

ECUADOR

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Good evening everybody. Governor Rockefeller of New York got a turbulent reception when he arrived in Ecuador today. Some of the worst rioting of his current Latin American tour. Police battling their way through stone-throwing student mobs to clear a path for Rockefeller's motorcade as it drove into Quito from the airport. Three newsmen from the US slightly injured. The anti-U.S. demonstrators comprise an extremely small minority of Ecuadorean public opinion - but they caused a lot of trouble. Governor Rockefeller has been playing down the disorders that have marked his travels as a residential emissary in Latin America - and after today's disturbances were over, he said "I didn't see a thing."

VIETNAM POLICY

The Nixon Administration's Vietnam policies came under attack again today from Senator Mansfield. The Democratic leader called them costly and futile. Mansfield asserted that the Nixon administration is following the Johnson Administration policy of applying maximum pressure on communist troops. This, he said, has brought no curb on casualties, and has given no tangible indication of bringing the war closer to a conclusion. Mansfield added - "Areas are won and lost many times on a temporary basis. Lives are lost only once - and on a permanent basis."

VIETNAM

In Vietnam - the guns of war fell strangely silent. Except for one brief incident - the Communists apparently observing, for a change, their own cease-fire. A truce joined tonight by Allied forces - out of similar respect for Buddha's birthday. For twenty-four hours, at least - a brief respite from fear, death and destruction.

Reverse side - the peace front - Paris; where Allied and Communist negotiators - engaged in their sharpest verbal battle to date. Henry Cabot Lodge calling a demand for unilateral U.S. troop withdrawal - "incorrect, unreasonable and illogical." Adding that Hanoi's policy in this regard - "only delays peace and prolongs war." In turn, a Communist spokesman denying Lodge's assertion - that there is any "common ground" for negotiation. Calling President Nixon's latest peace offer - a thinly-veiled plan to "carry on the war of aggression" - to continue U.S. "neo-colonialism."

AIR SHOW

Elsewhere in Paris - opening day of that city's
Twenty-Eighth International Air Show. / Featuring this year -
the first U.S. spaceship to orbit the moon. / *Apollo 8.* The entire
proceedings getting off to a flying start - with a low-level
pass by France's giant new Concorde supersonic transport, *plane*

According to thousands who watched from the Champs Elysees -
"magnifique!"

HOUSTON

Here at home - at Houston - another display of breathtaking film from the flight of Apollo-Ten. / Space officials ~~stay~~ releasing some two hundred more feet of movies - also, eighty-seven still photographs. / Including a set of so-called "perfect" scenes / on the approach to that prime lunar landing site.

Speaking of which - Astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buz Aldrin / were putting in a busy day ~~today~~ at Cape Kennedy. In a moon landing simulator / practicing for the first time a complete lunar setdown / - just as if it were the real thing. The first of many such rehearsals - ~~all~~ ^{until} it becomes almost automatic.

KEY BISCAIYNE

A new Cabinet-level Environmental Quality Council - established by order of President Nixon. Its purpose - to "provide the focal point - for efforts to protect all of our natural resources." With the President himself - to head the panel; its members also to include the Vice President - as well as the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, Interior, Transportation, Health Education and Welfare and Housing and Urban Development.

The President's action - in the midst of a Florida weekend - following a meeting with his chief science adviser - Dr. Lee Dubridge; who later told reporters the new council will move quickly - to deal with air, water and land pollution; calling this a key factor - in the deterioration of our environment. Dr. Dubridge asserting: "The problem is how we can make maximum use of our environment - without despoiling it."

FRENCH

In France again - the home stretch of the Presidential campaign; with Gaullist former Premier Georges Pompidou - staging an eleventh hour whistlestop tour; leaning heavily on several anti-Gaullist strongholds - in hopes of switching enough votes for a surprise victory this Sunday.

Along the way - Pompidou blasting his chief opponent at every opportunity. Accusing Acting President Alain Poher - of promising an "earthly paradise; whereas "I myself" - said Pompidou - "prefer to make special pledges - only when I know I can carry them out - immediately."

The Bank of France reported today - for the first time in sixteen weeks - a surplus in gold and foreign currency exchange. So late in coming, however - that France now has only half its original Six Billion-dollar stockpile.

Only Three-Billion dollars Warren, you can't get far on that these days...

POTTSVILLE

From Pottsville, Pennsylvania - the story of Common Pleas Judge Harold Paul; who - because of a legislative foul-up failed to get ~~his~~ his regular monthly pay check this week. Judge Paul sharing that distinction - with nearly three hundred other Pennsylvania jurists - except that he alone decided to do something about it. On receipt of notification of the pay-less pay day - promptly suspending a jury case then in progress. Later packing for a trip to Canada - with plans, as he put it, "to get in some fishing."

Judge Paul explaining: "I don't work unless I get paid - I've always felt that way." His policy apparently based on the theory that - justice delayed is, indeed, justice denied

Dallas Townsend saying good night.