

Thurs, May 25-72,
pretty close to it!

MOSCOW

President Nixon's mission to Moscow ^{seems to be} ~~fast-assuming~~ ~~today~~
~~the proportions of~~ ^{if not} a personal triumph ^{There was a} banner headline in the
 Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda ^{today} -- calling attention to
 quote, "Visit of the President of the U.S.A." -- also, a picture of
 the President -- plus a mention of his surprise visit to Leonid
 Brezhnev's suburban dacha. ^{Also} ~~While~~ the government newspaper Isvestia
^{was} carrying more of the same. And, both publications ^{were} carrying the
 full texts of all agreements signed so far. This ~~comprising~~ the
 fullest press coverage -- the Soviets have ever given a visiting
 foreign dignitary.

At the same time, the U.S. and Russia ^{were} signing ~~today~~ their
 fifth summit agreement; a pact aimed at averting dangerous
 harrassment on the high seas -- or so-called "chicken-of-the-sea"
 incidents. According to U.S. officials ^{this is} -- "the first high level,
 military-to-military agreement between the U.S. and the Soviets --
 since World War Two." And tomorrow -- there could be another; that
 long-awaited -- nuclear arms limitation agreement.

Best of all -- we are told -- the President and his Soviet

hosts ^{are even} ~~finally~~ tackling the problem of restoring peace to Vietnam;

hopefully -- the crowning touch.

VIETNAM

In Vietnam -- enemy forces again attacked in strength today -- across the My Chanh River; another attempt to break through that "Ring of Steel" ~~///~~ around the nearby city of Hue; another attempt that failed -- with ~~resulting~~ heavy losses.

In the air war -- Hanoi today reported a continuation of massive U.S. air strikes. Calling the raid against the North -- "savage acts of war." Also, demanding an immediate end -- to the U.S. Naval blockade of North Vietnamese ports. All of which is said to indicate ~~perhaps~~ the increasing effectiveness of current U.S. war policy.

To the South -- at Saigon, another weekly casualty report. The number of American combat deaths -- set at eight; the lowest toll in four weeks. ~~And these~~ again -- mainly from air action.

NEW YORK

Meanwhile

~~For~~ Vice-President Spiro Agnew ~~was in~~ ^{was in} ~~trip~~ today ~~to~~ ^{to} New York;

where he addressed a "Father of the Year" Award luncheon ~~in~~ ^{a speech} ~~in~~ ^{but} which he sounded more like a "Dutch Uncle."

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Spiro Agnew lashing out at, quote, "The New Morality"-- as practiced by some of today's youth. "I suggest" -- said he -- that much of what is in the new morality -- is not morality at all; but just a cheap, easy rationale -- for doing whatever you damn well please; or giving in to every temptation -- for avoiding every duty and responsibility.

The Vice-President also noted that many of the "new moralists" -- are now insisting that "we abandon South Vietnam to its assailant;" a circumstance he called -- "more than strange." "To turn a deaf ear to the pleas of the weak and helpless under attack by a criminal" -- "why, that" -- said ^{Vice Pres.} ~~Spiro~~ Agnew -- "that's downright immoral."

ANAHEIM - SAN DIEGO

In the campaigning here in California -- ^{both} ~~Hubert~~ Humphrey and ~~George~~ McGovern were ^{again} ~~both~~ hitting hard today.

At Anaheim -- ^{Sen.} Humphrey challenging ^{Sen.} McGovern's proposal -- to cut the defense budget by more than thirty billion over the next three years. Such a proposal -- said Humphrey -- not only "dangerous to our national self-interest" -- but one that could cause serious problems of unemployment.

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At San Diego -- McGovern challenging Humphrey's assertion -- that both men had compiled virtually identical records on the war issue. Indeed, McGovern calling Humphrey's charge -- "the most outrageous nonsense and demonstration of gall I think I've ever seen." Further claiming that Humphrey, as Vice-President -- had been "a firm and unswerving supporter of the Johnson war policy."

AMMAN

In the Middle East -- Jordan ^{is} celebrated ^{ing} ~~today~~ its combined Independence and Army Day; with Armed Forces under the personal direction of King Hussein → staging large scale ground and air maneuvers. And later on, Jordan's Chief of Staff -- engaging in a little saber rattling. General Zeid Ben Shaker asserting flatly: "Jordan is now absolutely ready to face any aggression -- and to regain its conquered lands."

DETROIT

From Detroit -- the story of Dib Abdalla; who was born and raised in a poverty-stricken Syrian town; finally immigrating to the U.S. at age twenty. Later serving in the U.S. Army -- becoming a citizen -- getting married -- raising a fine family and now -- soon to achieve a life-long dream.

After six years of night classes -- Dib Abdalla completing all the requirements for a high school diploma. Along with a host of youngsters -- scheduled to take part in graduation exercises next Wednesday. For Dib Abdalla -- at age eighty! -- a commencement a long commencing -- but well worth it. And next, I guess -- on to college.

CAVIAR

Like many an American traveler, President Nixon may soon discover -- he's putting on a little weight. The President's *usual* regular luncheon menu, as you ~~know~~ ^{no doubt have heard} -- consisting mainly of cottage cheese -- even on previous trips. Ah, but Moscow -- a different story. The President's diet -- now said to include some much more lavish fare; such as gobs of Russian Caviar -- and Russian brown bread thick with butter. In the words of at least one White House aide -- the President really "lapping it up."

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For the President, even as you and I -- ^{Don -} it's hard to say "Nyet;" ^{especially} ~~And besides,~~ when in Moscow, -- ~~well, you know the rest.~~

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VERNON

Vernon, Connecticut -- another setback for Women's Lib. The local Vernon newspaper today rescinding a recent policy -- whereby the women mentioned in its pages were all addressed as ^{Mizz}Ms. -- spelled "M-S-Period."

A front page editorial -- explaining why. The use of ^{Mizz}Ms. -- we are told -- stirring up the biggest public reaction in the newspaper's history. Of those writing in -- the explanation goes on -- eighty-two percent favoring a return to the standard Miss or Mrs. While those in favor of ^{Mizz}Ms. -- only eighteen percent. Sorry, girls.