

Wed. Oct. 2-68.

*Suddenly, dramatically - a surprise ending today to the Fortas affair. In Washington - Abe Fortas asking the President to withdraw his nomination - as Chief Justice of the United States. The President - promptly complying.*

*Fortas giving as his reason for bowing out - a desire to "put an end to destructive" attacks on the Supreme Court. Attacks - said he - "which have been sometimes extreme - and entirely unrelated to responsible criticism."*

*Fortas making it plain though - that he will continue to serve as an Associate Justice of the High Court.*

*In accepting Fortas' wishes - President Johnson calling the Senate filibuster against his nomination -*

46 1/2 *"historically and constitutionally tragic." Adding that he will consult with "appropriate advisers" - before deciding whether to try again with someone else.*

*Meanwhile, this from Senator Griffin of Michigan - one of the leading Fortas opponents:~ "A Chief Justice*

*should have widespread support - among the people and*

*within the Senate"; - ~~said he~~ <sup>Then</sup> Adding that "in view of the*

*obvious deep division and controversy" - Fortas'*

*withdrawal "is a wise decision."*

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For the first time in his eight years as Secretary of State - ~~probably the~~ <sup>maybe his</sup> last time, ~~he~~ - Dean Rusk addressed the United Nations General Assembly today, ~~urging~~ <sup>urging</sup> the Soviet Union to withdraw, as promised - from Czechoslovakia. Asserting that "a world which had begun to speak of a thaw in the cold war - now feels once again a chill of apprehension concerning Soviet purpose."

On the subject of Vietnam - Dean Rusk saying:— the "will to peace in the United States is deep and abiding." Adding that "an honorable settlement is possible - but it takes two sides to make peace:" "What remains" - said he - "is for Hanoi to get down to the serious business of making peace in Paris."

The Secretary's remarks <sup>were</sup> interrupted briefly by a dozen ~~also~~ <sup>who</sup> anti-war protestors. <sup>However, the</sup> ~~demonstrators~~ <sup>amid much U.N.</sup> were ~~quickly~~ ejected - <sup>to the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>applause of one</sup> ~~and all.~~

PARIS

~~Across the Atlantic~~ <sup>The</sup> Hubert Humphrey <sup>was</sup>  
conditional pledge of a bombing halt <sup>λ</sup> "topic A" today  
at the <sup>λ</sup> Paris peace parley. Hanoi's Xuan Thuy -  
dismissing the Humphrey statement as "fallacious."

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"Like President Johnson" - said Thuy - "he" - meaning  
Humphrey -- demands reciprocity - and ~~he~~ has even  
threatened to renew the bombing." ~~Thuy adding that~~  
~~for all this Richard Nixon apparently "is still not~~

~~satisfied.~~

<sup>we hear was</sup>  
Averell Harriman, ~~for his party~~ attempting  
to avoid discussion of <sup>the</sup> Humphrey <sup>λ</sup> remarks. Saying:  
"We've made it a practice - of not commenting on any  
campaign statement." He added ~~th~~ough - that administration  
policy remains unchanged.

# VIETNAM

~~half a world away~~ - In Vietnam -- Viet Cong  
gunners today downed three <sup>more</sup> American helicopters in the  
Thuong Duc area. All of them - ~~clearly~~ marked with Red  
Crosses. All of ~~them~~ carrying wounded men - from the <sup>2</sup>  
besieged green beret camp at Thuong Duc. As to casualties  
- no official figure as yet.

To the north - a Navy Skyhawk serving as an  
artillery spotter for the battleship New Jersey - was also  
downed today. ~~However~~ The two U.S. airmen aboard ~~the~~  
~~crash-later~~ <sup>were</sup> rescued from the South China Sea; <sup>while</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup>  
North Vietnamese anti-aircraftmen <sup>4</sup> were paying a heavy  
toll, ~~with~~ a second U.S. plane pinpointing the enemy gun  
emplacements <sup>and</sup> the battleship New Jersey ~~quickly~~ blasting  
them to smithereens.

ST. LOUIS

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*Have you heard about*  
the first ~~game~~ game of the World Series?

*Have you heard of anything else?*

^ Bob Gibson all the way - as you doubtless know, ~~by now~~

The St. Louis fireballer - racking up a four to nothing

win over the Detroit Tigers. Striking out a record

seventeen - enroute to his sixth straight complete game

*which is*  
series victory - another record!

## WILLIAMSBURG

Turning to politics - Richard Nixon traveled today to historic William and Mary College - Williamsburg, Virginia. There ~~discussing "the American spirit" - which demands, as said he, a return to personal freedom and individual initiative.~~ <sup>He said</sup> Nixon later ~~saying~~ that on his next campus visit ~~he~~ <sup>s</sup>he hoped <sup>a</sup>to have a degree from the ~~else~~ ~~electoral college.~~

<sup>In Jacksonville</sup> ~~On the Democratic side~~ Hubert Humphrey was hammered <sup>ing</sup> away at George Wallace, ~~today in Jacksonville,~~ Florida, calling the Wallace campaign plan - a strategy of organized hate. Wallace, ~~himself~~ - in Ohio, <sup>they say</sup> ~~today~~ ~~we hear~~ Amid reports that ~~he~~ has found a running-mate; ~~at~~ ~~last~~ ~~supposedly~~ former Air Force Chief of Staff General Curtis Lemay - maybe!

NEW YORK POST

Today's New York Post which has never  
been regarded as ~~inclined favorably toward~~ <sup>pro</sup> the G O P,  
~~has an~~ <sup>headed:-</sup> ~~heads one~~ article ~~as follows:-~~ The Agnew speech  
formula; open mouth, insert foot.

~~But~~ <sup>However</sup> The Post also printed ~~a story~~ <sup>today</sup> which  
if read by enough voters might contribute to a Nixon  
victory. It <sup>is</sup> an interview with Mamie Eisenhower  
at Walter Reed Hospital where she hasn't left the  
bedside of her husband ~~after~~ <sup>since</sup> he entered ~~Walter Reed~~ <sup>the</sup>  
Hospital in May. ~~She~~ <sup>she:-</sup> Said, "Our family is pretty  
deeply involved in this campaign, because we believe  
so strongly in the candidate; meaning of course Julie  
Nixon's father - who is Mamie Eisenhower's grandson  
David's fiancee.

BIRMINGHAM

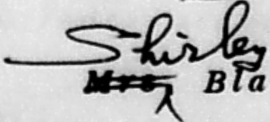
For Mrs. Sheila Ann Thorns of Birmingham,  
England - a dream come true - and then some. As you  
have heard by now - Mrs. Thorns married ten years and  
still childless - ~~whereupon she~~ took a fertility drug, <sup>and</sup>  
<sup>then gave</sup> ~~finally giving~~ birth today to six - ~~count 'em~~ - six babies.  
This - on her own thirtieth birthday.

Unhappily, the last-born dying of shock - shortly  
after the Caesarean, ~~delivery~~. The remaining five --  
weighing two-to-three pounds apiece - also said to be  
extremely "frail." However, doctors ~~giving~~ <sup>gave</sup> the three  
girls and two boys - ~~about~~ a fifty-fifty chance of  
survival. ~~Dr. Margaret Shotton - who headed the delivery~~  
~~team - saying the babies "are in really very good~~  
~~condition" - everything considered.~~

<sup>Says</sup> ~~What about~~ the husband, <sup>the</sup> ~~and~~ father - draftsman  
Norman Thorns? - "I'm overwhelmed!" - ~~said he.~~ <sup>Wouldn't you be?</sup>

CHICAGO

The perils of political campaigning ~~are~~  
~~graphically~~ illustrated in a story today from Chicago, where  
Shirley Temple Black has been campaigning for Richard  
Nixon - with a big bandage encasing her right hand.

 Mrs. Black explains she was visiting San Antonio  
a few days ago - when a burly Texan walked up and took her  
hand; telling the former child star: "I've been in love with  
you since I was a little boy - and just because you're forty  
now, it doesn't make any difference - I still love you."

Mrs. Black replying: That's nice - but you're breaking my  
hand. "Hence - the bandage."