

FAR EAST

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The Senate today voted down a ~~bill~~^{proposal} that would have forbid further use of chemicals to destroy Vietnamese forests that conceal Communist troops - and the crops that feed them. By a vote of sixty-two to twenty-two, the Senators accepted the Pentagon's argument that defoliation is necessary in order to save American lives in Vietnam. The ban was sought by Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin who calls it "starvation warfare and ~~an~~ environmental disaster." Vice President Agnew flew to Taiwan to discuss world problems with ~~the~~ Nationalist Chinese President Chiang Kai-Shek. The meeting took place ~~at~~^{at} Chiang's picturesque mountain retreat on Sun Moon Lake - shortly after Agnew arrived on a flight from South Korea where, the Vice President says, basic accord was reached with President Park Chung Hee on the question of American's future role in South Korea's defense.

LAIRD

Defense Secretary Melvin Laird says American casualties in Vietnam have declined considerably - because of the President's decision to clean out Communist sanctuaries in Cambodia. Because of this says Laird, American planes will continue to attack Viet Cong and North Vietnamese forces in Cambodia - not only to reduce casualties in the Vietnam fighting - but also to suppose a neutralist government in Phnom Penh, the Cambodian capital.

MISSILES

Also,
~~Defense Secretary~~ Laird says the Russians,

last week in the Pacific, conducted their first test
of S S Eleven inter-continental ballistic missiles which

carry multiple warheads. ^{If} These are fully developed

weapons, Laird says, it would triple the number of

warheads on more than seven hundred missiles now in

place - giving the Soviets a ^{Major} break-through in weaponry.

^{were on hand to}
U S naval ships [^] observed the missile tests in the Russian

target area, about six hundred miles northwest of Midway

Island.

PRICES

During the current month of August, wholesale prices for farm products have shown their sharpest decline in more than twenty-two years. Bureau of Labor estimates indicate a drop of four and five tenths percent - largest monthly decline since February of Nineteen Forty-Eight. This, the government says, could mean lower food costs for housewives - perhaps as early as next week. ^R But the price of fresh lettuce is going up - because of a strike by farm workers in California's Salinas Valley where seventy percent of the nation's lettuce crop is produced.

One of the Space Agency's top scientists Ernst Stuhlinger - says mankind urgently needs space science and technology to help solve problems here on earth. Asking support for a space program now facing drastic cut backs, Dr. Stuhlinger points out that over the centuries, technology did not always advance as rapidly as it has been doing lately. For instance, even though the ~~xx~~ early Egyptians did invent glass lenses, it was more than three thousand years before somebody put two or three lenses in a row to create a telescope.

The ancient Greeks first experimented with steam propulsion; but, a thousand years passed before we had a workable steam engine. Leonardo da Vinci, as we know, drew sketches of airplanes or at least glider planes. Still it was four hundred years before his dream came true. In the Twentieth Century, however, ^{development} says Prof. Stuhlinger, the application of scientific ^Λ

has moved much faster. Radio was ^{made} ~~put to~~ workable in
thirty years - transistors in eight years, and ~~the~~ lasers
in only two. All this he says, indicates that "we need
science and ~~technology~~ technology more and more urgently -
so much so that nowadays the engineers almost tear
a new idea out of the inventors hands."

WOMEN

The Womens Liberation Movement carried its campaign for equal rights into the streets today - with parades, rallies and demonstrations in many cities across the nation. Observers however report general apathy among the nation's women - who number more than one hundred million.

In Baltimore, about a thousand women staged a rally in Charles Square - while a group of men counter-demonstrated with rather unusual signs. For instance, one reading: "take a man to lunch!" In Indianapolis women who rallied at Monument Circle had some unexpected competition. A red-haired strip teaser named Amber Mist took the attention of the male audience when she demanded of the liberationists - "what's wrong with being a sex symbol?"

COW

The noted British writer - A. P. Herbert

- received a check from Punch magazine today - a

check written on the side of a cow. ^{Whereupon} ~~And~~ Sir Alan

Herbert ^{who} ~~is~~ was knighted twenty-five years ago -

cashied the check for five pounds at a London bank

near St. Paul's cathedral. ~~It was~~ All perfectly legal.

The editor of Punch wrote the check on the golden

guernsey's left flank to celebrate Herbert's sixtieth

year as a writer. - A long time critic of the income tax

^{A.P.} system Herbert once wrote a story about a man who

paid his income taxes with a check written on a cow.

Said he - "I think if everybody paid their tax bill that

way, it would shake the government into doing something

about the system."

KISSERS

The striking blond and her long haired boy friend stood waiting on a sidewalk in Atlanta - waiting for the traffic light to change. As they waited they got bored - and started kissing. Just then patrolman W. D. Cameron walked by and placed them under arrest for public indecency. In court when Judge Robert Sparks heard the testimony he dismissed the case. Once outside the police station, they began kissing again. "You see," explained the blond "we were merely kissing. If we had been really involved, we would have missed the light we were waiting for." What happens when you're "really involved" Warren? You explain.

AGOSTINO

For the third straight night the Italian city of Naples was in an uproar. Again, police fought running battles with thousands who thronged the streets, hoping to get a glimpse of Agostino-the-Mad -- the motorcycle acrobat who has been racing through the streets at speeds up to a hundred miles an hour - leaping sidewalk cafe tables, terrifying pedestrians - and bringing out thousands of spectators - who even fight pitched battles with the police. So many scores of tear gas canisters were thrown into the crowd that when Neapolitans went to work today, a cloud of tear gas could be seen, hanging in the air over the heart of the city. Such is life in Naples - as I say - Solong until tomorrow.....