

*For President Nixon - a thunderous welcome today in Louisville; with a crowd of more than seven thousand - turning out at Louisville airport; greeting the President's arrival - with a roar of approval. The President in turn, pledging to work, for the kind of peace - all Americans want. And he said I assure you we're going to get it. Adding that he's also "working for a better life - under which we can have high employment and cut down on the cost of living." The President noted further that his trip to Kentucky - was, "of course, a non-political visit." Smiling broadly though he observed: "Every time I've been on the ticket - Kentucky has come through."*

*Another fifty thousand or so Louisvillers - cheering the President's motorcade as he drove on into the city to confer at a closed session of the thirteen governors who comprise the Appalachian Regional Commission.*

CINCINNATI FOLLOW LOUISVILLE

Later flying on to Cincinnati - to throw out the first ball at tonight's annual All Star baseball game in Cincinnati's spectacular new stadium.

In Russia, to help keep 'em happy, they have circuses - subsidized. Here we have baseball - but not subsidized.

VIENNA

At Vienna - another session of those twice-weekly Strategic Arms Limitation Talks today; followed by an agreement between U.S. and Russian negotiators - to take a week off for "stock-taking." A U.S. spokesman saying: "We want to take a look at where we are." This leading to speculation that the initial phase of the SALT talks - may be nearing a successful conclusion; in which case the parley would <sup>now</sup> revert back to Helsinki - where the hard bargaining is expected to begin.

## INDO CHINA

Ground action in Southeast Asia - marked by successful communist ~~to~~ strikes in each of the three <sup>em</sup> battle<sup>d</sup> ~~ground~~ nations. The first ~~of these~~ - in Laos; where enemy forces ~~captured~~ captured the Mekong river town of Moula Pamok -- thereby shoring up a main infiltration route.

The second in Cambodia; where Communist troops struck at the town of Sraka Neak -- attempting to cut Phom Penh's life line to the sea. And the third - in South Vietnam; where the Viet Cong hit a U S outpost near Hue - ~~kill~~ killing <sup>six</sup> ~~three~~ as against three of their own dead.

Be that as it may - the U S command in Saigon today announcing the planned deactivation of two airforce squadrons. The first step in "phase four" of the current U S withdrawal plan.

HOUSE FOLLOW INDO CHINA

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Here at home - House probers today filed their findings in that My Lai massacre. ~~also~~ Asserting that "a tragedy of major proportions" did take place; also, charging army and State Department officers - with a "concerted" effort to cover up the situation. However, the committee stressing that "relatively few" men - were directly involved in the My Lai incidents. And, these said to have been troops - who may have been under extreme combat pressures.

MIDDLE East

The latest from that non-war in the middle East -- tells ~~today~~ of another Arab-guerrilla raid across the Suez Canal; followed by a fifty-fourth straight day of Israeli air strikes -- against military targets ~~in~~ ~~back~~ in Egypt.

Israeli pilots later saying - they were meeting with less and less resistance from Arab ground-to-air missile sites; ~~An Israeli spokesman asserting~~ <sup>indicating</sup> ~~that this clearly demonstrates~~ the telling effect of Israel's non-stop aerial bombardment.

WALTER REED

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Lieutenant General Leslie R. Groves, a man who left an indelible stamp on the U S military establishment; ~~As~~ the Chief of all army construction back in Nineteen Forty One - the driving force behind the construction of the Pentagon. The following year heading up the Manhattan Project, which was soon to produce the world's first atomic bomb. A government citation later praising his leadership - in solving a problem of "staggering complexities" <sup>and</sup> adding that General Groves helped to defeat "the axis powers - in the race to produce an instrument whose ~~war~~ peace time potentialities are ~~unmatched~~ no less marvelous than its war-time application is awesome.

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Now - a fatal ~~heart~~ heart attack. The end coming ~~late last night~~ - ~~even~~ at Walter Reed Army Hospital. Lt. General Leslie R. Groves - <sup>age</sup> ~~is~~ ~~was~~ <sub>^</sub> seventy three.

The St. Lawrence Seaway - temporarily closed to all traffic today; a result of that early morning accident - near the Eisenhower locks in up-state New York. ~~As you no doubt have heard by now~~

The Canadian freighter Eastcliffe Hall running aground and ripping open its hull; <sup>then sinking</sup> ~~whereupon it "sank~~ like a rock" according to survivors. The death toll ~~coming~~ <sup>to</sup> nine at last report. ~~These~~ including the captain and his sixteen year old son; <sup>and</sup> ~~also~~ the chief engineer, his wife and a six year old daughter.

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LONDON

~~Talk about your bad timing - a crippling~~

~~dock strike today~~ In Great Britain, More than half  
the nation's forty-seven thousand longshoremen - walking  
off the job; thereby causing Britain's worst shipping  
tie up in forty-four years. This coming simultaneous  
with a government announcement - disclosing that  
June was a British Trade disaster; the country's  
imports exceeding exports - by more than a hundred  
and twenty million; ~~All of which~~ <sup>ing</sup> caused a nose dive  
in the British stock market ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~while~~ the British pound  
Warren -  
~~was also~~ plunging ~~sharply~~ on foreign exchange markets.

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PARIS

July fourteenth - in France -- Bastile Day;  
calling forth a series of celebrations today - clear  
across the ~~for~~ country. The biggest of these - in  
Paris -- including a military parade; where the French  
displayed for the first time - their <sup>new</sup> medium range  
nuclear missiles. The French Foreign Legion - ~~which~~  
~~was~~ banned by DeGaulle for its role in Algeria - ~~also~~  
making a re-appearance. ~~While the police were busy~~  
~~chasing Maoist youths - who tried, but failed, to~~  
~~dampen the occasion~~