

WHITE HOUSE

Thurs. Sept. 16-71.

The White House - an impromptu press conference - as no doubt you've heard by now. President Nixon covering a broad range of subjects - both foreign and domestic.

On Vietnam - the President observing that Saigon - is far from achieving a U.S. - style democracy; turning down flat, however, the notion that U.S. aid should be cut off - simply because of Vietnam's one-man Presidential race.

"If we were to apply the standards that some propose" - said the President - "we would have to cut off our aid to two-thirds of the world."

On that still-pending draft bill - the President charging that Senate failure to act - is undermining American peace initiatives throughout the world. ~~And~~ the Senate - should ~~it~~ finally reject the draft bill <sup>(said he, it)</sup> - would be committing "one of the most irresponsible acts I can think of" - ~~said the President.~~

On Senator Muskie's recent statement - regarding the possibility of a black man running for Vice President -

the President saying it was a serious error. Adding: "It is very important for those of us in positions of political leadership - not to tell large numbers of young people that they cannot rise in our society - because of the accident of their birth."

On his upcoming visit to Red China - the President saying he expects a frank exchange of views; but it would be "naive" and "sentimental" - said he - to think that "if we just get to know each other - our difference<sup>s</sup> will evaporate."

~~Adding, in effect - no such luck.~~

# ROCHESTER

A new insight into the tragedy at Attica - comes today from black leader David Anderson of Rochester, New York; one of those who served on a Citizens Committee - attempting to work out a compromise between inmates and prison officials. Anderson charging that talks with the convicts began to deteriorate - immediately after the arrival of "Chicago Seven" lawyer William Kunstler; who allegedly convinced the prisoners - that they should continue to hold out for full amnesty.

Where the prisoners had seemed amenable to a settlement before - said Anderson - the mood now changed; "they kept talking about the amnesty thing, <sup>and</sup> they began talking about dying." <sup>Anderson says he himself</sup> ~~And he~~ himself, ~~eventually~~ "lost faith" <sup>and left</sup> - ~~said Anderson; departing~~ the prison after seventeen hours of talks - ~~that~~ finally led nowhere; except - to death.

## PARIS

*At the peace table in Paris - the U.S. begins to get tough. With William Porter - in his second bargaining session - demanding a clarification of the Communists' latest seven-point peace proposal. Also, telling the Communist side "Let us ~~have~~ what you have to say - officially" instead of unofficially. This clearly a reference to a number of concessions the Communists' supposedly offered to make - in recent talks with Senator McGovern of South Dakota.*

*William Porter going on to say: "If you attempt to evade answering - by handing out more nonsense about how your seven points speak for themselves - you will further degrade your proposals - ■ damage your credibility - and confirm that you are not seeking serious negotiations here." And then - if that wasn't enough - he added: "Let me assure you - you will get nowhere unless you ■ alter your tactics."*

MADAME FOLLOW PARIS

(A later development: The Communist side  
announcing that) Madame Nguyen Thi Binh - the Viet Cong's  
chief negotiator - is being recalled to Vietnam for  
consultations. ~~The~~ <sup>she</sup> ~~whereupon observers quickly noting that the~~  
last time ~~Madame Binh~~ went home - she ~~soon~~ returned with a  
new peace proposal. ~~Let's hope it happens again.~~

FORT MCPHERSON

Here at home - at Fort McPherson, Georgia - Captain Harold Medina was testifying today in his own behalf. Telling a court-martial jury he specifically ordered his troops prior to My Lai - not to kill women and children, if at all possible.

Medina <sup>says</sup> ~~adding that~~ he also told his men - to "use common sense; if an individual is trying to hurt you - then shoot; if he is running away - fire a warning shot; and if he doesn't stop - then shoot to wound or kill."

LONDON

~~Overseas again~~ <sup>at</sup> London - the final session of that  
two-day Group of Ten meeting; <sup>it</sup> ending <sup>a</sup> with a joint communique  
- from the <sup>se</sup> ten richest nations in the free world; a document  
asserting that "substantial adjustment - is required" of one  
and all; adding that "the measures necessary to bring about  
this adjustment - should be taken on a wide front - and  
should include an appropriate realignment of currencies;"  
therefore, authorizing the creation of a joint study group -  
to explore "ways and means of reforming international  
monetary arrangements."

The Group of Ten also scheduling another meeting -  
for a week from Saturday in Washington; by which time,  
it is hoped - they can all agree on a more definitive course  
of action.



## KATHMANDU

For more than twenty years now - the Red Chinese have ~~held full sway in~~ <sup>kept</sup> Tibet, ~~sealing it~~ <sup>ed</sup> off from the outside world - ~~as if by a Bamboo Curtain~~

But this next - well, would you call it "hands across the Himalayas?" At any rate, the Red Chinese <sup>who are now</sup> ~~presently~~ running Tibet - ~~agreeing~~ <sup>d</sup> today to make a trade with neighboring Nepal; ten thousand Tibetan sheep and goats - in return for three thousand pounds of ~~chile~~ <sup>Nepalese</sup> chile peppers and wheat flour. Said exchange to take place - ~~at~~ at the Chinese-built Friendship Bridge on the Kathmandu-Kodari highway; starting now - and continuing over the next three days.

All this - at the instigation of the Nepalese; who need the sheep and goats for sacrificial offerings ~~at~~ at two religious holidays coming up shortly. The first called Vijayadashmi - "The Festival of the Triumph of Truth over Evil;" and the second - Divali - "The Festival of Lights."



BUDAPEST

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*Britain's Prince Philip - a visitor today to Budapest, Hungary; there watching an "International Coach Driving Contest" - being held in conjunction with a world hunting exhibition.*

*But ■ more than that - Prince Philip also breaking a silent boycott of more than fifty years. Becoming the first member of the British royal family to visit a Soviet bloc country - since Nineteen-Eighteen, when Czar Nicholas and his British-born Alexandra - were slain by the Bolsheviks.*

NEW YORK

"Stop, look and listen" - is the way you ordinarily hear it. But the order today ~~here~~ in New York - was merely "stop Look!" Chairman Gardner Cowles of Cowles Communications - sounding a death knell for Look Magazine. Suspending publication as of mid-October<sup>This</sup> in the face of soaring losses. <sup>Gardner</sup> Cowles saying: "When it came to make this decision - I thought back over Look's thirty-five years of constructive, responsible and award-winning journalism - and my heart said 'keep it going.' But, my head said 'suspend it!'" Then he added: - ~~he went on~~ "and there was really no other way."

## OBERLIN

*Oberlin, Ohio - a new city ordinance; banning, as of January One, the drinking of beer or soft drinks anywhere in town - from disposable, non-returnable bottles; under threat of a Hundred Dollar fine - or thirty days in jail - or both.*

*Oberlin Councilman Melvin Martens - who introduced the measure - saying: "It was the only way - to get our citizens involved."*

# BOULDER

A big football stadium at the University of Colorado -  
Boulder, Colorado - newly-equipped this year with artificial  
turf. But the Buffaloes <sup>Have a</sup> mascot - a full-grown Buffalo by  
the name of Ralphie. ~~And~~ the turf manufacturer ~~refused~~<sup>ed</sup>  
to guarantee his product against Ralphie's sharp hooves.  
So Ralphie's handlers <sup>fixed him up</sup> ~~fitting him out~~ with little rubber  
boots. Only it now turns out - no need.

Ralphie trying out the new turf - barefoot, so to speak;  
finding it - A-O.K.; except when he tried to eat it - and  
then it tasted awful. <sup>So Warren,</sup> ~~So~~ Ralphie <sup>is</sup> free to roam - in his new  
<sup>synthetic home,</sup> ~~home on the range.~~ <sup>univ. of Colo.</sup> ~~and the skies are not cloudy all day.~~

ERATH

*today was still*  
~~Farther South~~ Hurricane Edith ~~was~~ <sup>is</sup> pounding away  
~~today~~ at the Louisiana coastline; ~~bringing with it~~ - hundred-  
mile-an-hour winds, torrential rains and raging flood tides;  
causing widesprcad damage - but apparently few deaths. This  
thanks to early warning - followed by mass evacuation.

But for such as Curly Granger of Erath, Louisiana -  
it was little consolation. Poor ol' Curly - ~~the~~ owner of a  
grocery store that burned down recently; <sup>but</sup> ~~so~~ he rebuilt it -  
with fireproof stones; only to see his roof blow away <sup>and</sup> his  
stock ruined - at the height of today's storm. Mrs. Curley  
Granger saying sadly: "I guess God - just doesn't ~~want~~  
want us to own a store."