

PARIS

Mon, Nov, 25-'68.

In the major ~~and~~ money markets of Europe - at Frankfurt, Zurich, Amsterdam, Milan - the franc fights back. Actually gaining in strength today - in the wake of DeGaulle's refusal to ~~to~~ accept devaluation.

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Only sour note - in Paris itself. Where ~~that~~ speculators started a rush on gold today - fearing that DeGaulle will be unable to make his decision stick. However, Le Grand Charles was already moving quickly - to impose strick new currency controls. Also calling another crisis <sup>meeting</sup> of his cabinet to ~~and~~ map out details of a new French austerity program.

COMMONS

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At the same time across the Channel -  
an uproar today in the House of Commons. With  
Conservative leader Edward Heath - leading an all=  
out attack on the Labor Government's handling of the  
monetary crisis. Especially bitter over the  
imposition of heavy new taxes last week - in  
anticipation of the French devaluation which never  
came.

In response - Chancellor of the Exchequer  
Roy Jenkins speaking for Prime Minister Harold Wilson  
asserting that the fact the French were even considering  
devaluation - created "a new and dangerous situation".  
"We thought it essential" said he <sup>that</sup> "there should be  
no doubt where Britain stood - no doubt that we were  
determined to maintain our parity."

However, Conservative Heath - far from

satisfied, ~~Asserting at one point~~ <sup>and saying</sup> that Prime Minister Wilson refused to join the debate - because, in Heath's words "he just hasn't got the guts to do ~~so~~ so."

In the end though - a vote of "no confidence" fail~~ed~~<sup>ed</sup> badly - three-hundred-and-twenty eight to two-hundred-and-fifty one.

WASHINGTON

Here on our own shores - Treasury Secretary  
Henry Fowler <sup>was</sup> ~~today~~ fully endorses <sup>ing</sup> ~~at~~ France's "save the  
franc" plan. Blaming that country's monetary problems  
- chiefly on speculators. Adding that the United States  
will continue to work for an international agreement  
to "make speculative outflows of currency from any  
nation meaningless in impact."

In any case ~~said he~~ - developments in  
"will  
France ~~X~~ not affect the value of the American dollar  
in any way," <sup>said he.</sup>



SAIGON FOLLOW WASHINGTON

Meanwhile  
~~Half a world away~~ in Saigon ~~the~~ peace  
rumors were flying again today; With South Vietnamese  
President Thieu - calling a meeting of <sup>his</sup> ~~that country's~~  
national Security Council - amid reports that Thieu  
will announce shortly - he has decided to end his  
boycott of expanded peace talks in Paris.

~~In the meantime~~ <sup>This as</sup> two Americans ~~reconnaisance~~  
reconnaisance planes were downed ~~today~~ over North  
Vietnam, <sup>along with</sup> ~~raising~~ a storm of protest from the North.-  
~~however,~~ <sup>Q</sup> spokesman for the U S State Department  
- saying <sup>the</sup> ~~is~~ the situation ~~is~~ not considered serious enough  
to jeopardize the formula for ~~the~~ expanded talks. ~~Adding~~  
~~his hope that South Vietnamese objections will be~~  
~~"resolved soon" - possibly this week.~~

MANNINGTON

At ~~that~~<sup>the</sup> Mannington number nine ~~coal~~ mine  
in West Virginia - still another explosion today -  
making ~~about~~<sup>some</sup> twenty in all. Again forcing abandonment  
of rescue operations - aimed at reaching ~~these~~<sup>the</sup> seventy-  
eight trapped miners.

Meanwhile, surface workers were drilling  
a series of bore holes - into an ~~in~~ area where the  
men were believed trapped. Sending down listening  
devices - in ~~the~~<sup>the</sup> hopes of picking up any sounds of life.

So far  
~~As yet though~~<sup>^</sup> - nothing. ~~After five days of grim waiting -~~  
~~hope gradually giving way to hopelessness.~~

ATLANTIC

Somewhere <sup>over</sup> the South Atlantic Max

Conrad <sup>flies on tonight,</sup> ~~travels on and on and on.~~ The famed "flying  
grandfather" - taking off today from Abidjan on the <sup>African</sup>  
Ivory Coast ~~of Africa~~ headed for Rio de Janeiro, some  
three thousand miles distant. This ~~is~~ the longest  
leg <sup>so far of his solo attempt to circumnavigate</sup> ~~of his attempted solo flight around the world~~  
<sup>the globe</sup> by way of both Poles.

Estimated time of arrival - about four  
o'clock tomorrow morning, New York time; which  
would make total elapsed flight time - about twenty

<sup>This one alone</sup>  
one hours. Quite a ~~trip~~ flight in a small plane.

NEW YORK

~~New York City~~ Another Nixon appointment? -

~~today. The President-elect naming~~ Veteran aide Herb Klein - to a newly created position - that of ~~an~~ director of Communications, for the Executive Branch, in the new ~~Nixon~~ administration.

His function said Nixon - "to coordinate information activities of every department of government."

Klein himself ~~said~~ calling his appointment - part of a "major effort by the President-Elect to ~~provide~~ <sup>make sure</sup> the American people <sup>get</sup> all the information possible & so ~~that~~ <sup>we</sup> they can make the decisions <sup>at</sup> they must <sup>be</sup> made."



PRINCETON

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For the first time in fourteen years - the Princeton Alumni Weekly prints an editorial. ~~This~~ in an issue mailed today & to some thirty five thousand "old grads" strongly endorsing a student-faculty program - to admit co-eds at last to that two-hundred-and-twenty-two year old fount of learning.

Princeton's present all-male makeup - "a hangover from the Victorian era - irrelevant to the interest of modern life," said the publication. Adding that "Princeton without girls in the Nineteen Seventies would be an anachronism; in the Nineteen Eighties -

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ludicrous." ~~And I guess the Victorian would be~~  
Now from - the ludicrous to the sublime - that means to you, Warren.  
~~very conviction~~

LONDON

From the English Speaking Union British Branch - a couple of rare gifts today to the English Speaking Union, American Branch. Britain's Prince Phillip - presiding at the London ceremony. Transferring to U S officials the custody of two historic railway coaches -- ~~designed for~~ destined for enshrinement in the U S National Railroad Museum at Green Bay, Wisconsin.

The first - a brown and yellow coach bearing the name "Isle of Thanet". It was part of the train - that carried Sir Winston Churchill to his final resting place two years ago. The second - an olive-drab ~~and~~ coach - number one-five-nine-two; perhaps better known as "Bayonet", mobile headquarters for ~~the~~ General Eisenhower during World War Two.