

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 ^{attacking} 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~~ ^{and seriously injured} 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 ^{as expected, are} 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~~ ^{the} 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~~^{the} 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~~^{it is likely to} 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 ^{this all a part of} 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, ^{as prognosticated} a moderate; ~~score~~ ⁱⁿ a landslide victory over his only opponent - Right Wing ^{leader} ~~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~~ ^{It} ~~to~~ ^{ca} 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^{ed} 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 ^{veritable} ~~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~~ ["]will prevail - if only those nations ~~who~~ cherish freedom will give us their firm and strong support." ^{Then} ~~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 ^{Don} will
~~Would you call that "female chauvinism."~~
it be *Phen 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~~ ^{He said:-}
- rather slim!

Next question: Would you like to be President?

To which Senator Jackson replied: "I sure would." And he added: ^{"Do you} ~~is now~~ know of any Senator who wouldn't?"