

SAIGON

Tues. Oct. 24-72.

On the peace front - Saigon - South Vietnam's President Thieu lays it on the line. Thieu saying today there can be an immediate cease-fire - provided, one, that North Vietnam will withdraw all its troops from South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia - and, two, that Russia and Red China will then guarantee the peace.

But come what may - said Thieu - "there will be no coalition" government in Saigon. "Peace is not ours to beg" - <sup>he stressed -</sup> ~~he continued~~ - but something "we must grasp from the hands of the invaders." Thieu adding that, indeed - South Vietnam has already won the battlefield war; while the Communists "still hope they can win a victory - by defeating our allies in propaganda warfare." "On that basis" - said he - "we can never accept a cease-fire."

The South Vietnamese President also saying: "I am willing to sacrifice myself, my position, anything - if peace can be brought to Vietnam; but I will never sacrifice myself - to the schemes of the Communists."

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All this - in a rambling two-hour speech via nationwide radio and TV. The longest speech ~~that~~ Thieu has ever made as President - and maybe his most important, too.

# WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW SAIGON

*Here at home - President Nixon conferred today with Henry Kissinger - who, as you know, has just returned from Saigon. The White House - later refusing to characterize Dr. Kissinger's report; only repeating what Dr. Kissinger himself had said earlier - that "some progress" had been made in Paris and Saigon. As for President Thieu's speech - no comment.*

**BILL**

*The White House again - President Nixon today signed into law - a bill greatly expanding G.I. benefits for Vietnam veterans. Those present for the ceremony - including some two <sup>hundred</sup> Vietnam veterans; who heard the President express "a deep sense of personal gratitude - to the men and women who have served their country in Vietnam." The President adding: "The best way we can repay you for what you have given to your country - is to build a lasting peace in the world."*

~~Incidentally,~~ *The President later talking with some of the veterans - including one Larry Kirk of Provo, Utah; who said ~~that~~ he had recently applied for a spot - in the White House Fellowship Program. "You want to be a White House Fellow, really" - said the President." "I sure do" - said Kirk. Whereupon the President declaring: "It's arranged."*

## **POLITICS FOLLOW BILL**

**Turning to politics - the White House announced today that President Nixon plans to make another radio address - tomorrow afternoon. Subject: "The Federal government's responsibilities - in educating the nation's children."**

## NEW YORK FOLLOW POLITICS

For <sup>Sen.</sup> ~~Sen.~~ McGovern - another appearance today

on TV; where he said again that President Nixon could have settled the war four years ago - on "exactly the same terms" as now being negotiated.

Why didn't he then? "Purely to avoid criticism from the right-wing war hawks" - said McGovern. Adding that a peace settlement now - in the final stages of the campaign - would actually "destroy Mr. Nixon" at the polls. "I can't imagine anybody voting for him" - said McGovern - "after what he has done over the last four years."

In a later radio interview - more of the same.

McGovern saying: "There never has been an Administration - as corrupt or immoral as the Nixon Administration."

Further accusing the President of condoning "the slaughter of tens of thousands"; - of "undermining the political system at home"; - of running "an evil Administration."

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McGovern was then asked how he could justify his

own rhetoric - in view of his past criticism of some of the things Spiro Agnew has said. The Democratic nominee quickly replying: "I'm telling the truth - he wasn't."

PROVO

At Brigham Young University - Provo, Utah

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~~Robert Agnew~~  
Vice President today addressed a crowd of about twenty

thousand - mostly students. The Vice President saying

he has found during his current campaign tour - that

"civility is in the ascendancy and not on the decline."

Adding that "young people are starting to listen - rather than

make chants and noises; ~~they are~~ exercising their minds -

~~rather than their minds~~ - rather than their lungs."



# STAMFORD

Stamford, Connecticut - death claimed today one  
of the all-time greats of baseball. Jackie Robinson - the  
first man to cross the color line into the major leagues;  
— brought into Big League ball by  
a star with the Brooklyn Dodgers for ten years, <sup>and</sup> the first  
black ever to make the Baseball Hall of Fame. And now -  
the final out. Jackie Robinson - only fifty-three.

Branch Rickey.

# KATMANDU

*From Katmandu in Nepal - a report today that a Japanese mountaineering team - has just succeeded in climbing lofty Putha Hiunchuli in the Himalayas. This - a twenty-three thousand, seven hundred and seventy-four-foot peak; <sup>once before scaled</sup> ~~conquered only once before~~ by a British team, eighteen years ago. By the way, the Japanese team including one American - veteran U.S. climber Jim Pritchard.*

## CINCINNATI

*A new peak in family "togetherness" - is reported today from the University of Cincinnati; where the Dean of the Cincinnati College of Education - Dr. Hendrik Gideonse - has just installed a crib in his office. Why? So he can bring his ten-week-old son to work with him - twice a week.*

*The professor explaining that this is an attempt - at "humanizing work;" and thus making it more compatible with "the values, needs and activities - which fulfill people emotionally and aesthetically."*

*And what about Mrs. Gideonse - how does she feel about this? Just fine, apparently. The new mother noting: "The purpose of this arrangement - was partially to free me." She admits, however, John Shafer - that she, too, has to come to the office - since the baby hasn't been weaned yet.*

## **MENLO PARK**

*For years now, women's libbers have been asking questions like: Why should it be women who have to take the pill? Why can't it be men?*

*And now the Stanford Research InsCtitute at Menlo Park, California - comes up with a male contraceptive pill. In tests so far, virtually foolproof - on mice, anyway. The experts adding that it could be available for human use - perhaps in a year or two. If you can wait that long. And so long until tomorrow.*