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In New Orleans - District Attorney Jim Garrison finally lifted a curtain today - on his probe of an alleged conspiracy to kill President Kennedy; making public an affidavit filed with local court officials - in connection with the arrest of New Orleans civil leader Clay Shaw.

According to ^{city.} Garrison - Lee Harvey Oswald plotted the assassination with Shaw - and also with former Allied pilot David W. Ferrie; at a meeting in Ferrie's apartment - in September of Nineteen Sixty-Three. ^{Dist. Atty} Garrison adding that others were present - though he didn't name them.

However, a report today from the U.S. Justice Department - that Shaw was cleared of any part in the assassination as early as December of 'Sixty-Three.

As for ~~Ferrie~~ Ferrie - he, of course, is now dead.

RED CHINA

Latest from Red China: news today that a Red guard "high command" -
has just been established in Peking. Its purpose -^{the} said government radio: to unite
the supporters of Chairman Mao Tse-tung - in common battle against Mao's enemies.
~~However,~~ The high command - "apparently to be headed by Premier Chou
En-lai, who was reported yesterday to have been given full power from Mao - to stop
the so-called "cultural revolution" and get the country back on its feet.

~~so~~ what does ^{all} it mean? We can only wait and see.

PRESIDENT

Contrary to expectations - the Soviet Union has agreed to discuss with the United States - the possibility of limiting the use of nuclear arms in defensive as well as offensive weapons. *We learn this* ~~the good news~~ today from President Johnson - who first suggested the talks. The President adding his hope once again - that such discussion will lead eventually to a formal agreement; either to halt or at least slow down - the development of expensive anti-ballistic missile systems in each country.

VIET NAM

News from Saigon confirms today - that last week was the bloodiest week of the war in Viet Nam; at least - as far as the Viet Cong was concerned.

The U.S. weekly casualty report - listing a record two thousand, three hundred and thirty-two enemy dead last week. Plus a record number of Communist desertions - more than eleven hundred in all. By contrast - American losses totaled a hundred and sixty-three men; down slightly - from the week before.

As for this week - a third day of savage fighting today - just south of that phony demilitarized zone. U.S. Marines raising the enemy toll - to nearly a hundred and fifty dead. The Viet Cong responding with an all-out mortar barrage - against allied troops that have tied up their normal infiltration routes - for more than a year now.

KENNEDY FOLLOW VIETNAM

Here at home -- a major speech today from Senator Robert Kennedy of New York -- on the floor of the U.S. Senate; urging President Johnson -- to challenge Communist sincerity on peace talks in Vietnam -- ~~to~~^{to} do it -- by halting bombing raids on North Vietnam -- and offering to "negotiate within the week." The rising cost of the war and its limited goal -- "compel us to embrace any initiative⁹ that may resolve this conflict" -- said Kennedy.

ADD KENNEDY

Reaction from the White House: an immediate reply that bombing of North Viet Nam - is imperative to the war effort; that such bombing can be ended - only when the Communists take reciprocal action to de-escalate the war.

CLEVELAND

In Cleveland - the Rand Development Corporation was barred today - from further manufacturing and distributing its so-called "cancer vaccine". At the same time - Federal Judge James Connell blasting ~~the~~^{ed} Company officials - as promoters interested only in profits. They "steamed up the public to steam the stock" - in deliberate violation of federal law - said he.

Even so, the Judge permitted Rand to continue development of the controversial vaccine - as long as it complies with the law. Also suggesting the possibility of government supervised clinical tests - if and when they are actually wanted.

DAMASCUS

A three month old oil crisis in the Middle East -- finally ended today in Damascus. With a settlement between the government of Syria and the Western-owned Iraq Petroleum Company -- on the question of oil royalties.

Under terms of the pact -- Syria agreeing to reopen the Company's giant three hundred mile pipeline, from Iraq -- across Syria -- to Mediterranean tanker ports; this in return for a fifty per cent increase in royalties up to about Forty-Five Million dollars a year.

The agreement -- thus lifting the shadow of economic chaos from Iraq; which demands from the oil company a major share of the total of three hundred million in royalties -- every year.

NEW DELHI

The Maharani of Sikkim -- former New York debutant, Hope Cook -- under fire today in the Indian parliament for an article published eight months ago -- in a magazine called The Journal of Tibet.

In it, the Maharani challenging Indian rule -- in the hill station of Darjeeling, near the roof of the world. Asserting that sale of the land to the old East India Company -- was actually in violation of Sikkim law. The Maharani concluding, therefore, that Darjeeling still belongs -- legally -- to her adopted nation.

In view of this claim -- an opposition member of parliament demanding to know -- what the present government of India intends to do about it. The answer -- nothing. A government spokesman saying the article was only of "academic interest" -- and did not represent the view of Hope Cooke's husband the ruling Maharaja of Sikkim.

The spokesman further suggesting that before the Maharani writes any more articles -- she'd better talk them over with her husband.

SENATE

Hard on the heels of House action against Adam Clayton Powell - attention turns today to the Senate; where a hearing has been set - for March Thirteenth; to determine the truth of alleged financial finagling - by Senator Dodd of Connecticut.

According to Chairman Stennis of the Senate Ethics Committee - Dodd will face scrutiny on three main charges: one - that he pocketed for his own use - some two hundred thousand dollars raised at a series of testimonial dinners; two - that he sometimes claimed expense money - twice and three times for the same air fare; and three - that he accepted the use of a car - from a government contractor in his home state.

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The Senator - for his part - denying all *of this*

BRASILIA

American business interests are under investigation today in Brasilia - capital of Brazil, in connection with the recent purchase of massive land tracts - in the vast, unexplored Amazon. An Army spokesman saying that - "national security could be at stake."

The area in question - said to total about nine million acres - of virgin forest land. ~~With~~ The Soviet news agency Tass - ~~which is~~ also interested in the case - attributing one giant purchase to an American fruit company. This, a parcel of land - supposedly bigger than Spain and Portugal combined.

CANBERRA

Britain's Prince Philip - the center of double barreled controversy today at Canberra; as a result of the first news conference ever held on Australian soil - by a member of the British royal family.

Flap number one caused by Philip's statement that "people change - everybody changes - and the royal family must change too." If it doesn't change - said the Prince - if it doesn't serve some useful purpose - then people should get rid of royalty. "Otherwise" said he - "we will end up like a stuffed brontosaurus in a museum."

Flap number two - from the comment of an Australian reporter at the end of the news conference; a remark inadvertently carried by radio and television - clear across the land. The reporter called Prince Philip's statement - "a bloody ~~XXX~~ bore."

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EAST LANDING

You've heard about that new college fad that seemsto be spreading, called the "kiss-in". A form of protest that began last week at Oklahoma State University -- and now today at the Michigan State University.

The "kiss-in" -- in case you haven't heard -- a protest against stern regulations covering public display of affection on campus. This a Michigan State -- taking the form of an all-night vigil in a dormitory lounge; with some six hundred boys and girls -- kissing the hours away till dawn.

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