

REACTION FOLLOW PRAGUE

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*Have you been wondering about world reaction to the Czech invasion? ~~one of~~*  
It has been one of  
^ universal shock; followed by dismay - and finally,

condemnation. A sentiment shared by such diverse world leaders -- as Pope Paul, U N Secretary General U Thant, President Tito of Yugoslavia, DeGaulle of France. Some of the strongest protests - coming even from Communist parties in western nations.

*Pres. Johnson as you may have heard,*  
~~Here on our own shores - President Johnson~~

^ calling the invasion "tragic news." "A sad commentary"

-- said he -- "that a sign of liberty in Czechoslovakia -

is deemed a fundamental threat to the security of the

Soviet system." The President further charging a "flat

violation" of the U N charter <sup>and</sup> ^ urging immediate Soviet

withdrawal. Adding: "It is never too late - for reason to

prevail."

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UNITED NATIONS FOLLOW REACTION

Later - at the U N headquarters in New York - the United States joined today with Britain, France, Canada, Denmark and Paraguay - all asking *for* an emergency session of the U N Security Council *to* consider possible action in the Czech crisis. A move apparently predestined to failure, however - in view of the *the* Soviet veto. ~~power.~~

## PRAGUE

As you have been hearing over and over since during the night, for Czechoslovakia - the curtain has descended on a grand experiment. That is, the Iron Curtain descended. Or you might say the Kremlin lowered the boom. Communist troops from Russia and four of her satellites -- writing a sudden end to what looked like a rebirth of freedom; occupying the country from border to ~~the~~ border - seizing Czech reform leaders -- and blasting from the streets any and all who dared attempt to interfere. They play rough.

In the end - there was little interference. The Czech government ordering its armed forces as well as civilians - not to offer any resistance. This - supposedly "to prevent catastrophic consequences." However, the Czech National Assembly is raising the threat of a possible general strike - as a final gesture of opposition to any imposed government.



IKE

For the first time in days - the news is more  
encouraging ~~today~~ from Walter Reed ~~Army~~ Hospital. ~~Fix~~  
Doctors ~~reporting that~~ <sup>say</sup> former President Eisenhower  
"has spent a comfortable day - ~~there has been~~ <sup>with</sup> no  
recurrence of cardiac irregularities." ~~Adding~~ <sup>also</sup> that Ike's  
"morale is excellent - and his vital signs continue to be  
stable."

COLUMBUS

Columbus, Ohio -- a daring prison "break-in" today at the Ohio State Penitentiary. With a force of about five hundred police and national guardsmen - blasting their way into a cell block held by rebel prisoners. <sup>There</sup> Rescuing ~~safely~~ nine guards -- held hostage by the ~~convicts~~ convicts. Also breaking the back - of a day and a half of prison insurrection.

WORCESTER

For the first <sup>time</sup> since the death of his brother,

the late Senator Robert Kennedy - Senator Edward Kennedy speaks out on public issues. This in an address today from Worcester, Massachusetts -- carried nationally by radio and television.

The main thrust of his remarks - in a four-point program "to end the war in Vietnam" which he called "a modern American tragedy." Senator Kennedy urging: One - an unconditional bombing halt. Two - a complete U S and North Vietnam withdrawal from South Vietnam. Three - American help in establishing a "viable, political, economic and legal structure ~~in~~ that will not promptly collapse on our departure." And four - a significant reduction in "our military activity and military personnel" - in Southeast Asia.

As for his own future - Edward Kennedy saying:

"There is no safety in hiding - so today I resume my public

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*responsibilities like my brothers before me - I pick up  
the fallen standard."*



VIETNAM

~~Halfway round the globe~~ <sup>There were</sup> three <sup>more</sup> human wave

attacks today - on an American armored column near Tay

Ninh. <sup>with</sup> ~~However~~ U. S. infantrymen hurling back the Viet

Cong - killing more than a ~~100~~ hundred and eighty. Raising

enemy losses - to more than five hundred: in a ~~series~~ <sup>series</sup> ~~series~~

of battles this week northwest of Saigon -- stretching

all the way to the Cambodian border.





ADD VIETNAM

A later report telling of an overnight  
terror shelling attack - on ~~the great city of~~ Saigon.  
The first such ~~bombardment~~ in more than two months.

PARIS FOLLOW VIETNAM

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Meanwhile, in Paris - another three and a half hour meeting of U S and North Vietnamese peace negotiators. Getting nowhere - as usual. America's Averell Harriman telling Hanoi - to stop using that demilitarized zone for offensive purposes; or U S restraint - "could not be maintained" - said he. North Vietnam's Xuan Thuy - responding with the standard Red polemic.

COPPERHILL FOLLOW PARIS

Here at home - the tragedy of war was felt full force today - in the tiny community of Copperhill, Tennessee, ~~Home~~ Home of Sergeant Jessie Joseph Payne - forty-eight - who recently volunteered for combat duty in Vietnam; to make sure that his only son - corporal Larry Payne - would not be sent there.

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Mrs. Jessie Joseph Payne just receiving notification - that her ~~husband~~ husband was killed this month in an enemy attack on Da Nang. Sergeant Jessie Joseph Payne - a man who truly gave his all that his son might live.



NOW

Next up - NOW - the National Organization  
for Women - with headquarters in New York. <sup>NOW</sup> Calling  
today for an outpouring of concerned women - to attend  
a lecture course on 'the art of picketing.'

Civil Rights leader Florynce Kennedy - who  
will conduct the course - promising to demonstrate  
that picketing can be a "great adventure." Inviting  
one and all to "turn on to the groovy excitement of  
picketing; <sup>Warren,</sup> which <sup>she says is</sup> less dangerous than skiing" ~~says~~  
~~she~~ and much more meaningful.

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BOSTON

First - it was alcoholics anonymous. Next - gamblers anonymous. Now - smokers anonymous. A Boston-based organization -- announcing plans today for establishing branch offices throughout the country.

Where the other anonymouses employ "group therapy" ~~though~~ - smokers anonymous is a kind of "do it yourself" group. Founder Francis White Junior ~~explains~~ explaining that S.A. cannot give anybody the will power to quit smoking - <sup>only,</sup> only advice. Beginning with the advice that motivation is the key to kicking the cigarette habit - "you have to quit for a good reason."

As for technique - the best approach is the "cold turkey" method - or complete abstinence - says White. Adding that thirty days without a cigarette and you've got it licked - no butts about it.