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In France -- northern Ireland -- Tokyo -- Bolivia --
right around the globe -- the winds of change were blowing up a
storm today.

Most important
~~biggest blast~~ of all -- ~~from President~~ deGaulle of France,
After eleven years in office -- calling it quits, ~~as promised.~~
At seventy-eight ~~retiring~~ retiring once again to his country home at
Colombey; following ~~the~~ *the* defeat of the national referendum ~~on~~ on which
he had staked his ~~entire~~ *remaining* political future.

And now -- the reaction sets in. With the French franc --
already tumbling to its lowest level in ~~five~~ months, ~~Even~~ as the
politicians were beginning their struggle ~~to~~ to see who, if anyone,
can ~~not~~ *7 League Boots* fill the ~~shoes~~ shoes of le Grande Charles. While ~~the whole~~ of
France, ~~indeed, the whole~~ *and of course all the* world ~~was~~ was wondering: what next?

BELFAST FOLLOW PARIS

Same question -- doubly appropriate to Belfast: where Terrence O'Neill resigned today -- as the leader of Northern Ireland's ruling Unionist Party. ^{He did so} announcing that he ^{also} will ~~also~~ quit as Premier -- as soon as a successor is chosen.

~~As you know~~ -- O'Neill's decision coming in the midst of a violent Civil Rights ~~struggle~~ ^{struggle, coming as a} complete surprise ^{and} plunging the nation into ^a political crisis. However, O'Neill ^{is saying} ~~himself asserting~~ that "a new leader -- unhampered by personal animosities -- may have a better chance." of solving Northern Ireland's present dilemma.

TOKYO FOLLOW BELFAST

~~Turning next to~~ Japan;-- The streets of Tokyo were turned into a ~~bloody~~ battleground tonight; with an estimated twelve thousand student radicals -- demanding ^(an) ~~the~~ immediate end to U.S. control over Okinawa. In the process, battling police -- attacking the home of Japanese Premier Sato, -- briefly invading a U.S. military compound; ^{and} at one point, ^{le} actually getting ready to mount an attack on Emperor Hirohito's royal palace -- when they were finally put to rout.

LA PAZ

Meanwhile, the body of Bolivian President Rene Barrientos --
the high Andean city of
was returned today to La Paz for a state funeral. Thousands upon
thousands -- turning out to salute his funeral cortege.

As you doubtless know -- Barrientos was killed in a
~~hasty~~ helicopter crash, writing the final chapter ~~to~~ a story-book'
career ~~that~~ ^{that had} ~~ed~~ ^{ed} countless brushes with death.

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The President's flag-draped coffin bearing ~~today -- one~~
his jaunty flying cap, -- his sword of office -- ~~and~~ ^{and} a single
wreath of roses.

PRAGUE

~~A couple of items today from Prague -- suggest that maybe the Czechs are having some trouble making up their minds.~~

~~The first tells of a newspaper attack -- on ~~raped~~ Czech reform leader Alexander Dubcek. This -- apparently with the blessing of Dubcek's successor -- conservative Gustav Husak --~~
In Prague
~~accused~~ the short-lived Dubcek regime ~~of~~ trying to deviate from true Marxist Communism. ~~followed by~~ *today*

~~Second item -- telling of~~ *This then* Dubcek's election a few hours later ~~as~~ Chairman of the Czech federal parliament, ~~with none other than~~ Gustav Husak ~~among those~~ joining in the unanimous vote.

~~By the way --~~ Dubcek was roundly cheered by passers by -- when he tried to slip in a side door of the parliament building. *obeyed by the Kremlin*
While Husak, ~~arriving at the main archway~~ *to be* ~~was~~ greeted in stony silence.

VIET NAM

The War in Viet Nam ^{was} -- marked today by fierce fighting, near
Khe Sanh. With a force of Viet Cong using flame throwers and
satchel charges -- in an effort to over-run a U.S. infantry outpost.
Only to turn back after two hours -- when it became obvious they
were getting nowhere.

In the end ^{the} enemy leaving behind some thirty ^{of their dead;} ~~bodies~~
^{as well as} ~~see~~ large quantities of equipment -- some of it practically
irreplaceable. American losses -- set at five.

VATICAN

At the Vatican ~~in Rome~~ -- the start of a secret consistory today; ~~xx~~ consecrating thirty-five new cardinals -- including four Americans.)

^ This coupled with announcement of plans -- for a new Vatican commission. With its stated purpose -- to keep Roman Catholic doctrine -- more closely atuned to "modern mentality."

As such -- the Commission also expected to serve as an escape valve; giving rebel priests direct access to the Vatican-- on controversial matters such as marriage, ³ celibacy, and birth control. And the man mentioned as most likely to become its first head -- Cardinal Elect Wright of Pittsburgh.

NEW YORK

~~Here's one -- that bears repeating.~~ In New York --
Civil Rights leader Bayard Rustin -- lashing out at black college . .
students who make, "stupid demands." Also attacking college
administrators for taking the "cheap way out" -- as he put it --
"by bowing to these demands."

Said Bayard Rustin: "In the real world -- no one ~~gives~~
gives ~~adam~~ if you've taken soul courses; they want to know if you
can do mathematics and write a correct sentence."

OXFORD

A related item -- from Oxford, Ohio. Comedian Bob Hope -- a weekend commencement speaker at the University of Miami. There asserting that student dissent only "destroys itself -- when it destroys the system that allows it to function."

"It's time for the passive, silent majority to assert itself -- to speak up and say, 'We come to school for an education'" -- said Bob Hope. Adding: "It's also time for teachers to say -- 'We've come here to teach without being bullied, harrassed and threatened.'"

At the conclusion of his remarks -- Bob Hope getting a standing ovation.

LONDON

From London comes a story ~~today~~ -- of the decline and fall of the Beatles. George Harrison observing, "Once we were everyone's darling -- but it isn't like that any more -- they hate us."

The reason, it seems -- ~~is~~ the public antics of three of the Beatles. Leaving Ringo Starr -- the only one to escape ^{cathe} ~~unscratched~~. Indeed, the Beatle drummer ^{- seems to be} ~~fast~~ ^{out} carving a separate career for himself -- as a film star -- also a first rate family man. Ringo explaining: "The answer is a beautiful wife -- two great kids-- and a lot of love floating around from everyone."

Or -- as the early Beatles used to sing: "All you need -- is love." *Or is it, Warren?*

MYRTLE BEACH

This next -- from Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; where Senator Strom Thurmond of that state -- was addressing a crowd of fellow Republicans. Explaining how it was that he -- at age sixty-six -- had recently wed a twenty-two year old beauty queen.

Said Senator Thurmond: "I just decided in my old age -- I would rather smell perfume than linament."

I suspect there are many who will agree with the senator from So. Carolina! And s-l-u-tom.