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CONGRESS

Here in Washington, they are talking about - "the Congressional revolt." Meaning, - criticism of the leadership for failing to announce an adjournment. Much anger at the statement by Speaker McCormick - that they'll still be in session this week end. When most members are straining at the political leash, anxious to be back home with the electorate - now that the election is only weeks away.

The answer of the leadership - is that work remains to be done. Bills - to be acted on. But the belief is that the major administration proposal - the Appalachia Bill to aid the so-called depressed area - will have to be put off until next year.

STRIKE

The negotiations between the shipping association and the longshorement association in New York -- broke down over the question of jobs. The fear of automation.

The mediation panel purposed that work gangs be cut -- from twenty to seventeen. In return for -- a guaranteed annual wage. We are told the I. L. A. spokes^eman -- were ~~far~~ favorable to the idea. ~~But~~ the rank and file -- turned it down cold.

Hence the threat of a massive walkout at midnight - on the dot from k Maine to Texas. And last minute activity at the White House. The President, moving -- ~~to~~ to prevent a long crippling strike. Or at least, postpone it for eighty days. Which he has a right to do -- under the Taft-Hartly Act.

PLANE

The plane that the Air Force unveiled today - has a rather colorless name. YF-12A. But there's nothing colorless - about its performance.

This interceptor is - one hundred and two feet long. Wing span - fifty-two feet. Velocity - better than two thousand miles an hour. Three times the speed of sound. And it carries missiles - with nuclear warheads. Assignment, to intercept enemy bombers. Knock them out of the sky. Two models of the YF-12A showed how - as they flashed across the Mojave Desert in their first public demonstrations.

While this was happening I was with some old Air Force friends at an important anniversary event here in Washington - at old Bolling Field, across the Potomac. We were celebrating the fortieth anniversary of man's first flight around the World. Gen. Leigh Wade, one of the pilots was with us; also Col. Al Harvey and Hank Ogden. On that flight, in a Doug-World Cruiser, the

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speed was 70 miles per hour - average. One of the two or three with us was Gen. Benny Fulors, who was Uncle Sam's first licensed airplane pilot. Seventy miles an hour and now we have the YF-12A that flies at over two thousand miles per hour!

GOLDWATER

Barry Goldwater has entered the slam-bang phase of his bid for the presidency -- to judge from his fight ^{ing} speeches in Ohio. The Republican candidate, tearing into President Johnson - with the strongest language he ~~has~~ ^{has} used thus far. Using phrases like - "smoke screen of deceit and deliberate lying." And, "Johnson's war in Vietnam."

The Goldwater challenge to his democratic opponent with regard to Southeast Asia -- is this: "Answer the crucial question of what we are doing in South Vietnam." According to the Arizona Senator, what we are doing comes under the heading of -- "a no-win policy." He promises to switch to a "win policy" - if elected.

Barry Goldwater was heckled along the way -- by buckeye Democrats to whom he offered -- his own rejoinder. ^{Why some} shouted -- "We want Johnson!" Goldwater retorted -- "I want Johnson too -- but he's afraid to debate with me."

HUMPHREY

The Democrat candidate for Vice President, Hubert Humphrey, opened up on Barry Goldwater today, picturing the Arizonan as irresponsible, "reckless in words" and said that also means "recklessness in deeds."

BASEBALL

That situation in the National League is more bizaar than it was last night. Who could have forseen that the Phillies would ^{have a sensational} carry ~~their~~ season -- ^{then} and swoon -- another game?

But they did -- against the Cardinals. Losing -- their ninth in a row. Manager Gene Mauch must wonder -- if his team will win another game this year. They have -- only three left.

Even if they win all three -- the Phillies must have help from somebody else. Because they play the Cards only once more, and are two games behind in the all important losing column. Where might that help -- come from? Why, the Mets. If Casey Stengel's ^{battered} Warriors can beat the Cards -- if Gene Mauch's Phillies can beat the Reds -- the Phillies could still win the pennant. Right now, those must look like grim "ifs" -- in Philadelphia.

INDIA

In India the Monsoon season the worst - in the modern history of Hindustan. New Delhi, reporting cyclones, torrential rains - and floods far and wide.

Hardest hit - the state of Andhra on the southeast coast of the sub-continent where the monsoon coming in from the Indian Ocean - has already caused seven hundred fatalities. Four hundred in one fell swoop - when a fishing fleet was blown out to sea. Seventy-five antiquated fishing vessels wiped out by the monsoon.

VIETNAM

The American airmen in South Vietnam -- are still getting a break from lady luck. Yesterday, there were three crash landings. With nothing worse than a broken leg. ~~Today,~~

Today, a helicopter collision over an airstrip in the mountains -- about two hundred and forty miles from Saigon. The whirlybirds, flying in formation, at an altitude of five-hundred feet. ^{They were} Attempting a turn -- when they smashed together. One burst into flames -- and fell like a stone. The other crashed landed.

The two pilots came out of ~~the crash~~ ^{it all} with serious back injuries, but the amazing ~~thing~~ thing is that there were no fatalities.

SPIES

That spy case in New York is so mystifying - that one of the defendants hasn't been identified. The woman in the case is listed as ---"Jane Doe," The familiar non-committal pseudonym that the law uses when it's baffled.

This "Jane Doe" has been calling herself --"Mrs. Robert Baltch," And giving her maiden name as "Joy Anne Garber." On occasion, she offered the variant -- "Mrs. James Jackson."

The interesting thing about these aliases is that they all belong to actual people. American citizens who were astounded to find their names being used -- by complete strangers. The two spies who plucked them -- out of the phone book.

The so-called "Mrs. Baltch" and "Mrs. Jackson" -- she remains the unknown "Jane Doe" of this espionage equation.

The "Mr. Baltch" and "Mr. Jackson" the
authorities have him pegged - Alexandre Sokolov, a
known Russian spy. Now, Dick.

LADY BIRD

The facts we have about the Johnson whistle stop next week -- will interest ~~the~~ gourmets, ^{The} ~~saying you. The~~ Johnson ~~in question~~ --- Lady Bird, not Lyndon. The First Lady to tour the south by train, ~~Asking~~ the electorate to vote for -- her husband.

Where do the gourmets come in? ^{Oh} ~~Waste~~ Lady Bird is going to serve snacks at four o'clock. And, what snacks! For example, chile dip -- which is beef in consomme plus an assortment of condiments ~~including~~ chile, comino seeds and cheddar cheese. Chile dip -- ~~the~~ ^A Texas influence.

~~And~~ The First Lady will ^{also} have Virginia chicken on her snack menu -- along with Georgia ham and Louisiana shrimp.

~~I don't know about the politicians. But the gourmets -- they'll love this.~~ Lady Bird whistle stop through Dixie.