

JOHNSON

Bare-headed and somber - whipped by a chill breeze - Lyndon Baines Johnson took the Presidential oath today in a voice so low that it was scarcely audible. But in his Inaugural Address, Mr. Johnson warmed quickly to his work. And when he painted a picture of the "Great Society", he has promised to build, his voice was loud and clear.

That society, said the President is one of "liberty, justice and union", free of racial and economic discrimination, attainable only through "progress without strife and change without hatred".

In such a society, said Mr. Johnson, every child that learns, every man who finds work and every sick person made whole will brighten the hopes of all. Then, breaking into a smile he apparently couldn't contain, he added: "This is what America is all about. It is the uncrossed desert and the unclimbed ridge. It is the star not reached and a harvest sleeping in the unploughed ground."

However, the loudest applause of the speech greeted his next remark. This "great society", said Mr. Johnson will not be "the ordered, changeless and sterile battalion of the ants". "It is, he said, "the excitement of becoming-always becoming, trying, probing, falling, resting and trying again - but always gaining".

As he departed the inaugural platform, President at last in his own right, Mr. Johnson murmured to a friend: "It's a great and wonderful day."

## SELMA

In Selma, Alabama, sheriff's deputies today arrested another one hundred fifty-six Negroes as they ~~attempted~~ <sup>TRIED</sup> to register to vote. The arrests raised to two hundred eighteen | the total number of civil rights demonstrators taken into custody | <sup>in Selma</sup> in the last three days.

As before, the Negroes were arrested when they tried to enter the county courthouse through the main doorway, rather than a rear door. Sheriff James Clark said they were "obstructing traffic".

For the first time since the drive began, Dr. Martin Luther King was not present. Dr. King, recent winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, had left town briefly - to fulfill speaking engagements in the North.

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**his heart - the high Himalayas -- Lowell**

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altogether -- established personally so far as Sir Edmund Hillary himself. Also on this trip - the Hillary party laying out an airfield at the village of Lukla. And building bridges - and laying track.

Sir Edmund explaining it this way: We are trying to do something practical - in return for all the loyal service the Sherpas have always given to our expeditions."

Hillary is already planning a return to Nepal to finish a school begun at Thangboche. And hoping to return again to the High Himalayas - in Nineteen Sixty-Six. There to establish a badly-needed hospital in the village of Khumjung -- in the heart of the Sherpa community.

Sir Edmund Hillary -- repaying a debt of gratitude.

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CHURCHILL

Today the Soviet military newspaper Red Star published the first direct Russian comment on Sir Winston Churchill since his illness.

Red Star called Churchill "the godfather of the cold war". It said that "as prime minister of England, he created the Anglo-American military alliance for the struggle against Eastern Communism". That ill-timed invective - from the Soviet Union.

## BULLETIN FOLLOW CHURCHILL

Meanwhile, in London, Sir Winston faded still further. A medical bulletin tonight stated that in his sixth day of crisis, the weakness of his circulation was "more marked" than ever before. ~~the~~  
~~bulletin added flatly: "There is nothing more to report".~~

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## VIET NAM

Saigon was the scene of another riot today - some two hundred Vietnamese youths clashing in bloody battle with police and government troops.

The clash began as a peaceful demonstration outside the National Buddhist Center - a gesture of sympathy toward five Buddhist monks inside the Center. The monks have vowed to fast until Premier Tran Van Huong is ousted from office - or until death.

However, the demonstration soon degenerated into a rock-throwing contest. And after a thirty-minute hail of stones, police and paratroopers hurled tear gas grenades into the crowd and fired submachine guns over their heads. Then they drove the demonstrators back with police clubs and fixed bayonets.

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**STAB**

next item

This ~~story~~ comes from Tel Aviv, where the Israeli penal code differs somewhat from that in the United States. It concerns a convicted bank robber who was given a half-day's leave from jail - to visit his wife.

Unfortunately, the visit was rather ill-timed, and the bank robber was shortly back in jail - on a stabbing charge. It wasn't his wife he stabbed - it was the pajama-clad man he found with her.

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## OPINION

There were diverging opinions on the bill-of-fare at President Johnson's Inaugural Lunch today.

Speaker of the House John McCormack called it "delicious". But former House minority leader Charles Halleck didn't care for it at all.

The main course was Texas heart of filet mignon, of which McCormack said: "I thought it was wonderful". Said Halleck: "I prefer New York sirloin".

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That's the news —  
As Lowell Thomas would say, so long  
until tomorrow.

## NASSER

### FREED

**Gamal Abdel Nasser today was nominated for another six-year term as president of the United Arab Republic. As expected, the vote in the nominating National Assembly was three hundred fifty-five for Nasser, none against. He was, of course, unopposed.**

Former disc jockey Alan Freed, once known as "Mr. As expected," and later a principal figure in the "payola" scandals, died today at Desert Hospital in Palm Springs, California. Mr. Freed was a victim of uremic poisoning. He was forty-three.

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