

PLANE

Tues. July 2 - '68.

The Soviet Union has agreed to release that D-C-Eight  
airliner and its two-hundred-~~thirty-one~~<sup>fourteen</sup> American ~~passengers~~<sup>service men</sup>.

This the plane down Sunday night

~~who were~~ forced ~~to land~~ on one of the ~~Russian~~ Kurile

~~Islands~~<sup>north of</sup> Japan. ~~Sunday night~~. Soviet mig fighter planes

~~had~~ forced the airliner to land. ~~there~~, ~~you remember~~. White

House ~~News~~<sup>Press</sup> Secretary George Christian says the Russians

ordered the ~~ria~~<sup>g</sup> release after the United States expressed

regret that the jetliner had violated Soviet air space.

Some diplomats believe the Soviets are unwilling to

have the incident put a damper on the new era of good

feeling which appears to be blossoming between the United

States and Russia. <sup>TP</sup> Sources in Geneva say the American-

Soviet talks on the banning of missile systems will probably

be held privately -- in either Washington or Moscow, away

from the spotlight of the Geneva Disarmament Conference.

This would follow the pattern of talks between Washington

and Moscow five years ago which ~~led~~<sup>led</sup> eventually, to the

treaty banning nuclear test explosions in the atmosphere.

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RAY

A British court has ordered the return of James Earl Ray to the United States to face charges of murdering Doctor Martin Luther King. However, Ray's lawyers say they will appeal the ruling -- and this could mean a further delay in Ray's return to American custody. Earlier today, Ray almost lost his composure for the first time during a morning session in Bow Street Court. He sweated -- his jaw twitched -- his eyes blinked -- and his hands roamed over his face. But he displayed virtually no emotion when he heard the court's decision during the afternoon session.

GUNS

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HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADER CARL ALBERT SAYS HE'S AGAINST BOTH MAJOR GUN CONTROL BILLS NOW IN CONGRESS - AND HIS OPPOSITION DIMS/ THE CHANCES FOR NEW RESTRICTIONS ON FIRE ARMS THIS YEAR.

IN A RARE BREAK WITH PRESIDENT JOHNSON, ALBERT SPOKE OUT AGAINST BOTH ADMINISTRATION BILLS - ONE TO BAN ALL INTER-STATE MAIL ORDER SALES OF FIREARMS - AND THE OTHER TO REQUIRE REGISTRATION OF ALL GUNS.

PENALTY

THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION TODAY ASKED CONGRESS  
TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY FOR ALL FEDERAL CRIMES, INCLUDING  
PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSINATIONS. IN A REVERSAL OF HIS PREVIOUS  
POSITION, ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK URGED THAT ~~THIS NATION~~<sup>we</sup>  
JOIN THE RANKS OF SEVENTY OTHER ~~WHICH~~<sup>nations where they</sup> HAVE ABOLISHED CAPITAL  
PUNISHMENT. CLARK SAYS ~~THESE~~ EXTENSIVE STUDIES INCLUDING ONE  
BY THE UNITED NATIONS - INDICATE ~~THAT~~ THE DEATH PENALTY DOES NOT  
DETER CRIME AND THAT MURDER RATES ARE THE SAME - WITH OR  
WITHOUT IT.

VIETNAM

An unidentified plane -- said to resemble a mig -- has bombed targets near an American base some thirty miles west of Saigon. And it may have shot down an American helicopter. However, <sup>so far</sup> ~~there has been~~ no official confirmation from the American command. Reliable sources in Saigon reported the attack which could be the first Communist air raid of the war on South Vietnamese territory. The same informants say more than two thousand Viet Cong are massing for a possible invasion across the Cambodian border to attack the provincial capital of Moc Hoa.

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HOUSE

THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE HAS VIRTUALLY KILLED THE NAVY'S CONTROVERSIAL ~~P-ONE-ELEVEN-B~~ FIGHTER-BOMBER BY AGREEING WITH A SENATE DECISION TO CUT OFF MONEY FOR THE PROJECT. THIS MEANS EVERY CENT OF A FOUR ~~XX~~ HUNDRED SIXTY MILLION DOLLAR ADMINISTRATION REQUEST - MONEY THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN USED TO DEVELOP THE SUPERSONIC AIRCRAFT AND PURCHASE THIRTY OF THE PLANES.

HAVANA

The Northwest Orient Airlines plane -- which was hijacked and flown to Havana last night -- returned to Miami today. But it didn't carry its eighty-seven passengers. Instead, they flew back to Miami on one of the daily American-operated refugee flights from Cuba. All returned except the hijacker himself. Witnesses say he got a big welcome in Havana after he forced the American pilot -- Captain Richard Simonson -- to fly the plane to Cuba at gunpoint.

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Cuban officials told Simonson he couldn't fly the airliner back with the passengers on board because the runways at Havana's airport were not long enough ~~for~~<sup>for</sup> a safe takeoff. So he had to fly the Boeing Seven-Twenty-Seven jetliner back to Miami with only himself and his six crew members on board. Both Simonson and the Federal Aviation Administration claim the jetliner was perfectly capable ~~of~~<sup>of</sup> taking off from the Havana airport with a full load, no matter what those Cubans say.

CARDINAL

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Francis Cardinal Brennan -- holder of the highest Vatican post ever conferred on an American -- died today in Philadelphia at the age of seventy-four. He was flown to the United States two weeks ago for treatment of an undisclosed illness. Cardinal Brennan rose from the coal mine area regions of Pennsylvania to become head of the Roman Curia's Congregation of the Sacraments. He was named to that post by Pope Paul last January.



HUGHES

THE AMERICAN BROADCASTING COMPANY SAYS IT WILL FILE  
SUIT TO BLOCK HOWARD HUGHES' OFFER TO BUY TWO MILLION SHARES  
OF THE NETWORK'S COMMON STOCK. THIS WOULD REPRESENT ABOUT  
FORTY-TWO PER CENT OF THE TOTAL COMMON STOCK OUTSTANDING.  
A B C PRESIDENT LEONARD GOLDENSON SAYS HIS MANAGEMENT AND  
DIRECTORS BELIEVE THE OFFER IS BELOW THE INTRINSIC VALUE  
OF A B C COMMON.

HUMPHREY

VICE ~~VKS~~ PRESIDENT ~~WALTER~~ HUMPHREY - CAMPAIGNING IN

CLEVELAND - SAYS HE'S NOT "STEAM-ROLLING" THE PRESIDENTIAL

NOMINATION. HE ALSO SAYS HE'LL SUPPORT THE PARTY'S NOMINEE

IF HE FAILS - AND, <sup>he</sup> EXPECTS SENATOR McCARTHY TO DO THE SAME.

HUMPHREY TOLD THE CLEVELAND CITY CLUB THAT HE'LL <sup>ill</sup> REPUDIATE NOTHING ~~★~~

THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION HAS DONE, AND THAT INCLUDES THE POLICY

ON VIET NAM. HE ALSO PROPOSED <sup>- Warren -</sup> WHAT HE CALLED A "MARSHALL PLAN"

FOR AMERICAN CITIES TO HELP ALLEVIATE URBAN PROBLEMS.

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HEAT

*heat so intense*

MOST OF EUROPE SWELTERED IN A HEAT WAVE TODAY, ~~THAT~~ *even*

SOFTENED THE GLACIAL CRUST ON MT. BLANC, ~~AND JAMMED THE POWER~~ *So says*

*the dispatch,*

~~OF LONDON BRIDGES~~ AT LEAST SIXTY-FIVE DROWNED WHILE SEEKING

RELIEF FROM TEMPERATURES AS HIGH AS ONE HUNDRED DEGREES -

~~READINGS OF FIFTY ~~SEVEN~~ SEVEN DEGREES TURNED THE ICE TO NEAR-~~

~~SLUSH ON MT. BLANC - EUROPE'S TALLEST MOUNTAIN. DRAW BRIDGES~~

IN BRITAIN AND FRANCE EXPANDED ~~AND~~ <sup>WHEN</sup> *and* RAISED <sup>^</sup> IN THE ~~SEEKING~~ HEAT,

~~AND~~ REMAINED JAMMED OPEN.