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KARACHI

Crisis in Karachi. Reports from the West

Pakistan metropolis telling of anti-government

demonstrations today. More than a million, students

and workers - even barefoot children - battling police

and soldiers from street to street and on into the

suburbs. While veiled women on over-hanging balconies

- were reviling President Ayub Khan. Shouting over

and over: "Ayub kutta - hai! hai!" Ayub is a dog -

yes! yes!

Catalyst for the city wide riot - a general strike

called by combined right and left wing opposition

parties. Both demanding release of political prisoners,

an end to one-party rule - also an end to the current

state of emergency; which was first imposed - during

the war with India nearly forty years ago.

Now - this latest - in the capital city of

Rawalpindi - President Ayub announcing tonight - he

will lift the state of emergency as of Monday.

VIETNAM

On the battlefields of Vietnam - where Saturday has already dawned - the new day ~~has~~ has brought with it a shaky cease-fire. For the moment at least, the Viet Cong apparently observing their own self-proclaimed ~~the~~ TET truce, with Allied troops expected to join shortly in a similar pledge of non-belligerence - ~~for~~ for a three day period beginning Sunday.

Lest there be any doubt though - the Viet Cong high command served notice today of hard fighting still ahead. Looking beyond the TET New Year's observance ~~the~~ enemy leaders telling their troops "to strike harder on every battle field," political and military." Radio Hanoi further pledging to carry out - what it called "President Ho Chi Minh's New Year's wish". Namely, "to fight so the Americans go away - to fight so that the puppets fall."

LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles - the defense begins to build its case. With famed Attorney Emile Zolla Berman first up today in behalf of defendant Sirhan Sirhan. Asserting that the accused killer of Senator Robert Kennedy - was "an immature, emotionally disturbed and mentally retarded youth." As such - incapable of premeditated murder.

Emile Zolla Berman going on to say - that - indeed - Sirhan Sirhan had "admired and loved" Robert Kennedy; until the Senator said - in essence, that as President - "he would fly fifty phantom jets to Israel." "That did it" - said Berman. Adding that by the time of the actual shooting- Sirhan "was out of contact with reality - in a trance in which he had no voluntary control over his actions."

THE BRONX

Why are school taxes so high? This next - perhaps an answer of sorts. A report today calling broken windows - one of the costliest items^s in the budget of nearly every big city school system in America.

In Chicago, for example, the cost of ~~the~~ replacing broken windows - running upwards of eight hundred thousand bucks a year. In New York - it's more than a million. In Philadelphia - the cost of this vandalism - enough to build a new elementary school every two years.

How to ~~stop~~ stop it - a problem school officials have been trying to solve for years. And now an answer - maybe. In a new kind of glass called "transparent steel." In tests so far ^{in the Bronx - N.Y. -} reportedly cutting window ^(breakage) ~~breakage~~ up to ninety percent.

This - we are told in part, because the new glass is so strong; but perhaps moreso because ~~the~~

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it ~~neary~~ crumples under heavy impact instead of shattering all over the place. As one ex-rock thrower was heard to remark; "it just isn't any fun any more."

CAMBRIDGE FOLLOW ROME

Here at home - Apollo Eight Command Pilot

James Lovell, guest of honor at an ~~MIT~~ M I T convocation

where he discussed the view of earth - looking back

"from outer space." "I was surprised to see how

paper thin the earth's atmosphere really is," said he.

Adding that for spacemen - "the fine line between

existence and extinction is about two minutes wide.

This - he went on to say ^{is} a dramatic

illustration that the earth's atmosphere is a limited

resource; and one that is now - seriously threatened

by air pollution. ^{Also} ~~still~~ another good reason - said

Captain Lovell, - for carrying on with the U S Space

program.

SALZBURG

At Salzburg, Austria the wedding of the century today - at least for that part of the world. A traditional church ceremony uniting as one - Arndt Von Bohlen Und Halback and Henriette Von Auers Perg. He - the "jet set" heir to ^{the} Krupp millions. She - a blonde, buxom Austrian Princess - who towered about six inches over her new mate.

In contrast to yesterday - when he met the press wearing a full length mink dressing gown Von Bohlen Und Halback today donning simple peasant togs. His ~~bride~~ bride - also wearing a simple pongau dirndl. However, the reception that followed at the groom's castle - anything but simple; a lavish affair attended by some three hundred ^{so-called} "beautiful people". Blue bloods, movie stars, ~~and~~ artists ~~and~~ writers and so on. Von Bohlen Und Halback hiring an extra fifty servants - in addition to the regular two hundred - to insure an affair to remember. *That, Warren, is the way the Von Bohlen und Halbacks do it!*

JACK BENNY

Here's one - perhaps best billed as a once in a lifetime story. Comedian Jack Benny today celebrating a long awaited birthday. After holding steady at thirty-nine - for low these many years - Jack Benny finally admitting to seventy-five years.

Next question - now that he passed his diamond jubilee - does he plan to keep on with his busy schedule of concerts - TV and so on? Jack Benny replying - in effect; "you bet your sweet bippy." And why not? At seventy-five - Jack you're just a youngster!