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Czechoslovakia fights back - the only way possible. Czech workers ~~today~~ declaring - a one-hour general strike. At the appointed time - the city of Prague coming to a virtual standstill. The tie-up spreading quickly - from border to border. Even stopping a Russian supply train - filled with complex electronic jamming equipment.

This last - of vital importance; because it means that at least ten underground radio station<sup>s</sup> - can continue to keep the Czech populace united as one. Supplying news information <sup>and</sup> instructions, including a report today that one of the leading Czech liberals - Communist party Secretary Cestmir Cisar - has just escaped his Russian captors.

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MOSCOW FOLLOW PRAGUE

Meanwhile <sup>Czech</sup> ~~Czech~~ President Svoboda was flying today to Moscow - for face to face talks with Kremlin leaders. On arrival - receiving an officially lavish reception; as befitting his <sup>(stature)</sup> ~~stature~~ as a chief of state - also <sup>as</sup> a Red army hero of World War Two.

Svoboda emphasizing - the trip was - "of my own free will" as he put it. Adding that he expected to return to Prague some time tonight. However, a later report from the Kremlin - saying the talks were "passing in a frank and ~~comradely~~ comradely atmosphere; and will be continued " tomorrow morning.

BELGRADE FOLLOW MOSCOW

Another development at Belgrade in Yugoslavia - where five Czech cabinet ministers - who were on vacation - today issued a joint appeal, pleading with the world not to recognize any Czech regime - imposed by force of arms.

One of the ~~five~~ five - Czech Foreign ~~Minister~~ Minister Jiri Hajek, <sup>who</sup> ~~later~~ <sup>flew</sup> ~~reporting flying to New~~ the Atlantic arriving tonight in New York - where he hopes to address ~~York - to address the United Nations.~~

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TRIP FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

A second report from the White House today - confirming an earlier ~~to~~ story. Asserting that President Johnson was, indeed, planning a surprise trip to Russia - when the Czech crisis intervened. Adding, what's more, that a ~~Soviet-American~~ Soviet-American summit - may still come to pass; in spite of - and perhaps because of - the newly strained relations ~~between~~ between Washington and Moscow.

CHICAGO

While all this was going on - something of a bombshell back in Chicago. Where a party leader from Texas today reported "growing sentiment" - for putting in nomination the name of Lyndon B. Johnson at next week's Democratic National Convention. ~~The news selling off a series of shock waves in Democratic circles - with McCarthy forces, especially, suggesting a possible trial balloon.~~

If, however, the President ~~is~~ has any intention of running again - he's keeping it all to himself. In fact, L B J <sup>is</sup> returning tonight to his Texas ranch - to resume his ~~work~~ interrupted vacation.

WALTER REED

Latest word from Walter Reed - perhaps the most encouraging all week. Doctors today reporting a "gradual" improvement -- in former President Eisenhower's heart action. <sup>Also</sup> ~~Said to be showing "less evidence of heart irritability" or "irregular and rapid beats."~~

~~The doctors further emphasizing that he remains in critical condition -- with the outlook still guarded. Adding, however: "The General, <sup>he</sup> remains alert and cheerful -- and still shows in abundance the courage that has been his hallmark."~~

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VIETNAM

War news from Vietnam - tells today of a house-to-house battle on the outskirts of Da Nang.

U. S. Marines and South Vietnamese rangers - mopping up the remnants of a Viet Cong commando force; A force that earlier struck to the heart of the nation's second largest city - before allied reaction forces could be brought into play.

~~A marine officer commenting: "This has to be a suicide attack. The Communists have no support - and no chance of making it out of here alive."~~

BOGOTA

The scene - an open-air cow pasture near Bogota, Colombia. With the ~~best~~ beauty of the Heavens above - the stench of poverty below; as Pope Paul today delivered his long-awaited social reform message -- to an audience including hundreds of thousands of ragged peasants.

The Pontiff urging all governments of Latin America "as well as all managerial and wealthy classes" to move with courage and perseverance toward "a more just and efficient social arrangement." ~~Promising,~~

~~for his own part, "to continue to denounce unjust economic inequalities between rich and poor;" also "abuses of authority and administration."~~

However, ~~that~~ <sup>also</sup> the Pope <sup>ed</sup> denounc<sup>ing</sup> "violence and revolution" as "contrary to the Christian spirit."

~~Adding: they can only "delay instead of advancing that social uplifting to which you lawfully aspire."~~



HOUSTON

*At the U S Manned Space Center in Houston - another space drop-out today. Astronaut-scientist Dr. John Llewellyn -- reluctantly calling it quits; becoming the first of the spaceman corps to resign - because he failed to pass a mandatory part of his training. Space officials explaining that try as he might - astronomer Llewellyn just couldn't learn to fly a jet.*

MBABANE

Exactly two weeks from this date - on September sixth -- <sup>still</sup> another new nation will <sup>emerge in</sup> ~~be brought forth~~ on the ~~face~~ of Africa. The birth of a free and independent Swaziland - wiping out the last ~~vestige~~ vestige of British colonialism on that once-dark continent.

In preparation for the big event - we hear today - the Swazis have just installed in their capital city of Mbabane - the first trappings of modern civilization - traffic lights. King Sobhuza the second - also getting his personal wardrobe ready for the big event. <sup>Res</sup> Planning to wear morning ~~clothes~~ clothes - tails and all - when he addresses the first session of the new Swazi Parliament. Planning to switch to a plumed head-dress -- a leopard-skin girdle - also a mantle of ox-tails for later tribal ceremonies.

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However, the King <sup>is</sup> <sub>^</sub> facing still another problem --

perhaps the most difficult of all. That of selecting just  
one of his one hundred and seventy wives - <sup>Warren-</sup> to become  
the true first lady of Swaziland.

## OLYMPUS

Atop Mount Olympus in Greece - a ceremony thousands of years old was re-enacted today. With toga-clad Greek maidens using mirrors - focusing the rays of the sun on a symbolic torch. Lighting once again the "eternal flame" -- that will burn brightly through the <sup>Summer</sup> Olympic Games this year.

Once ablaze -- the torch was passed on to a runner; the first of nearly three thousand athletes - including, for the first time, seventeen swimmers, who will carry the flame to Mexico City. Their land-sea route <sup>to</sup> retracing <sup>the</sup> <sup>voyage</sup> ~~expeditions~~ of Christopher Columbus - as part of the theme of the Games this year; that of the Old World - meeting the new.

Newest of all: Mexico's choice of its Premier athlete -- the one who will carry the torch on its final lap October twelfth. Famed hurdler Enriqueta Basilio - the first girl athlete ever so honored, altho' <sup>Andy</sup> Meade did <sup>do</sup> this at Squaw Valley in 1960.