

MA'ALOT

Wed. May 15-74.

In the Middle East - yet another tragedy - as no doubt you've heard by now. Three Palestinian guerrillas seizing an Israeli school house - in the town of Ma'alot, Near the Lebanese border; holding ~~some eighty~~ <sup>about 90</sup> children as hostages; threatening to kill them all - unless Israel released twenty jailed Arab commandoes. For the first time in four years 4 Israeli officials yielding to Arab blackmail. Or so it seemed.

At the last minute though - Israeli troops storm<sup>ed</sup> the school house. ~~Def~~ results later disclosed in a nationwide TV address by ~~Prime Minister~~ <sup>Madame</sup> Golda Meir.

The saddened lady Premier reporting sixteen <sup>children</sup> dead, and 3 guerrillas, ~~most of them children.~~ ~~Adding~~ Adding that seventy more were wounded or injured. Many of the children suffering broken bones - when they leaped from windows to escape their captors.

## JERUSALEM FOLLOW MA'ALOT

~~But~~ In Jerusalem - the Ma'alot raid was ~~earlier~~  
condemned by <sup>Sec. of State</sup> ~~Henry~~ Kissinger, who called it - "mindless  
and irrational."

It also meant that he was unable to confer - with  
Madame Meir; and thus was forced to cancel his return  
to Damascus - scheduled for later in the day.

## HOUSE

The House Judiciary Committee today voted - thirty-seven to one - to subpoena the tapes of eleven more White House conversations. The committee also voting to subpoena a number of ~~outdoor~~ entrees in President Nixon's daily diary. White House reaction - ~~from~~ Assistant press secretary Gerald Warren, ~~who~~ declined to comment on the ~~new~~ subpoena - but did say: "the President believes the committee has all the information it needs - to proceed with impeachment proceedings."

**HA IG**

***Meanwhile, the President's Chief of Staff -***

***General Haig - testifying before the Senate Watergate  
Committee. Where once he invoked executive privilege  
today discussing freely - we hear - that one hundred  
~~thousands~~ thousand campaign contribution from Howard  
Hughes.***

## **CHAPIN**

***Former White House aide Dwight Chapin - was sentenced today to ten to thirty months in prison; for lying to a Watergate Grand Jury about a so-called "dirty tricks" campaign.***

## **BUSSING**

**A bill aimed at banning forced school bussing - already approved in the house was all but ~~be~~ killed today in the Senate. The measure officially tabled - by a roll-call vote of forty-seven to forty-six.**



MOSCOW

A Soviet attempt to arrange a summit meeting with Red China last June - was disclosed today. ~~in the~~  
~~Soviet Government newspaper Izvestia.~~ ~~Leonid Brezhnev~~  
offering to meet with Mao Tse Tung - in an attempt to bridge the widening rift between Russia and China.

~~Moscow says~~  
~~that the offer was made~~ Peking & never replied.

~~Stressing however, the offer - is still in effect.~~

## OIL

A House democratic caucus today called for an immediate end - to the oil industry's controversial oil depletion allowance; thereby insuring house passage of a pending bill - aimed at achieving just that.

~~But~~ The Democratic action - ~~drawings~~ a speedy rebuke from the President of the American petroleum institute. Frank Ikard saying it reflected - quote, "a lynch-mob attitude." Adding if the oil depletion allowance is ended - ~~as~~ Americans will ~~not be able to~~ reap a bitter harvest of energy shortage, higher prices and economic slowdown.



BONN

West German finance minister Walter Scheel -  
today was elected his country's new President. This -  
a largely ceremonial post. But it clears the way - for  
finance minister Helmut Schmidt; ~~who should~~<sup>to</sup> be named  
Chancellor tomorrow ~~to~~<sup>to</sup> succeeding ~~ing~~ Willy Brandt.

## LISBON

*The new President of Portugal - General Antonio DeSpinola. He was inaugurated today in a colorful ceremony held at historic Guelez Palace in Lisbon. General DeSpinola immediately pledging "to guarantee - the rights and freedoms of all citizens." Lest there be any doubt though - also pledging to enforce "obedience of the law; to promote the good of the nation and defend its "independence."*

## OKEECHOBEE

At Okeechobee, Florida - "super glue" strikes again,  
an eleven year old boy in the process of building a model  
airplane accidentally gluing shut his left eye. The glue  
holding so tight it was finally necessary to reopen the  
eye surgically. ~~A harrowing experience, And yet the~~  
~~youngster saying he was "scared" - only "at first."~~  
~~Why? Because - said he - "Daddy didn't believe me."~~

NEW YORK

America's new kissing champions a young Long Island couple by the name of Ann Marie Fazio and Jose Traslavia; remaining lip to lip for a record ninety-eight hours and forty-eight minutes -- in a kissing marathon ~~is~~ held in New York City. ~~is~~ It wasn't easy though. Miss Fazio later disclosing that she and her kissing companion - had "fought over a lot of things;" as, for example - <sup>- Bill -</sup> "him breathing too hard -" said she, said she.

## PRINCE GEORGE

Another "deliverance" style canoe trip with disastrous consequences is reported today from Prince George, British Columbia. Eight local teen-agers - attempting to navigate the rain swollen wild willow river; apparently getting caught in forty-mile an hour rapids - running through a three mile canyon.

All eight - are ~~now~~ feared dead. A ~~continuing~~ search ~~for the boys - so far~~ yielding only some clothes - a few life jackets, and bits and pieces of their three canoes and one kayak.