

CAIRO

Mon. Sept. 28-70.

The city of Cairo - indeed, the whole of Egypt - in a state of ~~great~~ shock tonight. Thousands of residents - walking the streets blankly. Thousands more - weeping openly at the loss of the <sup>is</sup> greatest ~~Arab~~ leader in recent history. Egypt's President Nasser - the victim of a sudden heart attack - as you no doubt have heard ~~by~~ now. At age fifty-two - his dream of an Arab world united - ended forever. Gamal Abdel Nasser - then a Colonel - the man who spear-headed a revolution that led to the ouster of the Egyptian monarchy back in Nineteen Fifty-Two. Four years later - ~~was~~ Nasser seizing formal control of the government; quickly ~~was~~ nationalizing the Suez Canal - which led to a ~~so~~ brief war with the British, French and Israelis. Egypt becoming at this point - the symbol and the rallying point of the so-called "Third World" of emerging nations.

In the years that followed - Nasser would make

at least a start <sup>toward</sup> ~~to~~ eradicating Egypt's age-old poverty.

The Aswan High Dam - one of his ~~fox~~ greatest achievements.

He ~~would~~ also succeed<sup>ed</sup> in bringing Arab leaders together for the first time in centuries - most of them, anyway.

But the war ~~he prompted~~ with Israel in Nineteen Sixty-

Seven, <sup>turned out to be an all-out</sup> ~~an all-out disaster~~, disaster, - clearly the beginning of the end.

And now the question: ~~becomes~~ Who = and

what next? <sup>Not only</sup> For Egypt <sup>but</sup> for the entire Middle East - maybe the world.

## ROME

*Th For President Nixon - in Rome - ~~at~~ additional talks with Italian leaders today - followed by an audience with Pope Paul; and then - a tremendous outpouring of public sentiment. Thousands upon thousands of Italians - cheering the President as he left the Vatican; at ~~no~~ one point breaking through police lines - forcing the President to climb atop his car to escape the crush. In the end, delaying by an hour-and-a-half - the President's scheduled departure for a visit to the U S Sixth Fleet. Observers calling this the warmest reception accorded any American President - since President Eisenhower visited Rome in Nineteen Fifty Nine.*

## **HOSTAGES FOLLOW ROME**

*Along the way, the President also taking time out to meet with twenty-six Americans - held as hi-jack hostages in Jordan the past three weeks. This at Rome's Leonardo daVinci airport - where the rescued Americans were waiting to board a flight home.*

*One and all giving the President - an enthusiastic "thumbs up" sign. And he in turn, disclosing that the U S had earlier considered massive intervention - as a means of setting them free. But there were fears - said he - that such a move might jeopardize their safety. The President later telling reporters - "we wanted to help without hurting them - we showed a combination of power and restraint - and it worked."*

## STATE FOLLOW HOSTAGES

Here at home though - the U S State Department reports that six Americans - apparently are still being held ~~hostage~~ by Arab guerrillas. These said to include - a college professor, two rabbis, and three U S government employees. The why of it - still a mystery. However, a State Department spokesman pledging - continuing and unremitting efforts to obtain their release.

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## AMMAN FOLLOW STATE

Meanwhile, a delegation of Arab-world leaders -- was arriving today at Amman in Jordan. The group led by Bahi Ladgham - the Premier of Tunisia; who is charged with supervising ~~the~~ that peace pact, signed by both ~~H~~ King Hussein and guerrilla leader Yasser Arafat.

~~Sxxx~~ Subsequent reports asserting that Amman was free of fighting today - for the first time in twelve days. However, Radio Damascus reporting ~~ing~~ continued clashes - both North and South of Amman. A guerrilla broadcast from Baghdad ~~xxx~~ adding -- "there's no way to settle our account except with blood."

LONDON

Coincident with President Nixon's visit to the U S Sixth ~~Fleet~~ Fleet another edition of <sup>Janes</sup> ~~Janes~~ "All the world's aircraft" was published today in London.

<sup>and is generally admitted to know -</sup>  
Janes which claims ~~expert status - warning~~ that Russia is rapidly building an air force in the Mediterranean - one that will soon match in power - its expanded naval strength in the same area.

Janes adds that Russia has also achieved -  
"a gradual hold over the entire southern coast line of the Mediterranean;" all the way "from Morocco ~~around~~ <sup>and down</sup> to the Red Sea State of Yemen." A fact that is said to be - enormously significant to the future balance of ~~the~~ power," in the Near East.

## INDO CHINA

On the battle fields of Indo China - in the  
midst of another Monsoon season - practically a  
complete stand-still today. Allied officials reporting  
no significant fighting - in either South Vietnam or  
Cambodia. Indeed, the U S command in Saigon -  
reporting no American combat deaths over the past  
twenty-four hours - ~~was one~~ <sup>And its</sup> The second time  
~~that~~ <sup>its</sup> happened - just this ~~month~~ month.



## GENEVA

Geneva . Switzerland - a meeting of the U N  
commission on narcotics; hearing from Director John  
Ingersoll of the U S narcotics bureau - who demanded  
a full scale international war on drug abuse. Ingersoll  
observing that congress "is prepared to take any  
practicle measures to stop the illicit flow of drugs into  
the U S." But we cannot do it alone - said he.

Adding that Americans find it increasingly difficult to  
understand - "why the nations of the world cannot  
bring to ~~an~~ an end the waste and devastation that  
drug abuse - particularly opiate addiction - is causing  
our people."

## WASHINGTON

For years and years now - the nation's social sciences have been talking about the dangers of a "population explosion". Judging from U S Census figures announced today ~~though~~ - the big problem here on the east coast is perhaps better termed a "population implosion". The number of people living in the so-called "Megalopolis" stretching from Boston to Washington - jumping nearly twelve percent over the past ten years. Now containing more than thirty-six million people - which is nearly one fifth of the nation's entire population.

**NEW YORK**

**Here's one - New York's Chase Manhattan Bank recording today - the ~~apparent~~ apparent loss of a one million dollar bill. Bank officials saying the million dollar note turned up missing - during a routine check of available funds.**

**Luckily though - it's covered by insurance.**

**Bank officials adding anyway - it probably wasn't stolen - just misplaced. "After all, "<sup>Warren they</sup>~~they ask~~ ask:- "Where could you cash a million dollar bill?"**

## ST LOUIS

Development of a new synthetic turf - is reported today from Monsanto of St. Louis. The new lawn-like material said to resemble Astro turf - except that it's made of polyethylene rather than nylon and ~~that it~~ costs only about one third as much; <sup>— so</sup> we are told; which means it's now within reach of the home owner who wants to get rid of all that mowing, watering, seeding, weeding and so on and so on.

Incidentally, the first practical use of this new turf - in the city of Lawndale, California; where it now covers the median strip of a divided highway - that used to look like a windblown dust ~~pat~~ path. Officials reporting it's so natural looking - birds can be seen digging into it after a rain - looking for worms.