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PARIS

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Fifth round preliminary peace talks today in Paris -- longest yet. U.S. and North Vietnamese negotiators -- meeting for more than four hours. Agreeing -- in the end -- to meet again Friday; but agreeing -- apparently -- on nothing else.

Indeed, the two sides seemingly "polarized" ~~now~~ ^{-- now} as never before. Hanoi's Xuan Thuy accusing the United States of "perfidy" -- for trying to raise "irrelevant" questions. Asserting again that America[?] must halt the bombing and "all other acts of war" against North Vietnam -- if it really wants peace talks.

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This -- rejected flat by U.S. Ambassador Averell Harriman; who is still pressing for some reciprocal de-escalation -- in return for a U.S. bombing halt. Harriman observing that Hanoi's only purpose -- seems ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ setting "the hour and date of a bombing cessation;" in which case --said he -- "no meeting would have been necessary."

TRANSATLANTIC FOLLOW PARIS

Deputy U.S. negotiator Cyrus Vance -- later boarding a transAtlantic plane for Washington. Scheduled to meet with President Johnson -- first thing on arrival. However, U.S. officials -- attaching ~~ing~~ little significance to Vance's mission. Saying he will merely make a progress report -- on Paris results thus far. *Progress?!*

SAIGON FOLLOW TRANSATLANTIC

Meanwhile, a red alert tonight -- in the great city of Saigon. ^{WIA} Following a Viet Cong attack -- on a U.S. infantry position just outside the capital. Additional enemy troops -- also said to be converging on Saigon; threatening the city with its third major assault -- in the past few months.

More ground fighting -- near Dak To in the Central Highlands. With a third battle -- just below that demilitarized zone -- so-called. Combined enemy losses -- now set at more than a thousand since Saturday.

WHITE HOUSE

Australia's new Prime Minister -- John Gorton -- a visitor today at the White House. President Johnson -- extending the formal welcome. Voicing hope that the United States and Australia -- will soon realize their common goal; that of "peace with honor" in Vietnam -- said he.

John Gorton -- also looking to the future. Predicting that the United States and Australia -- one day "will together give protection, stability, advancement and encouragement -- to a new world in Asia."

FRENCH

Paris again -- an attempt at compromise today. The French government offering nineteen million workers -- across-the-board whopping wage increases. Pay hikes that could well trigger inflation -- ~~and~~^{and} also force DeGaulle to devalue the franc. And still -- it wasn't entirely enough.

Thousands and thousands of workers and students -- vowing to continue the nation's paralyzing strikes -- unless and until DeGaulle resigns. As proof of their determination -- a mass protest march tonight to a stadium on the outskirts of Paris. Some ~~twenty~~^{forty} five thousand -- taking part in the demonstration.

SUPREME COURT

Monday -- May Twenty-Seven -- another big decision day ~~today~~ at the U.S. Supreme Court, ~~Beginning~~ with a seven-to-one verdict -- reversing the judgment of a Boston appeals court. The High Tribunal ruling that a Nineteen-Sixty-Five law -- a law forbidding the burning of draft cards -- is Constitutional. Thereby tossing out a defense argument -- that the burning of ^a draft card constitutes "symbolic" free speech.

Three other cases -- involving school segregation in the South. The ~~Sup~~⁹ Supreme Court banning so-called "freedom of ~~choice~~⁹ choice" plans for desegregation -- wherever ~~there~~⁹ there are better, more equitable means of pupil distribution.
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MARCH FOLLOW SUPREME COURT

Elsewhere in Washington--dissension today in the ranks of poor people's marchers. Fiery Mexican-American leader Reies Tijerina--threatening to pull out some three hundred and fifty of his followers. Charging the Spanish-speaking people were being "abused, humiliated and discriminated against"--by the black majority at Resurrection City.

NEW YORK

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Next up -- a study of the so-called "paper jungle" -- through the eyes of New York management consultant Harold Nance; who reports that the average clerk or stenographer -- actually works only about twenty of the forty hours for which she's paid every week.

About half the blame on the employee -- says Harold Nance. Listing the most common time-wasters -- as personal phone calls, nervous fidgeting, girdle-adjusting and so on. However, the remaining lost time -- mostly the fault of the boss -- says he; noting that middle managers often ask for unneeded employees -- merely to enhance their own "empires" and thereby build status.

Reverse side -- the case of a Washington office supervisor -- quick to adopt time-saving techniques; reducing his staff -- saving the government thousands; only to receive in return -- a pay cut. The boss's boss explaining -- he had ^{fallen} ~~been cut~~ one Civil Service grade; because he now had -- "less people under him."

LONDON

What may well have been the world's first "wash-in" -- is reported today from London. A "wash-in" defined as a sort of -- "love-in" with soapsuds.

Invest^{Ti}igators: Couple of young fellows -- named Nick Flowerdew and Pete Kaulback. Who walked into a London launderette -- stripped to their shorts -- and tossed their clothes into a washing machine. Two girls with them -- following suit, more or less. Until the arrival of six burly policemen -- ^{who} broke it all up.

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Nick Flowerdew later explaining: "We wanted to start a movement of friendliness -- between launderette customers everywhere; but it seems" -- said he -- "they just don't want to be friends."

HOLLYWOOD

From Hollywood -- we hear today that movie tough-guy Edward G. Robinson -- is soon to celebrate forty years as a full-fledged film star. An all-time record -- for the movie industry; where it's ^{so} often fame today -- and forgotten tomorrow.

And how does Edward G. Robinson explain -- his unprecedented ~~long~~evity as a star? "Well, first of all" -- said he -- "first of all -- you have to stay alive."