

LISBON

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Lisbon -- Portuguese Premier Salazar - one
of the strong men of our era -
seemingly progressing ^{alright} ~~nicely~~ ~~today~~ from a recent

brain operation; when suddenly - a turn for the worse.

Doctors reporting - a recurrence of blood clotting.

Later listing ^{Salazar's} ~~the~~ Premier's condition - as extremely
critical.

SENATE

Round and round they go - those Abe Fortas hearings in Washington; and where it will all stop - nobody knows.

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Today's installment - featuring the ^{testimony} ~~testis~~ of Senator Allott of Colorado ^{who} ~~Referring~~ to a recent conversation - with Treasury Undersecretary Joseph Barry ^{ed} as the basis for an accusation that Fortas helped ~~to~~ formulate an administration bill - providing secret service protection for all presidential ~~xx~~ candidates. This an alleged conflict of interest - between the judicial and executive branches of government.

Be that as it may - the Senate Judiciary Committee is still expected to approve ~~and~~ the Fortas nomination ^{and pave} ~~as of~~ tomorrow morning, ^{clearing} ~~the~~ way for the ~~the~~ expected filibuster next week ^{and} when the full Senate takes up the matter.

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PENTAGON

Some six hundred naval air reservists -
summoned to active duty at the height of the Pueblo
crisis - now set for release by November one. Announcement
today - from the Pentagon, With the explanation that

"current Navy commitments - can be ^{handled} ~~met~~ by regular

air units." ^{Too bad Gen. Billy Mitchell isn't}
here to find himself so vindicated,
all of which has happened many times before.

Simultaneously, the Air Force taking note

of some fourteen thousand of its own ~~xxx~~ reservists -

summoned to active duty at the same time. ~~Saying that~~

they ~~men will~~ ^{are to} also be returned to civilian life - as

soon as the Air Force analyzes ^{quote} "the most orderly methods
of effecting their release."

VIETNAM

On the war front - in Vietnam - allied forces swept through jungles and paddy fields both North and South of Saigon today. Following up a saturation raid - by big American B-Fifty-Twos, *pulling out all the stops* in an effort to crush the enemy threat to the South Vietnamese capital.

Results of the continued allied harrassment - readily apparent in ~~to~~ a captured Communist document ~~just~~ made public today ~~The paper~~ telling of "grave setbacks" - in and around the ~~capital~~ capital area.

Blaming the difficulty on Viet Cong cadres - supposedly showing "a lack of faith and determination" ~~as~~ *in their* Red leadership ~~is~~

PARIS FOLLOW VIETNAM

On the peace front - in Paris - U N Secretary General U Thant at center stage today. Publicly endorsing North Vietnam's demand - for an immediate and unconditional U S bombing halt. Calling this the "first essential step" -- toward the beginning of ~~meaningful~~ ^{real} peace talks.

Earlier, Hanoi's Nguyen Than Le asserting that "broad circles of the American public and influential statesmen" - are also urging a bombing halt. What about U S public opinion polls to the contrary?" These "inaccurate" - said Le. Adding: "We pay no attention to the so-called Gallup - or other public opinion polls."

WHITE HOUSE

The head of the U S space program - calls
it a day. At the ~~wh~~ White House -- James Webb
announcing his resignation ~~today~~ - after a meeting with
President Johnson. Webb noting he will soon be sixty-
two; ^{he says for} ~~adding it's time to take~~ a brief rest. Webb's
successor as Acting Chief - his former Deputy
Administrator -- Dr. Thomas Paine.

DETROIT

What with a new model year ~~xxx~~ beginning
this month - the cost of new U S cars - going up.
Chrysler, for one, announcing today at Detroit -
price increases averaging out to about eighty-four
dollars a car. With General Motors, Ford and American
Motors - expected to follow suit shortly. The new
prices not including the cost of head restraints *that are to*
be ~~becoming~~ compulsory ~~equipment~~ as of January One.

PRAGUE

In occupied Prague - Russians or no - the Czech press refused to be muzzled today. Two Czech newspapers printing defiant rebuttals - to Soviet attacks on ousted Czech economist Ota Sik. Refuting charges that Sik's planned economic reforms - would have meant a return to capitalism.

The Czech newspapers asserting, what's more, that Czechoslovakia has not "capitulated" - as appears to be the case. This apparently a test of Premier Cernik's pledge - that there will still be "room for criticism" in Czechoslovakia.

ATHENS

Coming soon - a long-awaited homecoming for King Constantine of Greece. At least - that's the word today from Athens. Greek Premier Papadopoulos announcing that the self-exiled King will be free to return - as soon as new parliamentary elections can be held. Maybe sooner -- if it can be worked out.

At the same time - Papadopoulos also announcing the imminent release of about fifty remaining political prisoners. All this an apparent effort to clear the way for voter approval of a new draft constitution -- ^{that will be the} subject of a nationwide referendum set for later this month.

So says Papadopoulos, Warren. What do you say?

DUKE

Youth versus age. The story today - from Duke University, ~~where~~ some two hundred and fifty college students - were asked to rate their elders according to age. Results said to show that young people - are surprisingly tolerant of "old folks" thirty-five and up. But only in so far as these senior citizens "act their age" - or, at least, act the way the youngsters think they should act.

The dilemma this presents - perhaps most apparent in later years. For example, the Duke students asserting that a man of sixty-five -- is ~~pxaa~~ probably "declining in intelligence." Also - a bit foolish. In which case he is generally rated -- "understandable, predictable, valuable." But, if, on the other hand, a sixty-five year old is "strong, rugged, active" - the Duke youngsters generally rating him "bad, dangerous, cold."

At age seventy-five -- it's even worse. The ~~manxxxx~~ man who is weak, sick, slow and ineffective --

said ~~to be~~ "safe, good, familiar." But the seventy-

five year old who is "rich, clean, warm and relaxed"-

said to be "completely untrustworthy."

Phooey on that, and s-l-u-t-m.