

HOT SPRINGS

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Vice President Spiro Agnew - the main speaker today at a meeting of the National Sheriffs Association in Hot Springs, Arkansas. There asserting that adults "must have the courage to stand up" to their children - and continue to forbid the legalization of marijuana. And this - said he - for the simple reason that "it is harmful."

The Vice President noting further - that "marijuana has been known for thousands of years; but in every single nation in the world that has had a long acquaintance with marijuana and its consumption" - he added - "the use of this drug is now forbidden by law."

PREY VENG

War news from Cambodia - tells today of an enemy build-up near the city of Prey Veng. This seen as the first step in an attempt to take Prey Veng - and then move against the capital of Phnom Penh.

Be that as it may - U.S. troops were continuing their evacuation of Cambodia. Defense Secretary Melvin Laird - who was visiting in London today - asserted flatly: "All American ground combat forces will be out of Cambodia - by June Thirtieth."

WHITE HOUSE

President Nixon conferred today with House and Senate Republican leaders. The President later was quoted as saying of that disputed Cooper-Church Amendment - it appears to have been softened. He reportedly added though - he still opposes it; on the grounds that it "clutters" up the bill to which it's attached - and also seeks to restrict the President's powers as Commander-in-Chief.

TRIP

Also from the White House - an announcement today that President Nixon will be heading West this week. The President is scheduled to address a National Jaycees Convention - Thursday in St. Louis; and then fly on to California - where he will probably spend the Fourth of July weekend. The White House adding that while away from Washington - the President is expected to make his promised final report on U. S. operations in Cambodia.

WALL STREET

A couple of notes on the day's economic activities

- it was one of those black days in Wall Street - with a sharp drop in stock prices - the Dow Jones Industrial list - gave up a total of eighteen points by the time the final bell had sounded.

NAVY CONSTRUCTION AWARD

And word of a big Navy construction award was passed along to Mississippi's Congressman William Colmer. The Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation - in Pascagoula, Mississippi - a division of Litton Industries - awarded a contract to build a total of thirty, new modern destroyers over the next ten years. Total value of the contract? More than two billion dollars.

CONSUMER

A report to the President on the high rate of hazards in the use of consumer products. A Presidential commission - said this is excessive - and recommended that a special agency be set up - with broad powers to make - and enforce - safety standards for all sorts of household products and consumer items.

TOKYO

In Japan - tens of thousands of radical students battled police through the streets of Tokyo. The students spearheading a nationwide anti-American protest - Japan's biggest since World War Two. Police assert that similar demonstrations clear across the country - brought out an estimated three-quarters of a million people, in all. The protestors up in arms over a government decision of yesterday - renewing Japan's military security pact with the U.S.

OKINAWA FOLLOW TOKYO

*A related item: The government of Okinawa -
declaring today an official day of mourning. This
marking the twenty-fifth anniversary of the end of the Battle
of Okinawa - the last great battle of World War Two.
The occasion calling forth public prayers in behalf of the
two hundred thousand who died in that battle - Americans,
Japanese and Okinawan civilians.*

VATICAN

At the Vatican - in Rome - Pope Paul today

celebrated the seventh anniversary of his election as Pontiff.

And took Also taking the opportunity - to call for a worldwide

campaign to end war. The Pope noting that "everyone -

is in agreement on speaking about peace." But still,

"armed conflicts are increasing frighteningly" - said he -

"like a patch of oil spreading inexorably towards a flame."

MOSCOW

The flight of Russia's Soyuz-Nine spacecraft - which set a new space endurance record last week was perfect in every detail, it now develops, except one; and that - we are told - the human element. Moscow disclosed that ~~cosmonauts~~ Cosmonauts Andrian Nikolayev and Vitaly Sevastianov - lost considerable weight during their eighteen days in orbit. They also developed a certain "instability" in their blood circulation - said Moscow; adding, what's more "the process of readaptation to earth - has not yet been completed." All of which is said to cast serious doubt - on man's ability to survive extended periods of weightlessness.

CHICAGO

At that continuing American Medical Association convention in Chicago - as in millions of homes throughout America, no doubt - one of the chief topics today was hair. Dr. Trent Smith of Columbus, Ohio - discussing the clinical and psychological effects of hair transplants as a cure for baldness. The doctor asserted that "adequate head hair " - is one of the "present-day needs of men of all ages;" because - he observed - that it pads the skull against bumps - keeps the head warm - keeps perspiration out of the eyes - and also makes a man comfortable in social situations.

Dr. Smith adding that, conversely, bald-headed men - or those with "close-cropped" hair - are often the victims of blind prejudice. The great masses - said he - tending to view them "as member of the Marines - graduates of penal institutions - or else victims of social rigidity."

EAST BERLIN

From Berlin - the story today of a vacationing American school teacher - who has just learned a lesson or two about life behind the Iron Curtain. James Pai of El Paso, Texas - making a brief tour of the Communist sector of the city when somehow he lost his way. In trying to get back to the West - inadvertently entering a forbidden area; driving his rented car right up to the wrong side of that Berlin Wall - where he was promptly seized by Communist guards and hustled off to a police station.

In the confusion that followed - the school teacher beginning to feel a little "nervous;" as he told it later. Consequently, taking in rapid succession - two aspirin, a tranquilizer and an anti-infection pill. His captors - who thought he was trying to poison himself - thereupon rushing him off to a hospital where his stomach was purged. Pai saying he was finally released - when he convinced the Communists he was just another "crazy American;" "pill-crazy" - that is.

MIDDLE EAST

In the Middle East - Israeli commandos struck deep into Egyptian territory . Israeli air and artillery units - were also pounding Egyptian targets across the Suez Canal. Israeli jets similarly hit Arab guerilla bases in Lebanon - for a second straight day.

In Jerusalem - Israel's Defense Minister - Moshe Dayan - discussed the possibility of Soviet military intervention. Asserting: "If the Soviet Union became actively involved in combat operations against Israel - then the power to confront them would be the United States."

SOUTH ATLANTIC

The latest from Thor Heyerdahl's papyrus raft - somewhere in the South Atlantic: A report today announcing - "full speed ahead." The craft's navigator - Norman Baker - checked in via ham radio; reported that repairs to the ships two damaged steering oars - have now been completed. The Ra-Two thus resuming her previous pace - about seventy miles a day - adding that the vessel should reach the West Indies, hopefully - in three or four weeks.

CAMBRIDGE

Over at Cambridge University - Britain's Prince Charles today became the first heir to the British throne - ever to win a college degree by examination. The young Prince picking up a Bachelor of Arts in history - with honors; thereby surprising a few newspaper critics - who had earlier doubted both his ability and his staying power.

Charles' achievement is all the more remarkable - in that he could have received his diploma without taking either oral or written tests. His chief tutor explaining though - the Prince has learned to "get his head down" to studying. And this (he added) "an extremely good result - both from the country's point of view and his own point of view."