

LONDON

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Mike Wallace

Over in London - the poll-takers were hanging their heads today; the result of a phenomenon - they're now calling the "housewives revolt." The ladies of Britain apparently proved to be the deciding factor - in one of the biggest upsets in British political history; casting out the Laborites in favor of the Conservatives - in mass protest against the spiraling cost of living.

Thus, a moving van appearing today at Number Ten Downing Street - while Queen Elizabeth was cutting short a day at the races. On her return to Buckingham Palace - the Queen formally accepted the resignation of Harold Wilson as Prime Minister; a half-hour later, she named as his successor - Conservative Party leader Edward Heath. The latter - in his first official statement - said: "Our purpose is not to divide - but to unite; where there are differences - to bring reconciliation." And he added: "Our aim is one nation." Shades of "bringing us together."

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW LONDON

By the way, President Nixon was one of the first foreign leaders - to congratulate the next British Prime Minister. In a transAtlantic telephone call - he told Heath he looks forward to continuing the "close historic association" between the U.S. and Britain.

The President also placed a call to Harold Wilson - expressing his "personal sympathy." The President recalled that he himself had lost a couple of important elections!

OTTAWA

Up North at Ottawa - a Canadian government advisory commission - today recommended sweeping changes in that country's drug laws; including the elimination of all jail sentences - for possession of drugs, ranging from marijuana to heroin. The commission suggesting instead - a maximum fine of One Hundred Dollars.

However, the Canadian government itself - moved quickly to make its position clear. Health Minister John Munro said the government was considering - the elimination of jail terms for possession of marijuana; but not so-called "hard drugs" - he said!

BAL HARBOR

Meanwhile, U. S. Attorney General John Mitchell - was addressing himself to the same subject. In a speech today at Bal Harbor, Florida - he accused the Congress of "delaying to death" the Administration's new drug reform bill. And this - said he - in the midst of a national epidemic of drug abuse. Mr. Mitchell added: "We could go on for years - having hearings and making minor adjustments to our proposal; but we do not have years to waste - really, we do not have any time left at all."

SOVIET KAZAKHSTAN

For the man of Russia's Soyuz-Nine - a safe return at last. Cosmonauts Vituly Sevastianov and Adrian Nikolayev - brought their spaceship back to earth near Karaghandu in Soviet Kazakhstan; thereby completing a flight that lasted seventeen days, sixteen hours and fifteen minutes - a new space endurance record, by far. Best of all, the doctors later reported the two men "had well withstood the conditions of weightlessness" and the length of their flight. Soviet space officials adding that the Soyuz-Nine mission - had proved a complete success. And this - we are told - is a giant step toward the Russian goal - of permanent manned orbiting space stations.

CAPE KENNEDY FOLLOW SOVIET KAZAKHSTAN

Here at home - at Cape Kennedy - a U.S. response, of sorts, in the launching today of a new secret satellite. The U.S. Air Force departed from normal custom - deciding not to announce the flight beforehand. And even later - when the mission was well under way - saying merely the space probe carried an "experimental payload." However, informed sources report this is probably the third flight - in a new Defense Department project; one that's said to be aimed at setting up a network of space sentinels - to provide early warning in case of an enemy rocket attack.

KOMPONG THOM

The focus of ground action in Southeast Asia - again centered today in Cambodia; where Communist troops were besieging provincial Kompong Thom - about eighty miles north of Phnom Penh. This seen as part of an over-all effort to isolate the Cambodian capital - in hopes of bringing down the government of Premier Lon Nol.

South Vietnam's Vice President Ky asserted today - that an eventual attack on Phnom Penh is almost certain. He added, however, that South Vietnamese troops stand ready to assist the Cambodians - in defending their capital. Ky said: - "with our troops and thiers - I don't think Phnom Penh will be lost."

SUGGESTED INTRO TO THOMAS TAPE "DALAI LAMA"

And now - with Lowell Thomas somewhere

**in Siberia - another special report he left us. Subject
for tonight - the exiled God-king of Tibet - the fabled
Dalai Lama. Lowell...**

DALAI LAMA

Since my return from the Himalayas my most recent visit to the Dalai Lama, I have had many letters asking me to tell more about the young Tibetan religious and temporal leader now living in exile on the Indian side of the Himalayas, what he said to me. For one thing he says the Chinese are completely suppressing Buddhism in Tibet.

At the time of my visit he was delivering a month long sermon, four hours each day, to some four thousand monks and laymen. When I asked where he got the inspiration and energy to do this he tapped himself on the back of the head and ~~laughed~~ laughed.

When I asked him to give me just a bit from his sermon he said he was attempting to emphasize the importance of "control of your own mind." He spoke of the importance of peace of mind; how much better and happier it made one feel. His words were: "Unless you have this inner peace, your good buildings, your good food, your fine clothes, and all

the rest, really mean nothing."

He also emphasized that to be a good Buddhist means to be "fully enlightened." His aim is to help develop man's present wisdom to the point where he will ultimately be fully enlightened.

One of his chief interests at the moment is in building a cultural center at Dharmasala on the Indian side of the Himalayas, a place where anyone may go and study.

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