

PRAGUE

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In ~~Prague~~, Czechoslovakia - ^{Prague,} ~~also~~ Pilsen,
^{also} Kosice, ^{we hear} Bratislava - confusion reigns ~~supreme~~ tonight.

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With Soviet tanks and infantry rumbling through the streets - fighting off sporadic attacks from scattered Czech freedom fighters, ~~While~~ the few remaining Czech leaders - continue to plead for calm in the midst of chaos.

At the same time - Moscow today serving notice - there will be no going back. The Soviet news agency Tass ~~calls~~ calling Czech Reform Leader Dubcek ~~and his associates~~ and his associates - "traitors" - to the Communist cause. Suggesting that Dubcek, in particular, will be tried for treason - a crime punishable by death.

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UNITED NATIONS

Meanwhile, a Soviet stali today - at the
United Nations in New York. With Russia's Jacob
Malik - forcing ~~a temporary adjournment~~ ^{a delay in deliberations} of the U N
Security Council, ~~Delaying action on a resolution~~ ^{thereby heading off a resolution}

~~is~~ condemning the Czech invasion. Also putting off the
~~necessary~~ necessity of a Russian veto - at least, for the
time being.

The reason, we are told: to allow time for
Soviet occupation authorities - to form a new puppet
government in Prague. A government whose chief purpose
would be the exoneration of Moscow - before the court of
world opinion. And it might work -- except for one flaw.
The Russians - as yet - unable to find a suitable
quisling.

~~The~~ Underground Czech Radio - making the job
extremely difficult -- we hear. Warning would-be
collaborators of dire consequences -- should they betray
their people.

BOGOTA

Bogota, Colombia - Pope Paul arrived today for his brief visit to South America - and was promptly engulfed in a sea of ~~xxx~~ humanity. Police estimating the crowd at more than a million - shouting "Papa, Papa" -- waving white handkerchiefs - throwing flowers in his path. With the Pontiff finally forced to abandon his car - proceeding on foot the last block to the Cathedral of Bogota.

This - the Pope's sixth and longest pilgrimage abroad. Scheduled to include appearances at the Thirty-Ninth International Eucharistic ~~Cong~~ Congress - also the Latin American Bishop's conference; where the Pontiff is expected to plead for social reform - throughout the world's most Catholic continent.

CHICAGO

~~Here at home~~ - In Chicago - the Democrats
~~were~~ were beginning to build a full head of steam today,
~~getting ready~~ for their big to do next week,
were greeted by
Angry welfare mothers - setting off the closest
thing yet to a demonstration, shouting: "Sock it to 'em
-- sock it to 'em." As their chief spokesman told
Democratic platform writers - to "cut out all this jazz"
and "get some young blood representing us."

Later, Governor Connally of Texas - drawing
a standing ovation, After a statement denouncing
Senator McCarthy and other apparent doves - for
advocating what he called a policy of "appeasement and
surrender."

Elsewhere in ~~at~~ Chicago - Hubert Humphrey
seemed to be moving closer and ~~by~~ by
~~moving ever~~ closer to a first-ballot victory, ~~was~~ winning
the endorsement of another former favorite son - Senator
Muskie of Maine.

WALTER REED

For the seventh straight day - former President Eisenhower remains in critical condition. Doctors at Walter Reed reporting ~~today~~ disturbing new episodes of heart irregularity; which "must be viewed as very serious - for a person in General Eisenhower's situation."

This latest complication - medically described as "cardiac irritability." Although it's often called "soldier's heart" - occurring "chiefly in soldiers on active war service."

SAIGON

On the war front - U S land, sea and air facilities in and around Saigon ^{were} the target of a series of coordinated enemy attacks today. ^{This} Following up ^a ~~that~~ ~~first~~ pre-dawn rocket attack [^] on the downtown capital area.

When the ~~smoke~~ smoke had finally cleared - authorities count^{ed} ~~ing~~ nearly fifty dead - most of them Vietnamese civilians; also, nearly two hundred ~~wounded~~ wounded -- again, mostly civilians. All of which is said to add a new urgency - to Averell Harriman's ~~statement~~ statement yesterday at Paris; warning that U S restraint "could not be maintained" - in the face of increased enemy aggression.

NEW YORK

For militant black Nationalist Stokely

*Carmichael - and the student non-violent coordinating
committee - he once headed - a parting of the ways
today. SNCC (Snick) leaders in New York terminating
the relationship - "with regret and no pleasure" -
to use their own words.*

*Specific reason - not given. However, a SNCC
statement saying: "It has been apparent ~~■~~ now for some
time - that SNCC and Stokely Carmichael were moving in
different directions."*

WHITE HOUSE

One of L B J's remaining ambitions as President
- or so we've been told: a desire to stage his own "Mission
to Moscow" - in pursuit of world peace. Indeed ^{there is a}~~is~~
published report today - saying the President had planned
to leave next week on a surprise Russian tour, a tour
now supposedly scrapped - for obvious reasons.

Reaction from the White House: an official
"no comment" -- on that particular story. However,
White House Press Secretary George Christian ^{does not}~~is~~
~~refusing to~~ rule out a future Russian trip. Noting: Warren
"The President has said he would go anywhere in the
search for peace" - even Moscow.

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DEATH

With
~~While~~ the world watched ~~in~~^{ing} anguish - the death
rattle of free Czechoslovakia echoed today around the
globe.

In his last public statement - Czech President
Svoboda saying: "We have reached the point of no return."
In its last press ~~re~~ report -- the official Czech news
agency saying: "We have just been occupied by foreign
troops - if further news is transmitted it will no longer
be from - and then silence.

Earlier, in its final broadcast - Radio Prague
telling the Czech populace: "Remember what you have
heard - let our last words be engraved on your memory."
Recalling the Soviet invasion of Hungary in Nineteen
Fifty-Six when the last ~~re~~ words from Radio Budapest
were: "Goodbye, Dear Friends - God help us all."