

PRESIDENT

Fri. Mar. 22-68

From the White House - an announcement late today that General Westmoreland will soon be coming home. The U S Commander in Vietnam to become Army Chief of Staff - said President Johnson. Adding that he is now in the process - of choosing Westmoreland's successor.

The President also announcing - two more major ~~appoint~~ appointments. War on Poverty Director Sargent Shriver - who is the last of the Kennedy clan still in the Administration - soon to become U S Ambassador to France. While Wilbur Cohen is moving up - from Under Secretary to ~~fx~~ full secretary in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

STOCKHOLM

Stockholm - another turncoat turned back.

10 1/2
Eighteen year old Private Edward Murray, Jr. of Woodbury, New Jersey -- turning himself in today at the U. S. German Embassy -- where he was reassigned to his old outfit pending a formal hearing.

Private Murray - one of two G I's - who fled together to Stockholm last January. The other - PF C William Jones of St. Louis - who since has become Chairman of the American Deserters Committee in Sweden.

PRAGUE

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For the first time in post-war Europe -
for the first time maybe in the history of Communism -
a Red leader has bowed peacefully to the dictates of
his people. The place - Prague, where Czech President
Antonin Novotny officially resigned today - after fifteen
years of virtual one-man rule. Giving way under a
tide of public pressure \neq from writers, \neq students
and others urging a more liberal form of Communism.

Novotny's resignation \neq promptly accepted
by the Czech national assembly; which now has the
task - of choosing his successor. ~~For~~ ^{One} candidates
~~including~~ Alexander Dubcek - who recently replaced
Novotny as Czech Communist party leader; also,
Jaromir Dolanski - a politburo member who helped
engineer Dubcek's victory.

MIDDLE EAST

In the Middle East - Israel and Jordan

*traded sporadic gun fire today. At the United Nations -
more of the same, With debate on Israel's reprisal
raid into Jordan & threatening to bog down into another
stalemate.*

*Meanwhile - Israel coming under fire from
the Pope; ~~is~~ for allegedly endangering "the goal of
peace and reciprocal understanding" -- between Jew
and Arab. While the United States was saying this
latest clash would have no effect -- on planned
resumption of armed shipments to Jordan.*

SENATE

Here on our own shores - another historic achievement today; or at least - ~~tk~~ a beginning.

The U S Senate approving by near unanimous vote -- its first official code of ethics.

However, the final version - a far cry from that ~~apix orgixably~~ originally proposed by Senate reformers. Indeed, its strongest provision merely requiring publication - of the source and use of private contributions,

MONTPELIER

Governor Hoff - of Vermont - first Democratic Governor to endorse the ~~Presi~~ Presidential candidacy of Senator Kennedy of New York. Up at Montpelier - Governor Hoff saying today that Kennedy "offers the most realistic possibility - for achieving "the national regeneration of spirit that is so desperately needed."

Governor Hoff - once a ~~staunch~~ staunch supporter of L B J. His change of heart = ~~he indicated~~ - mainly because of Vietnam; also - because of the ~~growing~~ growing crisis in our cities.

PARIS

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Paris - a surprise gesture today - by French President DeGaulle. Pardoning and releasing thirty-eight Frenchmen -- convicted of leading terrorist campaigns in Algeria. All of them - members of the terrorist secret army organization - the O A S ^{who were} trying at the time to prevent Algeria - from gaining its independence from France.

Today's action leaving only one major O A S official - still in prison; and that - the organizations chief - General Raoul Salan; who earlier played a leading role - ironically - in bringing DeGaulle back to power.

PENTAGON

For years now - the Army's policy on mustaches has been strictly "no dice" except where permitted - by local commanders.

Now - suddenly - a change of policy. In the face of returning heroes such as Air Ace Robin Olds - who sports a giant handle-bar mustache - the Pentagon issuing a new rule today, ~~Asserting~~ that, henceforth - "the face will be clean shaven - with the exception that wearing of a neatly trimmed mustache is permitted."

~~Good news for hippies, no doubt.~~

FRANKFORT

From the blue grass country of Kentucky
- comes a story today of a modern Jezebel. This
one - a prize mare; whose owner has sued for damages
-- when she kicked the rider of a second horse ^{coming up} ~~approaching~~
from the rear.

Judge Samuel Steinfield tossing the case out-
on the grounds that Jezebel ^{- this} ~~the~~ horse ~~would~~ was
not impudent, violent, unscrupulous, and vicious,
as ~~she~~ was the Biblical Jezebel. Rather she was
just ~~protecting~~ protecting herself from a rear guard attack -
D1/2 said the Judge; same as the horse that "planted its
two hind feet on the nose of the lion," in Aesop's
Fable about "the horse and the lion," ^{said he,}

The judge further observing that even in
the horsey set - "the best laid ^{on} ~~out~~ scheme often has
a kick-back."

LEGS

Wonder what Warren will think about this?

A University in Britain to make a study of the shape of womens legs -- a thousand pairs -- to find out which are the ~~skax~~ shapeliest -- women of the upper class or their working class sisters or those mid-way on the social scale. The Professor Dr. Martin Cole says this is to be an important survey.

Warren would you like to join the professor on this project?

LONDON

Newest song on the London hit parade -
a little ditty by Beatle George Harrison, ~~Appropos~~
of Britain's new tax burden. - ~~is~~ Called "The Tax Man", -
and, here's the way it goes:

"If you drive a car, I'll tax the street;

"If you try to sit, I'll tax your seat;

"If you get too cold, I'll tax the heat;

"If you take a walk, I'll tax your feet."

Turns out ~~throug~~h - the song has already
been superceded by the government. Home Security
Secretary James Caladghan today announcing a five
pound hike - in the toll that foreigners must pay
to take out British citizenship. Which means ~~that~~
it now costs twenty percent more - just to "be" British.

~~British.~~

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