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In the aftermath of ^{the} ~~that~~ Attica prison revolt - a storm of repercussions ^{as expected, including a} ~~today, not the least of which~~ a post mortem from the nearby Rochester Medical Examiner; who said that eight of the ten hostages killed at Attica - died of gunshot wounds; adding that said wounds - were inflicted by "various weapons, including rifles, pistols and shot guns."

This in direct conflict with original reports - that the men in question had died when their throats were cut; ^{This} raising the possibility [^] that some may have been shot inadvertently; dressed in prison garb, as they were - held up as shields; and thus coming under the fire of that massive attack force - which finally stormed the prison.

As to ^{the} cause of death of the other two hostages - there seems to be no question though. The first ~~was~~ apparently dying from injuries he suffered -) ~~when he was hurled out a window;~~ [^] when he was hurled out a window; we are told - and the second [^] from the after-effects of castration.

SING SING FOLLOW ATTICA

Here's a related item: the guards at New York's famed Sing Sing today initiated briefly a so-called "job action," that is for a time refusing to permit prisoners to leave their cells - except to eat, to see visitors or else some other special reason. Prison Superintendent Leland Cassles termed this "acting in sympathy with the Attica prison employees - they want the prison made more secure."

NEW BALTIMORE

Meanwhile, another attempted revolt today - at the Baltimore City jail when a hundred and eighty inmates tried to seize a guard as a hostage. When this failed - barricading themselves inside a cafeteria. We are told it was all in sympathy with the Attica rioters.

But the powers that be down in Baltimore - responding first with a tear gas barrage; then a force of about fifty policemen stormed the cafeteria; overpowered the prisoners - and herded them back into their cells.

VIETNAM

In Vietnam, - at Saigon ^{there was} an outbreak of anti-American violence today; including the firebombing of a U.S. truck - leaving an American sailor badly-wounded. This apparently triggered by U.S. support of President Thieu's decision - to run unopposed for reelection.

And then tonight, another firebombing; outside a Roman Catholic church where Senator McGovern of South Dakota was conferring with South Vietnamese religious leaders. The flames engulfing eight vehicles - forcing the Senator to race for cover. McGovern later saying: "I wouldn't want to go through it every day - but it wasn't as rough as demonstrations in the States." ~~So says Senator McGovern.~~

PENTAGON

Here at home - Defense Secretary ~~Melvin~~ Laird

canceled a series of appointments set for ~~this morning~~

today, and

Instead, conferring^{ed} with the Pentagon's three service chiefs - also, Chairman Stennis of the Senate Armed Services Committee. Subject, of course - that stalled draft bill. With a Pentagon spokesman later saying: "The Secretary is deeply concerned about the dangerous military situation which will arise by early next year - if Congress fails to extend Selective Service now."

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At The White House, President Nixon met today with the leaders of five national farm organizations; as he had done previously with labor and management - discussing what next after expiration of the present wage-price freeze.

A White House spokesman later saying the farm leaders were agreed "to a man" - there should be some sort of anti-inflationary follow-up programs. But they were more concerned - we are told - with the possibility that an extended import surcharge might result in foreign reprisals; thereby leading to reduced demand - for U.S. farm products.

The President is said to have stressed, ~~however~~ - the surcharge is only a temporary measure. Further telling the farm men: "If you improve the overall bargaining position of the U.S. - it will also benefit the farmer in the long run."

PHILADELPHIA

Here in the Northeast - the rains that came last Friday are still with us including flash floods in the Philadelphia area and in South Jersey; leaving at least fourteen dead and thousands homeless.

As for tropical storm Edith - she's still stalled far out in the Gulf of Mexico.

MOSCOW

In spite of cold, wind and rain - hundreds of Russians trekked today to Moscow's Novodevichy Cemetery; the grave of Nikita Sergeyeovich Khrushchev - there to pay him ~~for~~ their final respects.

He may have had his faults - said one woman - but "I know he did good service in wartime - I read all about it in a book." A young man adding that Khrushchev - also "made a lot of progress in the economy."

But nobody said much - and nobody stayed long; in part, because of a number of grim-faced men were stationed along the cemetery walkways. Secret police; the same that once only Khrushchev dared defy.

LONDONDERRY

At Londonderry in Northern Ireland - a British soldier was critically wounded today by sniper fire.

His buddies quickly loading him into an army vehicle - racing for the nearest hospital; when suddenly - a burst of machinegun fire; - forcing the truck to turn back - and then take a longer route; and by the time they arrived at the hospital - the soldier was dead.

A spokesman saying: "The delay in getting him to the hospital - may have been responsible."

UNITED NATIONS

At the U N - U Thant lays it on the line.

*The Secretary General saying "I will not serve
beyond my present term - under any circumstances."*

"Decision final" - said he.

*This apparently an attempt to still the rumors =
about a possible draft movement. In any event this
is U Thant's strongest and most specific disclaimer -
up to now. He seems to have "had it!"*

GENEVA

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A U.N. "Atoms for Peace" conference - currently
in session at Geneva; hearing today from a team of Russian
scientists - on the subject of "ionizing radiation in food
technology;" including a section - dealing with the development
of ~~an alcohol~~ ^{sort of} instant brandy.

This - we are told - calling for the infusion of
cognac ~~alcohol~~ into oak shavings irradiated with atomic
energy; thereby enabling the production of fine, old brandy -
"in ten to fifteen days instead of the normal three years."
~~According to~~ ^{Warren,} The Russians ^{call it instant} ~~call it~~ "fire-water".

NEWBERG

This next - from Newberg, Oregon; where a pilot by the name of Dr. Howard Newton - was attempting to land his small plane on a private air strip; except that he overshot the runway - and had to pull up quickly; in the process, clipping three power lines - transmitting thirteen thousand volts. These dropping down and starting a grass fire which quickly spread to a nearby house; also, causing a power black-out - throughout the area.

The flying doc - himself - escaping unscathed. To his plane only a minor dent. In minutes he had refueled and was on his way again. Just ahead of the posse no doubt.