

WASHINGTON

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In the streets of Washington - a demonstration <sup>indicating</sup> today that Richard Nixon ~~cares~~ cares. The President touring a negro slum area - viewing the rubble that still remains from riots of last April. Shaking hands with residents - talking over their problems. Telling one and all: "Washington is our national city - and we want to make it a beautiful city in every way."

In short, attempting to show that he was - a<sup>s</sup> somebody called him <sup>today</sup> an honest to goodness "soul-brother."

Later - back at the White House - the President announced a plan for complete rehabilitation of riot neighborhoods. He also urged a crack down on crime in the capital - from which blacks suffer most. ~~asking~~ Calling for a thousand more policemen - tougher bail procedures - more judges and prosecutors plus an attempt to stamp out narcotics traffic.

*Summing up, the President saying he has no "magic formula" for ending either crime or despair. Adding, however - this will be at least a start.*

## PENTAGON

The Pentagon - another stop today on the President's busy schedule. The lawn there - a bright green - thanks to ~~grass~~ green dye. The President's twenty-one gun salute - all blanks, of course. ~~Plus~~ The President's honor guard - all "spit and polish" perfect.

However, Richard Nixon making it perfectly clear - he wants no phoney "yes" men at the Pentagon. Asserting that he expects U S military leaders to express their opinions frankly and fully - especially where differences are involved. The President saying: "I want to hear what they have to say - I want to take that into consideration in developing my policies."

The President also stressed the importance of raising morale in the U S ~~milit~~ military establishment. Recalling pointedly that General Pershing once fired one of his Generals - because, as Pershing put it, "he didn't raise my morale."

## SCORPION

The Pentagon again - a Navy court of inquiry announced its findings today - in the case of the ~~the~~ missing nuclear sub -- the Scorpion. After eleven weeks of study - coming to the conclusion: The Scorpion did not hit an under-water mountain - did not hit another vessel, ship or sub - did not experience any mal-function in its nuclear reactor. Adding, whatsmore, there is "no evidence of any kind - to suggest foul play or sabotage."

Then what did cause the sub to sink - with all hands aboard. That - said the Navy - we are still trying to find out.

UNITED NATIONS

At the United Nations - the ~~the~~ Middle East again ~~at~~ center ~~is~~ stage today. U N Peace Envoy Gunnar Jarring - conferring with U S Ambassador Charles Yost for the second time in three days. Later to meet with Israeli Ambassador Joseph Tekoah - and after that, Soviet Ambassador Jacob Malik. Object, of course, to find an acceptable solution - any solution - to the current Arab-Israeli impasse.

At the same time - Iraq seemed to be backtracking slightly - from its tough attitude of earlier in the week. The Baghdad government apparently stung by Arab criticism ~~of~~ calling <sup>that</sup> ~~it~~ mass spy execution a severe blow to Arab prestige. Indeed, an Iraqi official hinting that those two Americans held on spy charges - may soon be set free.

Meanwhile, in Washington = the Nixon administration was ~~still~~ getting ready for an all-day

*Saturday brain-storming session on the Mid-East;*

*looking for ways and means to resolve the conflict -*

*or to meet any other contingency.*

## RENNES

French President DeGaulle - on tour today  
in the troubled French province of Brittany. First  
stop - Rennes; where - despite massive ~~the~~ police  
precautions he was promptly met by an anti-government  
demonstration, <sup>that</sup> set ~~the~~ off, in turn a pro-DeGaulle  
counter demonstration.

On the other hand - thousands <sup>were</sup> shouting:  
"Liberate Brittany"! On the other, thousands ~~are~~ more  
shouting - "Long live DeGaulle." With the two groups  
on the verge of a free-for-all - when tough riot police  
finally stepped in - breaking it up.

CALCUTTA

For the first time in memory - Hindu and Moslem Indians were united as one today in Calcutta. Hundreds of ~~the~~ students of both faiths - attacking offices of <sup>that venerable</sup> ~~the~~ newspaper - The Statesman. Throwing rocks, breaking windows - some even burning shops nearby.

This in ~~response~~ response to an article marking the twenty-first anniversary - of the assassination of Mohandas K. Gandhi. The Statesman comparing the great ~~the~~ Hindu leader with the Moslem prophet Mohammed. Followers of both taking ~~the~~ offense - viewing the comparison as most un-statesmanlike.



KRONACH

From Kronach, Germany - a story today of  
love's labor lost.

The loser - all the way - one Willi Muehl;  
whose wife left him recently, announcing plans for a  
divorce. ~~Whereupon~~ Whereupon Willi went on a hunger strike  
vowing to continue his fast until his wife returned.

*Ah, but*  
~~Only trouble~~ she didn't. And Willi -  
true to his word - he has just died of mal-nutrition.

Willi Muehl - as stubborn as a mule; proving  
his point - the hard way.

OKLAHOMA CITY

Another hi-jacking. Third this week -  
eleventh this month.

Also, a deluge of suggestions on how to  
stop the air piracy. The F A A's aeronautical  
institute tells of one writer who suggests that  
passengers strip off their clothes and all fly in  
pocketless bath robes. Others urge a trap door  
in the ~~cab~~ cockpit. Push a button - and drop the  
guy. Or, an exact duplicate of the Havana airport  
somewhere in Florida. I like that trap door idea,  
Warren.

COLUMBIA

This next from the University of South Carolina; where the spring liberal arts program - promises to be one of the liberalist anywhere.

In addition to its regular curriculum the University offering a series of special short courses. *e*  
*As* requested by students - subjects to include: yoga, bar-tending, extra terrestrial ~~high~~ life, the racist society, witch-craft, alchemy, pre-marital sex, and love-making.

Student leader "Scotty" Barnes - a sophomore, *saying*  
~~naturally observed~~ that "love-making is the most popular course so far." He adds: "There won't be any labs though - just theory."