

BRUSSELS

Tues. Mar. 23-71.

At Brussels, Belgium headquarters of the European common market - an invasion today by an estimated seventy thousand farmers from six European countries. The farmers staging at first - a peaceful march in support of higher prices; but then - a sudden outbreak of violence.

The protestors smashing windows and looting stores - burning cars and trolleys - battling police and firemen and even <sup>attacking</sup> private citizens; With a splinter group later charging a lone policeman - who was forced to open fire, killing one of the farmers; whereupon the policeman was himself beaten ~~to death~~ <sup>and seriously injured</sup> before order was finally restored.

## URAL MOUNTAINS

*From Swedish and U.S. missile posts - a report today that the Soviets have just exploded another powerful underground nuclear device. This one - beneath the western slopes of the Ural Mountains; in the same general area - where a number of similar explosions have occurred in the past two years.*

*Purpose - hard to say. U.S. experts are speculating however - that it could be an attempt to change the course of certain rivers; either north into Siberia - or else south into the Steppes.*

INDO CHINA

On the Laos war front - operation closeout;  
with a steady stream of Saigon troops - returning today  
to South Vietnam. Military sources adding that the  
South Vietnamese - now have only one remaining base  
on Laotian soil; and that, too - we are told could be  
closed out as early as tomorrow night.

Meanwhile, the Communists <sup>as expected, are</sup> launching a series  
of attacks on American forces - in and around the big  
U.S. support base at Khe Sanh; ~~There~~ killing at least  
eight; - ~~as against~~ enemy losses set at twenty.

PENTAGON FOLLOW INDO CHINA

Here at home - the Pentagon said today that the Laos mission - had been expected to last five to eight weeks. Since it's now in its seventh week - ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> estimate ~~is~~ not so far off.

A spokesman adding that the Laos offensive might have lasted longer - if the enemy had not chosen to react so strongly. But ~~he added~~ that Allied headquarters had "anticipated" - and rightly so - "that the enemy would fight for this area."

Turning to the domestic front - the House today duplicated last week's Senate action; approving overwhelmingly ~~that~~<sup>the</sup> proposed Constitutional Amendment - giving eighteen year olds a right to vote in all elections. The measure now goes to the various State legislatures - where three-fourths approval is needed. Supporters predicting ~~that it could~~<sup>it is likely to</sup> become the law of the land ~~perhaps~~ as early as Nineteen Seventy-Two.

# SYRIA

From the Middle East - by way of London -  
a report today telling of increased Soviet arms shipments  
to Syria. These said to include 4 mainly planes, tanks  
and anti-aircraft missiles.

There were ~~also~~ a series of political and  
military conferences today in Cairo. According to  
Egypt <sup>this all a part of</sup> an attempt to prepare for the possible  
resumption of hostilities. According to Jerusalem -  
merely another facet of Cairo's war of nerves.

# BELFAST

The winner and new Prime Minister of Northern Ireland Brian Faulkner, <sup>as prognosticated</sup> a moderate; ~~score~~ <sup>in</sup> a landslide victory over his only opponent - Right Wing <sup>leader</sup> ~~leader~~ William Craig, - in Parliamentary elections held today at Belfast.

The new Prime Minister later pledging as his "most important single aim - the restoration of confidence to the whole of Ireland." And he added that this will not call for "harsh repressive measures" - but simply a return to "law and order."

## BIELEFELD

*From a team of medical experts at Bielefeld, West Germany - a report today on a study of so-called "soft drugs" such as hashish; ~~coming~~ <sup>It</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>ca</sup> to the conclusion that continual use of said drugs for a period as short as only four a week" = can cause serious brain damage.*

*Dr. Ebuard Ebel - who headed the project - adding that these brain changes - in several cases - were strikingly similar to those observed in epileptics. And he called this clear "scientific proof - that hashish is a poison that destroys the body."*

UPPER DHARMSALA

Twelve years ago this month - the people of Tibet staged a brief but futile uprising against their Red Chinese oppressors; and when it failed - the Dalai Lama was forced to take flight; eventually setting up his government in-exile at Upper Dharmsala in India.

Now - an anniversary message commemorating that March uprising. The Dalai Lama charging that Red China has since used every means possible - to brow beat and hopefully subjugate the Tibetans - but to no avail. "The Chinese are met everywhere by determined resistance - from both underground guerillas and the peasants" says the Dalai Lama. Adding that "Tibetan Cadres - so meticulously and painstakingly train<sup>ed</sup> in China - are actually in the forefront of the freedom struggle."

"As a result" - the Dalai Lama goes on - "the Chinese have now launched a <sup>veritable</sup> ~~veritable~~ reign of terror; Tibetans of all classes are beaten, humiliated,

tortured or killed *H* on ~~the basis of~~ flimsy trumped up charges." A situation which he calls, "in short, the most dangerous type of Colonialism - that the world has ever seen."

But "our cause, ~~is~~ a just one" - says the Dalai Lama; ~~and one that~~ <sup>"</sup>will prevail - if only those nations ~~who~~ cherish freedom will give us their firm and strong support." <sup>Then</sup> ~~and~~ he concludes; "The Chinese should well remember that no people - no nation - has ever remained under Colonial subjection forever."

# Wellesley

From a special study commission at all-girl  
Wellesley College - a recommendation that "Wellesley  
should include men as students." The panel is quick  
to add, however - that Wellesley "should not become a  
coeducational school;" because this implies - we are  
told - a school "where activities and leadership roles  
are oriented primarily to men;" whereas the panel  
contends - ~~that~~ Wellesley must maintain its "basic  
commitment to women."

For men who go to Wellesley <sup>Don</sup> will  
~~Would you call that "female chauvinism."~~  
it be *Phes che le Femme?*

WASHINGTON

Found: an honest man. ~~Mainly~~ Senator

Jackson of Washington, ~~who~~ was asked today - about his chances of becoming a Presidential candidate; ~~admittedly~~ <sup>He said:-</sup>  
- rather slim!

Next question: Would you like to be President?

To which Senator Jackson replied: "I sure would." And he added: <sup>"Do you</sup> ~~do you~~ know of any Senator who wouldn't?"