

Wed. Aug. 6, 1969

After years of study and months of debate showdown today in the Senate. A U.S. anti-ballistic missile system - to be or not to be. The question - one of the most heated in years. Indeed, today's session barely begun - when a woman leaped up in the packed gallery, invoking "the name of the Lord against the A B M." As she was led from the chamber she was shouting "listen, listen! listen!"

After that - last minute arguments, pro and con. And then, finally - the moment of truth. By a vote of fifty one to forty nine the Senate rejecting a key amendment. One that would have barred deployment of an A B M system for another year - while permitting only research and development. Making final passage - apparently a mere formality. In short, the A B M -

*a-okay all the way. For the Nixon administration -
a tremendous victory.*

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - a public unveiling today
of the first plank in President Nixon's new domestic
program. This - in a special message to Congress.
In it ~~the~~ President urging enactment of federal health
and safety standards that would apply to virtually all
U S business and industry. First step - said he -
in an all-out battle ^{— as he put it} against "needless illness, needless
injury and needless death" [^] from occupational accidents
and disease.

TRANSPORT FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

A later development: White House sources ~~were~~
that there will be
predicting today [^] another special message to Congress
~~is of~~ tomorrow. One that will urge - we hear - a
ten billion dollar two year mass transit program, aimed
at easing the traffic mess - in and ~~around~~ around our
cities.

CAMP DAVID FOLLOW TRANSPORT

Meanwhile, ~~with~~ the President himself spent most of the day - in consultation ~~with key aides~~ at Camp David, Maryland, ^{and working on} ~~the rest of~~ his domestic program ^{the one} ~~for~~ presentation to a nationwide ~~broadcast~~ audience Friday night. Administration officials ~~saying~~ the President plans to deal mainly - with the poor, the sick, the jobless, and the ghettos.

BOSTON

Up at Boston - it's all but official. District Attorney Edmund Dinis announcing today - an inquest will be held into the death of Mary Jo Kopechne. Basing his asserting on what he called - a "satisfactory response" from the Judge handling the case. With all that remains to be decided - we are told - the exact time, place and other related matters.

Miss Kopechne - as you know, the ~~young~~ young secretary who was killed in ~~the~~ ^{the} auto crash involving Senator Edward Kennedy. The Senator ~~is~~ having since cancelled a trip abroad - to make himself available for such a hearing. ^{Dist. Atty.} ~~the~~ Dinis saying ~~today~~ "all witnesses pertinent to the case" will be called to testify.

BUCHAREST

Rumania's President keynote speaker today at that country's Tenth Communist Party Congress in Bucharest. His speech again a reflection of Rumania's diplomatic tight rope act - between East and West. Ceausescu talking for five hours - without once mentioning President Nixon's triumphal visit to Rumania just this past weekend. What did he say then? Merely this: That Rumania insists on "national independence", that its armies stand ready to defend against any invader; that these same armies will not automatically follow the dictates of any other country. He added, however, that Rumania's first duty - is still the same as ever; "to develop friendship with the Communist Party of the Soviet Union", also, to continue to work with Communist trade and defense alliances.

UNITED NATIONS FOLLOW BUCHAREST

A somewhat related item - from the United Nations in New York; where visiting Chancellor Kiesinger of West Germany - conferred today with U N Secretary General U Thant. Later observing that repeated crises in Eastern Europe - "will help the German ~~sit~~ situation"not at all. This - said he - "because the reunification of Germany can ~~be~~ ultimately be achieved - only in agreement with the Soviet Union."

Later the Chancellor flying to Washington - there to meet with President Nixon.

SUEZ

In the Middle East - the guns of war
resounded again - today across the Suez Canal.

Egyptian and Israeli forces - engaging in a ten hour,
long range artillery duel. ^{This} After several days of
comparative quiet in the Canal area. - ~~raising the~~
~~threat of a new upsurge in fighting there.~~

While in Cairo - Egypt appealed directly
to the American public today. Urging rejection of what
it called - unqualified U S support of ~~the~~ Israel. Egypt
also taking exception to Israel's recent announcement -
that it intends to keep strategic Arab territories,
come what may. And Egyptian spokesman saying the
Arabs will reconquer occupied lands - by force; if
necessary, ^{do it} ~~and~~ "inch by inch".

WASHINGTON

From the Assistant U S Space chief in
Washington a look ahead in space travel. Doctor George
Mueller today foreseeing the development of a nuclear
powered shuttle system -- ^{between} ~~between~~ the earth and the
Moon, One that would serve as a prototype - for future
travels to Mars and beyond.

Doctor Mueller going on to say ^{that} we already
have the know how; ^{and} all it takes now - is time and money.
^{As he put it -}
~~and he added that~~ the U S thus stands - "at what is
undoubtedly the greatest decision point in the history
of this planet." "Never before" said he - "has man
been in a position to make a conscious decision to follow
a path - that would change the future of all mankind."

^{WADSWORTH}
How how would a shuttle to ~~there~~
the moon change the future of all
Mankind?

OMURA

Omura, Japan - a new world's record today.

With a Japanese barber giving two hundred and fifty
four hair cuts -- ~~count them~~, two-fifty-four -- in the
brief space of forty-eight hours. Easily besting the old
mark ^{set by} ~~that of~~ a St. Louis barber who trimmed a
hundred and ninety six customers in just about the same
time.

Now ~~to you, Warren,~~ easy around the ears -
~~no crew cut~~
~~and~~ just a little off the top, ^{and s-l-u-t-w}