

PRAGUE

Thurs, Aug. 21-69

~~At Prague,~~ Czechoslovakia -- another massive
in Prague,
protest ~~tonight~~ - biggest yet, With more than a hundred
thousand Czechs storming historic Wenceslas Square,
On the first anniversary of the Soviet occupation of their
country, - shouting over and over: "Rusove domu, Rusove
domu!" Russians go home, Russians go home! Alternating
that ~~is~~ with ~~is~~ "Zije Dubcek, - long live Dubeck!"

Till finally - the inevitable police crack^{ed}down.

~~For the third night in a row - clubs and tear gas~~
~~clearing the Square. Long enough for~~ *And* ~~thirty Czech~~
~~army tanks to rumble in, - all but ceiling off the~~
in in an
~~center of town. Attempting to stifle a Czech resistance~~

1/2 movement & that so ~~far~~ refuses to give in.

JERUSALEM

With a ~~fire in~~ ^{serious fire in} the Holy City -
Old Jerusalem - ~~and~~ the entire
middle East is again at flash point tonight. The blaze
in the Holy City engulfing the ~~great~~ El Aqsa Mosque -
— adjoining the Dome of the Rock —
one of the most sacred shrines in all Islam, ~~And~~ guards
^{told} ~~telling~~ of a blond youth in khaki garb ~~who was~~ seen
fleeing. ~~the scene~~ This ~~is~~ setting off a rampage ~~is~~ by
— shouting —
young Arabs in Jerusalem - demanding another Holy
War against Israel. Indeed, the whole Arab world ^{today}
^{was} reacting with shock and indignation.

The El Aqsa ~~Mosque~~ - ^{an impressive mosque} ~~a magnificent structure~~
dating back to the Sixth Century. Built about the same
time - as the nearby Dome of the Rock Mosque, ^{which} ~~marked~~
the spot from which the Prophet Mohammed - is said to
have ascended into Heaven. ^{It's all} ~~Making it~~ hallowed ground
to Moslems - second only to Medina and Mecca.

For all this - the ~~Mosque~~ Mosque also has a

bloody history. For it was here that King Abdullah
of Jordan was assassinated - back in Nineteen Fifty

One. Abdullah, as you know father of ~~Jordan's~~ Jordan's

present King, Hussein, ^{— who was a small boy at the time and}
^{was with his father} ~~who, incidentally, sent some~~

Today Hussein sent
letters to world-wide Moslem leaders ~~— today —~~ in the

wake of the ~~fire~~ fire; imploring the faithful to defend
their religion, their shrines, their traditions.

VIETNAM FOLLOW PARIS

~~Half a world away~~ - The enemy's latest autumn offensive continues to pile up casualties. On both sides - ~~naturally - but theirs~~ their's -- especially.

Example: A band of U S infantrymen attempting to retrieve eight bodies - from a downed helicopter south of DaNang; when suddenly - a Viet Cong ambush. In the running battle that followed - the guerrillas losing more than a hundred men ~~xxx~~ as against American losses set at eight.

~~Finally~~ ^{At dusk} the G I's ^{were} pinned down ~~just at dusk~~ - still about a half mile from their objective. However, U S planes and artillery ^{ed} ~~continuing~~ to pound the surrounding Red forces - right on through the night.

PENTAGON FOLLOW VIET NAM

Here at home - a cut-back at the Pentagon.

So
~~As~~ announced today by Defense Secretary Melvin Laird, -
This
~~at least~~ a partial surrender to congressional pressure.

The Secretary saying he planned to reduce - reluctantly -
the nation's armed forces by a hundred ~~thousand~~ thousand
men and spending by three billion. Making it plain
he was doing so - ~~xx~~ in the face of a house threat to
cut five billion this year from defense appropriations.

Secy, going
~~Melvin~~ Laird ~~went~~ on to say: "I wish it
were possible for me to state that these cuts could
be made ~~without~~ without impairing our defense readiness."

~~However, "it is clear" - he added - "our defense~~
~~readiness will be weakened."~~

WASHINGTON

A Cuban diplomat at the United Nations -

~~New York~~ ^{was} ordered expelled today from the United

States. A U S State Department spokesman identifying ~~the~~

~~him~~ ^{him} as ~~Lazaro~~ Lazaro Eddy Espinosa Bonet -- twenty-

five year old third secretary of the Cuban U N mission.

What happened?

~~Saying~~ He "tried to recruit a Cuban refugee - for a mission

related to the security of the office of the President." So
we are told.

What mission - ~~it~~ wasn't exactly specified.

For a time - this ^{did} ~~setting~~ off speculation that the President's

life may have been at stake. However, the State

Department later ~~denying~~ ^{ied any actual} attempted assassination.

Adding that the charges against ^{Lazaro} Espinosa Bonet - merely

fell within the "broad framework" of protecting the

President.

SAN FRANCISCO FOLLOW WASHINGTON

~~Across the country~~ - *At San Francisco* -
the President himself was busy ~~today~~ extending a
welcome to visiting President Park Chung Hee of South
Korea. This marking one of the few times in history -
that an American President has received another head
of state anywhere but Washington.

As for speeches - Mr. Nixon saying the U S
will not be intimidated - by "a deliberate campaign
of military provocation" from North Korea. Adding that
the U S remains firm in its commitment to defend
South Korea, come what may. Park, for his part,
calling his meeting with the President - "an excellent
opportunity for a full exchange of views."

PASS CHRISTIAN

On the Gulf coast of Mississippi - the clean up from Hurricane Camille continues tonight. At hard hit Pass Christian - the effort led by a ~~12~~ detachment of U S Navy ~~C-B's~~ ^{See Bees,} who report finding additional bodies - "up in the trees, under ~~the~~ roofs, ^{and} out in the open" - practically everywhere. A development raising grave doubts - that officials will ever produce an ~~account~~ ^{death} death count.

Meanwhile, the city of Richmond, Virginia = is bracing itself tonight for ^{what may be} ~~hopefully~~ the last ~~gasp~~ of Camille. A twenty-five foot flood wall - boiling down the James River, ^{as a} ~~and~~ result of that ten inch rainfall yesterday ~~in~~ in the nearby Blue Ridge Mountains.

VATICAN

At the Vatican, Rome - the Church ^{now} draws
the line on hemlines. What with temperatures soaring
this summer - hemlines likewise - the Vatican today
declared a ban on mini-shirts that are too mini.
Ruling that girls who wear them - will be barred
henceforth, from entering St. Peter's Basilica.

How do you know - if you're a girl?
~~Next question. How many - is too mini?~~

To which a ^{spokesman} Vatican replied - "that's up to the gendarmes."

But there is a hope - he added - that "girls will decide
for themselves - before they go to St. Peter's." Invoking
"Divine guidance"- so to speak. ^{Warren I wonder} ~~So - that seems~~

~~What's the~~ ^{What's the} answer to the question in Rome
~~to be the~~ ^{to be the} "how many is too mini?"

HAVANA

~~The island of Cuba - world famous for its~~
~~rich, fragrant tobaccos. So this next~~ something of
a surprise. ~~Reports from Havana telling today of~~
~~an unprecedented~~ cigarette shortage in Castro-land,
to the point where a pack of cigarettes is about as hard
to find in Cuba - as a good Havana cigar is ~~here in the~~ ^{in some places}
States.

Reason - we are told - the fact that the
Cubans are diverting more and more of their tobaccos
into foreign exchange. In effect, cashing ~~out~~ in abroad -
lest the profits go up in smoke at home.