

MOSCOW

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Michigan's Governor George Romney can expect a warm reception at The Kremlin later this month. This - according to Moscow sources; who said today that Soviet Premier Kosygin is ~~an~~ eager to talk informally - with any man who might become President of the United States.

Romney further expected to receive permission - to address the Soviet American Friendship Society; at Moscow's "Dom Druzhba" - ~~which~~ stands for "house of friendship" .

You may recall - Richard Nixon was refused a meeting with Soviet leaders - when he last visited Moscow as a private citizen. However, the Soviets indicated today - that Nixon would also receive a more cordial welcome, if he were to return to Russia again - as "an announced candidate. "

All this raising speculation here at home - that a whole series of contenders may ~~soon be paying visits to~~ ~~yet come calling at~~ the Kremlin.

WASHINGTON FOLLOW MOS COW

On the Democratic side - Texas Governor John Connally - a guest at the White House this week; perhaps lending a special significance to this next:-

The Governor ^{lashing} ~~lashing~~ out today - at Senator Robert Kennedy of New York; Accusing Kennedy of using the peace candidacy of Senator McCarthy to further his own Presidential ambitions. Connally adding; If McCarthy is Kennedy's "stalking horse - he ought to say so."

VIETNAM

For two days now - the city of Saigon has been abuzz with rumors - about so-called "secret talks" - between U.S. and Viet Cong officials. The story bolstered by the reported arrest - of a top Viet Cong leader, supposedly captured by government police - enroute to a meeting with U S Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker. All of which was flatly denied today - by the U S Embassy in Saigon.

American officials would not undertake any such contacts - without the knowledge of the government of Viet Nam" said the ~~an~~ Embassy statement. Washington adding that our only communication ~~with~~ with the Viet Cong till now - has been concerned solely with prisoners of war. Meanwhile, on the fighting front - American forces were hard at work today, shoring ~~px~~ up their defenses against enemy attack - on that treacherous eastern Cambodian frontier.

NICOSIA

~~Like a bad penny~~ ^{That} the Cyprus question pops up again today; ~~With~~ Archbishop Makarios - President of Cyprus - reportedly having some second thoughts about that Greek-Turkish peace plan. Forcing American trouble shooter Cyrus Vance to return to Nicosia - in another effort to iron out the snags.

These snags - strictly "procedural problems - nothing serious" - according to the Greeks. U S officials expressing the fear, however, that minor differences - could well jeopardize the entire agreement.

ARUSHA

*In the shadow of Kilimanjaro - at Arusha, Tanzania
a new East African economic community was born today.*

*Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere presiding at ~~the~~
ceremonies ~~at~~ inaugurating a kind of black African Common
Market; stretching from Ethiopia in the North to Zambia
in the South - ~~on~~^{to} the very doorstep of the Union of
South African/*

*~~Besides Nyerere - five other African heads of
State - on hand for the occasion; Also - top officials
of the ~~Organization~~^{is} of African Unity; ~~all~~ Voicing the hope
that a common trade agreement - will one day ~~encompass~~
cover ~~the~~ whole of continental Africa.~~*

LONDON

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A tense moment today in London - at the start of bidding for "La Terrasse A Sainte Adresse"; a century old masterpiece by the French impressionist - Claude Monet.

Finally, the first offer - a quarter of a million dollars; drawing a gasp from the crowd - including a few bargain seekers, no doubt. The painting finally knocked down to a London art ~~box~~ dealer - for one million, four hundred thousand dollars. ~~Q kind~~ Third highest price ever - for a single painting sold at auction.

What do you think
Talk about inflation - Monet himself originally
~~sold~~ ~~setting~~ the painting ^{for?} ~~for~~ about thirty-five bucks.

NEW YORK

~~A second moving medical story -- reported today~~ ^{from}

New York ^{miracle} Institute of Rehabilitation ~~medicine~~ Dr. Howard

Rusk telling of a remarkable young man, ~~by the name of~~ Juan

~~(Ee-peez)~~

~~Yepez -- who has also conquered a seemingly insurmountable~~

~~handicap.~~

^{Ee-peez}
~~Yepez~~ Born without arms or legs. -- Juan was virtually helpless

when he first arrived from his native Bolivia at age ^{ten.} ~~nine~~

He had a quick mind, nevertheless -- and better still, a ready spirit. Working with doctors and research people through the years -- in the development of revolutionary artificial limbs; the kind later to be used -- by many of those thalidomide babies.

Along the way -- young Juan ^{attending regular schools, and} ~~picking up a degree at Pacific~~ ^{going on to college, and getting a degree.} ~~scholar~~ Now -- at twenty-two -- completely self-sustaining; ^e

~~and~~ he's finally going home -- to become a computer programmer at the United Nations Mission in LaPaz.

(Ee-peez)

Juan Yepez achieving -- as he put it -- his "own

impossible dream."

WORCESTER

From Worcester, Mass. - the story today of a
strange theft; - person, or more likely ~~persons~~ persons, unknown -
making off with a giant half-ton bell, that was awaiting
installation - in a new Methodist Church.

012 ~~The big question~~ Who would steal ~~such~~ a big ^{Church} bell - and ^{why?} ~~what could they possibly use it for? Police~~
~~wondering, in other words - for whom the bell tolls?~~

HOLLYWOOD

A voice from the glamorous past - heard again today from Hollywood. At age sixty-eight - long-ago-matinee-idol-Ramon Novarro taking a look at today's leading men; and calling them - for the most part - a bunch of "slobs". His word - not mine.

As for Ramon Novarro - he is still the dapper don Juan of old - though slightly ~~xixix~~ wrinkled - a bachelor, as always & with a sharp eye for the ladies.

One of his favorite~~f~~ friends remaining Alice Terry - his beautiful co-star in silent favorites such as "The Prisoner of Zenda" - "Scaramouche" and "Where the Payment Ends."

As for the wear and tear of advancing years - Warren
Ramon Novarro says he has only three worries - about growing old: "One is loss of memory" - ^{and said he} ~~and~~ the other two - I can't remember."

DOLLY

Just out - a new ~~book~~ book called - Diet or Die.

Author - Mrs. Celesta Guyer; perhaps better known to millions of carnival fans - as the one-time "Dolly Dimples" world's most beautiful fat lady.

That was the billing Mrs. Guyer used - when ^{she} weighed five-hundred-and-fifty-five pounds. ^{Count 'em 555 lbs!} Now a svelte one-twenty-two - she tells in her book how she did it. Following the advice of a doctor ^{to} who told her after a near fatal heart attack [^] "Diet or Die."

The secret of effective weight loss - massive will-power says Mrs. Guyer. Adding that her own will power was strengthened - by the memory of ~~dark fat~~ fat friends from carnival life; who died at an early age and were later ^{— those were} "buried from the back of a truck" [^] ~~in~~ her own words.

Why a truck? Because - said Mrs. Guyer - "they were too big for a hearse."

