

WHITE HOUSE

Tues. May 28-'68,

The White House -- President Johnson lays it on the line. At a brief news conference today -- the President accusing North Vietnam of trying to take advantage of those Paris peace talks. This by moving men and supplies into South Vietnam -- at an unprecedented rate -- ever since the U.S. partial bombing halt. With Hanoi's apparent⁹ purpose -- said he: "To see if we can be pressured to stop the bombing completely -- without compensatory action on their part."

But it won't work -- said LBJ. Adding that any "further decisions to reduce the violence" -- must be predicted⁸ on "some ~~similar~~⁹ similar restraint" from Hanoi. "That's our position today -- and that will remain our position" --said he.

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Meanwhile, heavy fighting is reported tonight --
in the ~~Phu~~ Lam district on the outskirts of Saigon. Allied
forces attempting to take an estimated sixty Viet Cong
infiltrators -- in a blazing house-to-house battle.

To the North -- another major U.S. offensive -- near
Dak To in the Central Highlands. With an estimated ten
thousand American troops -- looking for an equal number of
North Vietnamese regulars. These said to be freshly arrived
-- from nearby Laos and Cambodia.

ATLANTIC

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From the Azores to the Virginia Capes -- a giant sea and air search is underway tonight in the storm-tossed Atlantic. A veritable armada of planes, ships and subs -- attempting to seek out that missing nuclear submarine; the U.S.S. Scorpion -- with a crew of ninety-nine.

In Washington -- Admiral ~~Hyman~~ Rickover telling newsmen: "We just don't know what happened -- we just can't tell."
An ~~ast~~ aide adding, however, that "with the passage of time -- we" must become "more apprehensive."

EDINBURGH

At Edinburgh, Scotland -- Europe's first human lung transplant ends in failure. Fifteen-year-old Alex Smith -- passing away tonight. The lungs he received ~~thir~~teen days ago from a young girl -- unable ^g at last to carry him any ~~for~~ further.

PARIS

On the Paris ~~front~~ ^{newsfront} -- a major change today in the French cabinet. Education Minister Alain Peyrefitte -- tossing in the towel; With Premier Georges Pompidou taking over the portfolio himself -- in an effort to curb student unrest.

At the same time -- leftist leader Francois Mitterand demanding that DeGaulle resign now; ~~in~~ on the grounds that he -- meaning DeGaulle -- "is no longer able to make history." As ever though -- DeGaulle ~~remaining~~ ^{disregarding} ~~deaf to~~ ^{all} the sniping.

PORTLAND

On the Oregon Trail -- Campaign Sixty-Eight -- a flood of votes today in the nation's next-to-last Presidential primary. Election officials at Portland -- predicting perhaps as much as an eighty per cent voter turnout. With Richard Nixon -- tabbed as the only sure winner. On the ~~Republican~~ ^{Democratic} side -- Senators McCarthy and Kennedy -- ~~said to be headed~~ ^{perhaps} for a photo finish.

~~How will it all turn out?~~ You'll hear ~~it here on~~ ^{all about it on} this CBS station, -- in ~~just~~ a little while.

Smiling

JACK HARDING - WORLD FLIERS

Magellan - of the Air

Forty-four years ago this week six young American aviators were poised at Kasumigaura, Japan, on the island of Honshu, about to take off for the China Coast on the next leg of ~~what surely was~~ one of the most important flights in the history of aviation, the flight that was the forerunner of the fantastic round-the-world flying ~~which has become common place~~ ^{that is routine} today. They were taking part in the most ambitious international air race of all time. Aviators ~~of a number~~ of other nations had a head start on them. But none of the ^{other} round the world planes, British, French, Dutch, Portuguese, Spanish, even succeeded in getting half-way.

Perhaps you have forgotten the drama of ~~that~~ ^{at} race to see which nation would be the first to have an airplane circumnavigate the planet. Thanks again to the vision and boundless energy of Billy Mitchell, after the race had been under way for a year, he succeeded in getting

Washington to do something about it. Donald Douglas was given the assignment to build open cockpit bi-planes, powered by a single engined Liberty motor, planes christened ^{World} Douglas Cruisers.

~~There were four of these planes that started~~
~~out together from Santa Monica and finally from Seattle,~~
~~headed for Alaska Asia by way of Alaska,~~
~~heading West.~~ They were named for four American

cities -- the flagship SEATTLE, ~~then~~ the CHICAGO, the NEW ORLEANS and the BOSTON. The take off from Seattle was on April Sixth, Nineteen Twenty-Four;

First, they flew up the coast to ^{Sitka, and} ~~Alaska, and then~~ across

to the Alaskan Peninsula where Major ^{Fred} Martin and his

^{teammate} ~~associate~~ Al Harvey crashed in a snowstorm. ^{Washington} ~~the~~

^{advised the others to fly on, and} ~~left three planes to continue.~~ ^{he} forty-four years

^{in Japan,} ago today ~~there~~ they were over-hauling their engines

and about to head for China. The planes ^{only} ~~on~~ had a

speed of ^{about} ~~seventy~~ miles an hour; ^{and} They had to be

serviced many times, But eventually they won this

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and so doing were
great international race, first to fly ~~across~~ the
Pacific, first to cross the North Atlantic east to
West, and most important, ~~of all~~, they were the first
to circumnavigate the ~~planet~~ *globe*. Of the eight *airmen* who started
four are now doing their flying somewhere along the

Milky Way, we hope. One has just died, the youngest

50 1/2
of the group, known everywhere as "Smiling Jack" *Harding*.
An ideal ambassador of goodwill, he
~~Harding. He~~ and the picturesque Swedish-American, now

General Erik Nelson, made that ~~complete~~ circuit of
~~the planet~~ in the plane New Orleans.

Smiling Jack and I did a speaking tour of America
~~told immediately~~ after the flight, telling the story
and showing ~~the~~ films. Then he went on in the aviation
world, in association with Captain Eddie Rickenbacker
as a pioneer when we were first starting to fly the
mails, and after that as an inventor of many improvements
for airplanes.

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^{His} ^{pals have}
~~The~~ Air Force ~~has~~ arranged a memorial service ^{for}

^{Smiling}
~~for~~ Jack Harding, ~~to take place~~ tomorrow morning

at La Jolla, California where he had made his home. Then

an Air Force

~~and an~~ ^A ~~airplane~~ will do an appropriate thing -- scatter

the ashes of one of the Magellans of the air at sea, ~~the~~ ^{the}

out over the ^{wide} ^A Pacific, one of the oceans above which

5 1/2
he had made history.

BOSTON

~~Up~~ at Boston -- the "last hurrah" today for a great horse. Owner Peter Fuller -- with ^{drawing} Dancer's Image from the upcoming Belmont Stakes. ^{Indeed, he's} ~~Further~~ retiring the three-year-old for good -- because of bad ankles.

Dancer's Image ~~thus~~ ^a ~~"sure thing"~~ -- as hard luck horse of the year. Disqualified winner of the Kentucky Derby -- disqualified ^a again in the Preakness -- now scratched from the Belmont. ~~For~~ ^a sort of "triple crown" -- in reverse.