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Abilene, Kansas - the last rites for a great

American. Thousands coming in person - ^{scores of} millions more ^{hearing} _^ ~~about it via radio or seeing it on TV~~ ^{watching by television} as General Eisenhower was laid

to ~~his~~ rest today - in the land he called "the most

beautiful place under God's blue sky."

Of all the words written or said about General

Eisenhower - perhaps none more fitting than ^{we heard today} ~~these. Retired~~ _^ ^{from} ~~army chaplain~~ General Luther Miller; ~~saying today~~ "The

march of another soldier is ended - his battles are fought and won - and he lies down a while to await the bugle call."

~~And then later - the last farewell. With the~~

~~Reverend Dr. Dean Miller saying: "Well done, good and~~

~~faithful servant - enter into the joy of your master."~~

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One final note: Friends of General Eisenhower recalling today - his decision to be taken there to the Eisenhower Chapel in Abilene. Ike explained at the time that he and Mamie had thought it would be much better - than "just having a headstone stuck up over our grave."

"That way" he went on - "anybody taking the trouble to stop by - would have a place to sit down." And he added: "You know, it can get pretty hot in the summer out there - and plenty cold in the winter."

TRANSITION FOLLOW CHAPEL

*Meanwhile, life goes on. The clatter of war -
the quest for peace - the whole human comedy from the
ridiculous to the sublime. And tonight's news - runs the
full gamut.*

PARIS FOLLOW TRANSITION

At the head of the list - new hope in Paris.

*With French Foreign Minister Michel Debre quoted ~~today~~ -
as telling of "certain indications favorable to peace" in
Vietnam. Meaning apparent U. S. de-escalation of the war -
and ~~stay~~ President Thieu's offer to engage in secret talks;
coupled with a report that Saigon is willing to permit free
elections - including the Viet Cong - if they will only
renounce their Communist allegiance.*

*Perhaps equally significant - Debre's remarks
at a meeting of the French Cabinet; made public at the
direction of Charles de Gaulle - to disclose that he had
also discussed Vietnam with President Nixon earlier this
week.*

*Could it be that they know something we don't
know? ~~we~~ We hope so.*

NEW YORK

A bizarre story ^{is} reported ~~today~~ from New York, where police began a round up - of some twenty black militants. Thereby foiling an alleged plot to blow up five of New York's biggest department stores - during the Easter shopping rush. The idea - we are told - to destroy the cities white "power structure."

One of those arrested, incidentally - Black Panther leader Robert Collier; who recently finished a prison term ^{over} ~~in~~ a similar plot to blow up the Washington Monument, the Statue of Liberty and the Liberty Bell.

VATICAN

Pope Paul versus the dissidents. ~~Story today~~

~~from the Vatican: where~~ The Pontiff bemoan^{ing}ed the fact -
that "so many Catholics are giving up their faithfulness."

Adding that the Church "is suffering - above all from the
restless, critical, indocile, and demolishing uprising of
so many of her sons, the favorite ones." And these - said
he - "priests, teachers, laymen;" an elite normally

"dedicated to the service of the living church - who today"

add the Pope,
^ "are crucifying the church."

According to Vatican sources - the Pope's
statement apparently prompted, in part - by the recent
defection of a member of his own household; a priest who
renounced his vows - and has since married.

KARACHI

In seething Pakistan - something new ~~was~~ added
~~today~~ to life in that part of the world. ~~With a~~^{The} new military
government * announcing plans to open a number of Western
style "complaint offices." This - we are told - in keeping
with President Yahya Khan^{'s} pledge - to root out corruption
and tone up his regime.

However, government radio also warn^s that
anyone giving false testimony against public officials -
"will be severely dealt with." The penalty - up to ten
years in ~~the~~ prison.

WASHINGTON

Here at home again - Dr. Mahmoud Fawze was a visitor today in Washington. Dr. Fawze - Chief Foreign Advisor to Egypt's Colonel Nasser. According to U. S. officials - here to discuss the "restoration of relations" between the U. S. and Egypt.

UNITED NATIONS FOLLOW WASHINGTON

At the same time - a report today from the United Nations; announcing the start of "Big Four" talks tomorrow - in search for ^a Mid-East peace formula. This in spite of an apparent split - on that Security Council resolution yesterday condemning Israel.

From Kempsey, Australia, comes ~~the story~~
~~today of~~ an April Fool's story - successful beyond anyone's
wildest dreams.

~~The joke so-called - in~~ An article published
in the local newspaper, Telling of the capture of a Soviet
task force - at nearby Trial Bay. According to ^{the} headlines:
"The most incredible capitulation - since Drake captured
the Spanish fleet."

Then - the fun ~~was~~ began. A local radio
station - getting wind of the story - quickly broadcasting
a news flash telling of the "surrender." The Kempsey
police station promptly paralyzed with phone calls. The
entire ^{town} ~~city~~ - reacting with shock and concern. Before it was
all over - a local church going so far as to organize a
welfare drive; to provide prisoner-of-war blankets - for
the "poor Russian seamen."

Editor Barry Chataway - who authorized the story - perhaps the most surprised of all. Noting that the main Russian ships were listed as "The Joker" - "The Titanic" - also "The Loof^{ril}pa", which is April Fool spelled backwards. Said he, Warren, "I didn't believe ~~that~~ anyone could believe it." - ~~said he. Famous last words.~~

MADISON

Madison, Wisconsin - the site of this next.

You may recall - Mrs. Aleta Jones there winning a judgment recently; a judgement of six thousand bucks - against her former employers. The latter found guilty of snatching out Mrs. Jones's false teeth - trying to hold them as collateral for an unpaid loan. ~~The money~~ ^{they said has been} ~~was used - they~~ ^{used in the first place} ~~said~~ [^] to buy the false teeth. ~~in the first place.~~

Anyway - the Wisconsin Supreme Court has just ruled on an appeal in the case. Scaling down Mrs. Jones award to less than half ^{-to} ~~^~~ twenty-five hundred. And even at that - one dissenting vote. ~~That of~~ Justice Robert Hansen - ~~who~~ ^{ing} ~~warned~~ [^] that "next may come damages for ~~the same~~ ~~identical deed of~~ toupee snatching."

And after that [?] ~~^~~ ^{S-l-u-t-mor.} ~~well, one shudders to think~~ ~~of the possibilities.~~