the international union of biological sciences. Hearing today from Dr. Paul Kotin, director of the national institute of environment ~~and health~~ health science who says that man's abuse of his environment - is costing him untold amounts in medical expenses and related items. In this country alone - says Dr. Kotin - the figure coming to an estimated thirty-five billion a year. And the fact that housewives generally live longer than their husbands - said he - <sup>is</sup> "quite probably" the result of differences in work environments; hers clean - his awful. Is yours awful, Warren?

## NEWBURGH

*This next - the story of an urban renewal project - scheduled to take effect in Newburgh, New York. A study of the project's master plan disclosing the planned demolition - of an historic dutch Reformed Church, a hundred-and-thirty-five years old; which is bad enough - except that the project also calls for the renovation of a nearby six bedroom private ~~dormitory~~ dwelling - said house - we are told now - famed ~~from~~ far and wide as "Big Nell" - a legendary brothel.*

*All this coming to light - in an article published in the Times Herald-record of nearby Middletown, New York; which further call<sup>s</sup>~~ed~~ the entire episode - "a not so shining example of official laxity and incompetence."*