

WHITE HOUSE

Fri. May ~~30~~³¹ 68,

The place - Paris. The time - May Tenth - a week from today. The event - beginning of peace talks on Vietnam - as you ~~have~~^{no} doubt ~~have~~^{have} heard by now.

President Johnson signaling the break in peace bickering -- at a formal news conference today ~~at~~ the White House, ^{6 1/2} ~~Announcing~~ that Hanoi had proposed - and the United States had accepted - the Paris meeting place. Further expressing his hope that "this agreement on initial contact - will represent a mutual and a serious movement by all parties - toward peace in southeast Asia."

"I must, however, sound a cautionary note" - said the President, ^{then} ~~Adding~~: "This is ~~any~~ only the very first step - and there are many, many hazards and difficulties ahead."

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The President's remarks - quickly echoed in
Saigon. South Vietnamese foreign minister Tran Van Do -
calling Paris an "acceptable" site. Although he added:
"It is still too early to be optimistic -- we will just
have to wait and see."

Be that as it may - the news was greeted with
enthusiasm in capitals right around the world. Same
for the U S stock market - which jumped sharply; ^{if briefly} ~~substantially~~
while the price of gold at London - was falling sharply.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for DeGaulle ^{was} saying
that France is "elated" - to be chosen/as the conference
site. "France will spare no effort - to give whatever
help is necessary" said he.

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Getting back to the President's press conference -

LBT
~~he~~ refused to ~~xxx~~ divulge any additional information - concerning the quest for peace. Asserting that public officials only "confuse delicate negotiations - by detailing personal views or suggestions -- or elaborating on positions in advance.

When the subject turned to taxes though - the President was off and running again. Charging certain members of Congress - with attempted legislative "blackmail" for holding up his requested tax increase - unless the government agrees to massive spending cuts.

If these Congressmen really think the budget can be slashed - said ~~he~~^{he} -- "let ~~he~~ them stand up like men and answer the roll call." He added, however, that he doubted Congress ~~was~~ could or would vote any substantial cuts - unless they be "phony paper cuts." The President concluding: "It's time for Congress to bite the bullet - and do what is needed for the country;

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to pass a tax bill - without any ands or buts."

This the toughest language a President has directed ~~us~~ toward Congress - since the days of "Give 'em Hell" Harry Truman. Observers noting that L B J's stated withdrawal from the presidential race - has apparently ^{made it easier for him} ~~freed him at last~~ to speak his mind.

SUCCESSOR FOLLOW CONFERENCE

Just one touch of humor; when a reporter asked the Chief Executive - what kind of a man would be likely to succeed him in the White House; Mister Johnson ~~xxxx~~ replying that the American people will have ample time to judge that by November. And after thirty years in elective office - said L B J - "who am I to question their judgment?"

With that - he was off on a flying trip to Independence, Missouri; to wish a "happy birthday" to the ~~xxxx~~ afore mentioned Harry Truman - who will be eighty-four next Wednesday.

HOUSTON

The world's eighth human heart transplant yesterday at Stanford, California -- followed quickly today by a ninth at Houston - a tenth at London.

With still another expected "at any time" - in Cape Town, South Africa.

Many of the doctors involved - just returned from a special medical convention in South America—
Apparently convinced that perfection of cardiac transfers - is now nearly within reach.

As for the patients - Joseph Rizer remains in fair condition at ~~San~~ Stanford; ~~Dr~~ Everett Thomas Junior -- is listed in "excellent" condition at Houston; ~~but~~
~~at London? - still too soon to tell.~~

The unnamed London recipient - listed as satisfactory.

MARCH

At March Air Force Base in California - former President Eisenhower is reported in "excellent spirits" today; as he nears completion of the critical period - following that recent heart attack. Doctors calling Ike's progress - "very encouraging." ~~which is, in itself,~~
~~very encouraging.~~

BANKOK

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For a time, at least - it appeared today that U S airmen stationed in Thailand - were perhaps the most envied fighting men in southeast Asia. Saigon newspapers reporting that U S planes were flying in hundreds of girls - to entertain the men of Udorn and Sattaheer air bases.

From Bangkok though - a prompt denial. The U S Seventh Air Force - branding the report pure nonsense. A Thai Air Force officer who was there - also scoffing at tales of hundreds of females living at the bases. The Thai spokesman adding a bit wistfully: "There is not even - one girl."

Then where did the story get started? ~~We~~ Warren, could it be ~~are told it was probably~~ the result of a false rumor - born of wishful thinking?

NEW YORK

Next up - model Penelope Tree - the latest darling of high fashion, ~~Telling~~ American women from New York - how to achieve the ultimate in style.

"I believe in a look of one's own" - says the eighteen year old Miss Tree. "You know - go to a thrift shop! - buy a piece of old curtain goods! - buy clothes then forget about them! - change often! - don't worry about discarding!"

What is a woman fails to measure up? What if she can't match Miss Tree -- who stands five ten and weighs a hundred and fifteen pounds? It doesn't matter - says Penelope. Adding that -- every woman has at least two good features -- and all she has to do is - "accent these good features." *4-2-8-11 on!*