

PRESIDENTS

Presidential news conferences on both sides of the Atlantic made the major headlines today. First, in Paris, there was President Charles DeGaulle's semiannual appearance.'

He proposed a five-power Geneva conference to reform the charter of the United Nations and thus "save" the U.N. from "collapse." He said the meeting should include the U.S., Britain, France, Russia and Red China--the latter, of course, not even a member of the world body.

DeGaulle also called for a return to the gold standard, coupled with the scrapping of the American dollar and the British pound as the basic currencies in international finance.

A few hours later, it was President Johnson's turn in a free wheeling White House News conference, touching a wide range of subjects.

At some length, Mr. Johnson said he may have "made a mistake" in not sending Vice President Humphrey to London

for the Churchill funeral.

On Viet Nam, he brushed aside speculation about the possibility of a negotiated peace.

On the controversial closing of certain veterans hospitals, he said the national interest does not "justify the waste that will occur" if those hospitals are kept open.

As for DeGaulle, he said merely that the French views would receive "due consideration." He observed, however, that "the problems of the U.N. are traceable not to the U.N. charter but to those countries which have violated the spirit of the letter of the charter."

But the President devoted the bulk of his remarks to a purely domestic issue--the racial uproar in Selma and Marion, Alabama. At the outset, he pledged to use every legal power to see that "the right to vote" is secured for ALL Americans. Said the President: "The loss of that right to a single citizen undermines the freedom of every citizen."

## ALABAMA

Yet even as the President spoke, new racial demonstrations were underway in Marion, Alabama. And within the hour, city and state police marched nearly two hundred more Negroes off to jail.

The new arrests raised to nearly three thousand the total number of demonstrators taken into custody so far in the two-week voter registration drive.

## TREETOPS

### **GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:**

*For a few moments tonight I'm going to talk about something with which you may be familiar. At any rate, you have all heard or read about Treetops, or maybe you've forgotten. Treetops is that plush Swiss Family Robinson affair in a huge tree, here in Kenya, an incredible place from which you can see the wild animals of the jungle, actually see them in comfort, as you sit there with a drink in your hand, up in a tree.*

*You will recall, I'm sure, how in Nineteen Fifty Two, the then Princess Elizabeth and her new husband, Prince Philip, were on a visit to East Africa, and they came here to Treetops, as everyone wants to do who comes to this part of the world. And that night was historic. King George died. So, Elizabeth climbed up to Treetops a Princess, and descended - the next morning, a Queen. Of course, that made Treetops world famous, and I suspect my wife's number one reason for wanting to come to East Africa - I suspect - it was just to do what the Queen had done. Treetops is approximately one hundred and ten miles from Nairobi. It originated before World War One, as a simple one room observation affair - high up in a big tree. It burned down once. Today*

*the structure in that tree will accommodate forty people overnight. Travellers to East Africa literally line up, waiting for a chance to spend a night here at Treetops. You are taken near there in a car. Then you are met by a white hunter, the very very British - Colonel Hayes-Newington, no less. The Colonel carries a high-powered rifle as he strides beside you -- the kind of rifle used hunting lion, and elephant, and buffalo. You are brought out to the area in the early afternoon, at an hour when the animals of the jungle are likely to be asleep. So far as I know, the white hunter has never had to go into action to save the life of any one of his little group, on the way up that final stretch to the tree. But, it all makes it seem more exciting to have him striding beside you with that formidable gun.*

*And, I'll tell you more about it in my next.*

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## WEATHER

With two-thirds of the nation still in the grip of an Arctic cold wave, report from England seems timely and pertinent.

A London surgeon, Dr. Alexander Boyd, suggest that on cold, wintry days, women should not wear spiked heel shoes or nylon stockings. If they do, says Dr. Boyd--it can lead to fatty claves and blotched skin.

His explanation is simply this--when legs are cold, the body produces extra fat tissue for warmth and insultation. So the doctor recommends that instead of spiked heels and nylons, women should wear warm boots, thick stockings, tweed skirts and woolen bloomers.

It should be noted perhaps that Dr. Boyd, age fifty-nine, is a bachelor--~~and~~ apparently determined to remain one.

## AIRPLANE

America's first vertical take-off airplane--the XC-one-forty-two-A--was flown publicly for the first time today at the Dallas Naval Air Station in Texas. Something of a hybrid--a cross between a conventional airplane and a helicopter--the new craft nevertheless performed perfectly. It took off straight up, landed straight down, flew forwards and backwards.

A joint project of the Army, Air Force and Navy, the XC-one-forty-two-A is seen as the ideal plane for flying troops into difficult terrain--for instance, the jungle battlegrounds of Viet Nam. Beyond that, it is a plane that could bring commercial aviation to towns with airfields no larger than a tennis court.

McBUNDY

Presidential assistant McGeorge Bundy arrived in Viet Nam today under heavy security guard. He was met by U.S. Ambassador Maxwell Taylor and the two men immediately went into a huddle that lasted nine hours. A U.S. Embassy spokesman later said their discussion touched on "every area of the problem in Viet Nam."

Meanwhile, Bundy appeared to have been snubbed by Lieutenant General Nguyen Khanh, the military strong-man of South Viet Nam. General Khanh, who has been carrying on a running feud with Ambassador Taylor, declined to accept an invitation to an American reception tomorrow night in honor of Bundy.

In any event, Bundy scheduled a "courtesy call" on Khanh tomorrow morning.



## JAPAN

In the port of Sasebo, Japan, thousands of Communists and Socialists clashed with police today in a brief but violent street battle. The fighting was touched off by the arrival of the U.S. nuclear-powered submarine Seadragon.

Tonight, another two thousand demonstrators staged a giant street rally in the heart of Sasebo and later staged a snake-dance through the streets. But there were no reports of any further violence.

## RUSTLERS

For months now, mechanized rustlers have been plaguing the farmers of Trigg County in Western Kentucky. So far, they've rustled no less than one hundred thirty hogs, along with an undetermined number of cattle. Armed with tranquilizer guns, they drug the animals first and then cart them off in trucks.

What's worse, the rustlers now seem to have added insult to injury. In Cadiz, Kentucky, the Cadiz Milling Company today reported the theft of a ton of livestock feed -- ~~apparently to fatten up the stolen livestock for market~~ the stolen feed apparently to be used to fatten up the stolen livestock.

# EXPLOSION

A tug boat loaded with dynamite exploded today on a Florida canal, killing two men and leaving three others missing and presumed dead. The explosion occurred at a construction site near the city of Crystal River, on the Gulf Coast, where the Florida Power Corporation is building a new power plant.

# EARTHQUAKE

Hawaii, Japan and the Pacific Coast of the United

States were braced today for expected tidal waves from that Alaskan earthquake. But by the time they reached shore, the tidal waves had been reduced to harmless ripples.

Unfortunately -- for Hawaii, at least -- the worst was yet to come. The Island of Oahu had just received an all-clear from the threatened tidal wave when it was hit by torrential rains and flash floods. In one subdivision near the Kaneohe Marine Base, some thirty homes were washed away. And there was at least one tragic death -- an infant child swept from its mother's arms by the raging waters.