

Thurs. June 13 - '68

Los Angeles - first publication today of secret testimony - in the assassination of Robert Kennedy.

Waiter Vincent Di Pierro telling a grand jury - he was leading the Senator through a pantry area of the Ambassador Hotel, when he first noticed Sirhan Sirhan standing atop a tray rack.

In Di Pierro's own words: "I saw him get down and the next thing I saw was him holding the gun. He stuck it straight out - and nobody could move. You were just frozen - you didn't know what to do; and then he pulled the trigger - and Mr. Kennedy fell down."

Di Pierro going on to say: "The one thing I can never forget" about Sirhan - "he was smiling". Even after the first two shots -- "he still had a very sick looking smile on his face."

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WASHINGTON FOLLOWING LOS ANGELES

Back in Washington - a big boost for the President's requested tight new gun controls. With a change of heart today - on the part of Senate ^{Minority} ~~Leader~~ Leader Everett Dirksen; who said only a few days ago - there were ~~enough~~ already enough gun laws on the books. Dirksen now saying if a new law is necessary - "I would be delighted to support it."

House Minority Leader Gerald Ford - going one step further. Predicting that Congress will speedily pass the President's gun bill - once the Administration presents ~~its~~ its full case.

SAN FRANCISCO

The City of San Francisco today's entry in
the cross country log of New York's Governor ^{(Rockefeller.} ~~Rockefeller~~ ^

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The Governor telling a blue ribbon audience - that
Americans should not be "stifled by guilt" over the
assassination of Robert Kennedy. "It is one thing to
say that we are a divided people - which we are"

said ^{he;} ~~Rockefeller~~ "it is quite a different thing to say
we are a doomed people - which we are not". The
Governor later travelling on to Tulsa - for tonight's
opening of the national Republican Governors conference.

Earlier, the Rockefeller blitz - continuing
in Newspapers around the country. With a second round
of full page ads proclaiming that "cities can be saved -
but they will not be saved by a gospel of do nothing."

On the Democratic side - Senator McCarthy travelled today to New York - under the tight[↑]est possible security guard, Resuming his campaign for the presidency - with his first speech since the death of Senator Kennedy.

McCarthy calling for - a "new politics" in America. With its first obligation - said he - "to release the black people and the poor people of ~~the~~ this country from economic and political bondage."

SAIGON

On the war front - Saigon was again spared from rocket attack today. The ~~great~~ city enjoying a second straight day of welcome^e~~ing~~ respite - after eleven previous days and nights of non-stop bombardment.
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However, Communist propaganda outlets were taking up where the gunners left off - ~~the~~ threatening a new barrage - against Saigon; ~~about~~ a hundred rockets for a hundred nights - beginning Monday. Allied intelligence further indicating - a possible new ground assault against the city.

In the meantime - a return to old-style terrorist ~~and~~ activities at Da Nang. The Viet Cong exploding a time bomb today in a U S office building. Wounding seventeen ~~in all~~, including a number of Vietnamese.

NELSON GLUECK

Without knowing about the past, how ^{can} ~~can~~ we know about ourselves, and the future? There are few subjects more fascinating than archaeology, and the richest most exciting ^{to explore} area is still the Near and Middle East where ^{so many} civilizations and races have been colliding since the dawn of history, [—] for thousands of years. An American, Dr. Nelson Glueck has long been one of the leading archaeologists in that area, and if you want some exciting reading I hope you will pick up any one of Dr. Glueck's recent books, for example, his RIVERS IN THE DESERT. The trouble is you ^{ill} ~~also will~~ want to become an archaeologist ^{too.} Recently we have been hearing how ^{Nabatean} mariners from the Gulf of Akaba ~~even~~ may have discovered America ^a ~~one~~ thousand five hundred years before Columbus made his first voyage.

HARVARD

The fabled Shan of Shans - the Shan of Iran - guest of honor today at Harvard University's three hundred and seventeenth commencement. Receiving an honorary doctor of laws degree. Harvard President Nathan Pusey praising the Shan as "a twentieth century ruler who has found in power - a constructive instrument to advance social and economic revolution in an ancient land."

In a later address - the Shan himself urging creation of a new international peace corps - under the auspices of the United Nations. A peace corps that would be open to individuals of every country, class, race, religion, sex, age, economic level or social status. Its members to have ^{as} ~~but~~ one common denominator - said the Shah -- "the fact that they shall have decided to devote a part of their lives - to the service of mankind; to the fight against the real enemies of humanity - that is, poverty, hunger and social injustice in any form."

LONDON

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From London - a report today telling of a sudden increase - in the number of Britons living to age a hundred or more. A recent survey disclosing nearly eight hundred British centenarians or about half again as many as the last count a few years ago.

The centenarians were asked their opinion - on the greatest achievement of our time. Far and away the number one choice - you guessed it -- Social Security.

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These "senior-est" of senior citizens attributing their longevity to everything from eating onions to drinking stout. A list from ~~which~~ which the polsters have culled eight golden rules for living to be a hundred. One - be a woman - they live longer. Two - pick long-lived parents. Three - don't drink or smoke. Four - be regular in your habits. Five - raise a family. Six - work hard. Seven - be contented, Warren;- and eight - live in the country!

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OSTIA

Today in Italy - a national holiday: The feast of Corpus Christi. Thousands of Romans taking advantage of the day off - taking to the beach instead of the church with the result that Pope Paul - decided to do likewise.

After a brief appearance in St. Peter's Square - the Pontiff travelling to the seaside city of Ostia - fifteen miles west of Rome. This a favorite resort of Romans - since the days of Julius Caesar. The Pope there celebrating an outdoor mass for some fifty thousand - many in swim suits, including bikinis.

Sort of "Mohammed and the mountain" with

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