

Wed. Sept. 25-'68.

SENATE

~~Back in~~ ^{from} Washington--in the U.S. Senate--~~the~~ ^{the} Abe Fortas filibuster ^{is on,} ~~dropped on today~~. Senator Griffin of Michigan ~~is~~ leading the opposition to Fortas' nomination as ~~as~~ Chief Justice. ~~of the Supreme Court~~. Griffin and his supporters further claiming more than enough votes--to keep the debate going indefinitely.

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At the same time--a warning today from Senator Symington of Missouri. A warning that the filibuster must end by October One--or "there will not be any money to pay the troops in Vietnam"--said he.

CAMPAIGN

From Hubert Humphrey--Los Angeles--a charge today that Richard Nixon is guilty of "razzle-dazzle, frizzle-frazzle" politics. The Vice President suggesting as a better alternative--a unique, cross-country touring debate on the issues. Urging the inclusion of George Wallace--as a third member of the touring party. The Vice President asserting that this "will do more to clean up politics--than anything else" yet envisioned.

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Be that as it may--Nixon was advised today to avoid even a television confrontation. ~~with Humphrey.~~

Senator Murphy of California--chairman of G.O.P.

Senatorial Campaign Committee--telling Nixon he would only face a "Demagogic" attack from his Democratic opponent.

PARIS

For the second time this week--the United Nations was told today to "butt out." North Vietnamese peace negotiators in Paris--rejecting flatly any U.N. peace effort. Hanoi's Nguyen Thanh Le asserting that the war in Vietnam--is "not within the competence of the United Nations." Thereby joining the U.S. in telling U.Thant, in effect-- "hands ~~off~~ off."

Earlier, U.S. and North Vietnamese negotiators *were* meeting for a twenty-third time--~~and~~ ^{--but} still no apparent progress. Averell Harriman observing that Hanoi apparently feels "no obligation whatsoever--to do anything to move toward peace."

VIETNAM

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War news from Vietnam tells of a sneak attack today--on a Green Beret camp north of Saigon near the Cambodian border. In part, at least--an "inside job." American officers reporting the attackers knew just where to hit--using flamethrowers and dynamite charges to deadly advantage.

In the end though--American and South Vietnamese firepower saving the day. The enemy finally taking flight--leaving behind about a hundred- and-thirty-five bodies. The litter of battle also said to include enough dynamite and TNT to obliterate the camp--if the attackers had ever gained the upper hand.

The newest edition of Jane's Fighting Ships--hot off the presses today in London. The so-called "bible" of world naval power--containing for the first time an editorial on Vietnam; ~~Defending~~ the presence of U.S. Naval strength in the Far East--as perhaps the one stabilizing factor ~~on~~ an otherwise chaotic situation.

To be sure--said Jane's--the war in Vietnam "has been a discouraging, puzzling and enervating war; and the U.S.A. has had little material support--from most other nations." However, ^{the editorial went on to say:} Jane's ~~declaring~~ "If and when the U.S. were to pull out--the whole Pacific seaboard, from Siberia to Sumatra, would be wide open to infiltration or to conquest--by the largest and most interested power" in the area.

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And who might that be? Not necessarily China--said Janes's. Adding: "The final showdown--might be between Communist China and the U.S.S.R."

PRAGUE

Behind the Iron Curtain--at Prague--Czech Party

Leader Dubcek met today with the Czech Communist

Presidium, Trying to select a delegation acceptable

to the Russians--^{and thus} ~~to~~ permit a convening of that

twice-postponed "summit meeting" at the Kremlin. ~~This~~ Adding

urgency to the Czech deliberations--the fact that Soviet

occupations troops were issued today their winter clothing.

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month in Moscow. To call it off--at least, until the

Czech situation resolves itself.

MOSCOW FOLLOW PRAGUE

Mean^{while}~~time~~, at the Kremlin--the Russians were facing problems of their own arising from the Czech crisis.

Number One on the list ~~today~~--selection of a high-level delegation to send to Budapest; where the representatives of virtually all Communist nations will meet this week --to consider a request from the influential French Communist Party, ~~A~~ request to call off that World Congress of Communist Parties--originally set for next month in Moscow. ~~To~~ call it off--at least, until the Czech situation resolves itself.

PIGEONS

From London comes a battle story ~~today~~--all about the "feeders" versus the "whangers."

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The "feeders"--a group of workers at a giant auto plant in suburban Swindon; who get their name from scattering crumbs around and about--attracting hundreds, ~~if not~~ thousands, of pigeons. The "whangers"--a second group of workers at the same plant; who get their name from trying to "whang" the pigeons with nuts and bolts--~~trying~~ to scare them off.

The battle finally reaching such a fever pitch--that the rest of the work force called a strike--closing down the plant. As one striker explained it: "We were fed up with either being hit by nuts and bolts--or strafed by the pigeons."

End result: A company ruling today--that "the pigeons will have to go." Also, the "feeders" and "whangers" ^{Warren} ~~we are told~~ if they don't stop ^{air} ~~that~~ blasted "feeding and "whanging."

HONOLULU

This next--from Honolulu--about a little boy by the name of Umi Peltier; age two when [✓]he suffered a sinus infection--which gradually cost him his hearing.

The main trouble--~~in the fact that~~ little Umi didn't know he was going deaf; and neither did his parents--or anyone else. He was such a bright youngster--he soon learned to read lips like an expert. Even fooling the school nurse--when he entered the first grade this year. "Can you hear all right"--said the nurse. "Sure"-- said Umi; because--in truth--he thought he could.

The masquerade finally ended a few days ago--when Umi was hit by a car. Luckily--his injuries were slight; doctors soon discovering his hearing problem--^{and} quickly curing it with a minor operation.

Only trouble now--little Umi wants to listen to everyone's watch. Suddenly fascinated by the "tick-tock, tick-tock" ^{he had} ~~that he~~ never heard before-- ~~a sound that the~~
~~rest of us take for granted.~~