

PUNTA DEL ESTE

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At Punta Del Este, Uruguay -- the first formal meeting today of that big hemispheric "summit meeting." President Johnson sitting down with eighteen other inter-American leaders -- in a converted gambling casino at the leading local hotel. At stake -- the economic future of Latin America.

Yet even as the meeting began -- a number of gripes were heard backstage, Based, in part, on President Johnson's apparent determination -- to play the role of a "junior partner" at Punta Del Este, In line with his stated intention -- of letting Latin America work out its own decisions.

Beyond that -- the President is already said to have made it clear -- that the United States must stand on its present trade and aid policies; that Latin America alone holds the key -- to make use of these policies to its own best advantage.

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All of which prompted a public blast today--from  
President Otto Arosemena of Ecuador. Arosemena charging  
that the summit blueprint for hemispheric development--  
is inadequate to the need. And so is American aid--  
said he.

RED CHINA

Crisis in Red China -- marked today by news of renewed fighting -- in the <sup>great</sup> South China city of Canton. Reports reaching Hong Kong telling of bloody brawls -- between hundreds of rival supporters of Chairman Mao and President Liu. Canton still under martial law -- as a result of riots last month by anti-Maoists. <sup>Will</sup> Chinese Army patrols -- apparently unable to stem the violence.

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New York

# STATES FOLLOW RED CHINA

Here at home -- disclosure today that one of Red ~~China's~~ <sup>China's</sup> leading musicians -- recently defected to the United States. Violinist Ma Szu-Ts'ung reportedly fleeing China with his wife and family -- just a step ahead of those fanatical Red Guards.

Ma serving as director of the Central Conservatory in Peking--until he escaped the country. Now said to be living with a brother -- a naturalized U.S. citizen -- here in New York.

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Vice President Hubert Humphrey -- back making news today in New York. With a personal assessment of his two-week European trip -- on a t.v. show "Today."

The Vice President chiding newsmen -- for playing up the demonstrations that dogged his trail. These instigated solely by a well-organized minority of "Maoist Communists" -- said he. Adding that the actual rioters -- "were only a handful of people -- who represent no one but themselves."

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## PARIS

A related item -- from Paris. The DeGaulle government announcing today -- it will formally protest the burning of a French flag Monday in Boston. An incident arising from the burning of an American flag -- during Hubert Humphrey's visit in Paris; which led to an earlier protest -- from the United States.

A DeGaulle minister making it plain however -- that he hopes this will be the end of it. The way France sees it -- said he -- "a stupid performance by youngsters in Paris -- was followed by another stupidity in Boston."

JAKARTA

Ten men who once served in the bodyguard of then-President Sukarno -- on trial for their lives today in Jakarta. The ten accused of attempting to kidnap General Abdul Haris Nasution <sup>g</sup> during that abortive Communist coup of Nineteen-Sixty-Five. Nasution escaped the trap -- but his young daughter was killed in a gun battle with the would-be kidnapers.

Elsewhere in Jakarta -- Indonesian Foreign Minister Adam Malik today unveiled a plan -- for a new and bigger Southeast Asia Regional Cooperation Organization. A sort of "Common market" -- for Southeast Asia.

The present such alliance -- made up <sup>g</sup> of Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines, with Malik now urging that Indonesia, Burma, Singapore and Cambodia -- also join in. The others -- receptive to the idea -- said Malik. Adding that with any luck -- the new organization will be in operation "sometime in or shortly after May."

MOSCOW

The first Russian spaceman to orbit the earth -- star attraction at a big rally tonight in the Kremlin. Yuri Gagarin helping ~~to~~ commemorate the sixth anniversary -- of his pioneering flight once-around-the-globe. At the same time, serving notice that Russia will soon launch future manned space flights -- to the moon and beyond.

Said Gagarin: "We cosmonauts are very busy -- training and studying and getting ready for new launchings." This -- he went on -- part of a "program of new space explorations;" providing "for the sending of expeditions -- to the moon and the planets."

How soon -- he didn't say. However, informed sources predicting the Soviets' next manned space flight -- may come before the end of the month. With indications it will feature a giant space bus -- capable of carrying several men on a lengthy flight.



## FALLBROOK

This next -- a brief item from Fallbrook, California.

Reporting some hanky-panky in local politics -- on the school board, no less. With voters to decide next week -- whether they're willing to accept the hanky-panky for another four-year-term.

Up for reelection -- are the two men who started it all: John A. Hankey -- and Robert H. Pankey. Which brings us up to Warren <sup>J</sup>B. Moran.

Warren -- welcome back.

## BEAUTY

The case of feminine beauty -- presented forcefully today by one of Russia's leading poets. Ilya Selvinsky -- thoroughly refuting a number of recent articles in Soviet literary magazines; articles saying a woman's place -- is at the lathe; condemning lady comrades -- for wearing make-up and pretty clothes-- for simply acting like women.

Selvinsky asserting that "equality of women" -- is now an accomplished fact in Russia; and what is needed now -- said he -- is a "cult of women's charm;" to break down the idea -- that "a woman's beauty is a bourgeois prejudice."

Selvinsky concluding: "For a barbarian -- a woman is just a creature of the opposite sex. But in a cultured society -- a woman is the embodiment of artistry."

So says Selvinsky -- and so say I -- and so long until tomorrow.