

BLOOMINGTON

Tues. Oct. 31st '69

~~Here at home~~ -- Secretary of State Dean Rusk was also under fire today; Verbal fire -- that is; during a speaking engagement -- at the University of Indiana.

The Secretary's audience of about four thousand -- including a number of anti-war demonstrators; who <sup>rudely</sup> interrupted with catcalls and boos ~~at~~ nearly every sentence he uttered. This leading to a brief fistfight -- between protesters and counter-protesters. A few minutes later -- one of the demonstrators shouting "murderer" at Rusk; whereupon a woman sitting nearby -- struck the heckler on the head with her umbrella.

Finally exasperated -- Rusk telling the protesters:

"If any of you suppose that peace can be reached by letting one small country after another be gobbled up -- then you've got a lot to learn." He added: "There can be no peace in this country -- if the rest of the world is in chaos."

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<sup>TP</sup> Also - as you may have  
heard, close call in Vietnam. The story from Saigon's

Independence Palace -- under fire today from Viet Cong mortars  
while Vice President Hubert Humphrey and other dignitaries were  
all inside -- toasting the inauguration of South Vietnamese  
President Nguyen Van Thieu.

Luckily -- a combination of events preventing <sup>a possible</sup> ~~serious~~  
~~disaster~~ catastrophe. With a sudden rainstorm forcing transfer of the party  
from the Palace garden -- where it was ~~meant~~ originally scheduled  
to have been held. Also, the four mortar shells -- falling  
about two hundreds yards short of the mark, so that many of  
the guests <sup>even,</sup> ~~were~~ <sup>were</sup> apparently unaware of the attack.

Indeed, a woman present turning to the Vice President  
and remarking: "I hope that was a salute." Said Hubert  
Humphrey: "I hope so, too -- but I don't <sup>g</sup> think so."  
And he was right.

The terrorist shells killing one Vietnamese and wounding  
another -- just over the Palace wall. The enemy agents who

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launched the attack -- also shooting an old man who got in their way. Police, in turn, wounding two of the suspected terrorists -- in the process of rounding up four, in all.

The Viet Cong obviously trying to score a major propaganda victory -- to offset the inaugural ceremony. But, of course -- they failed. Same goal -- same result today -- on a battlefield near the Cambodian border, where a force of about fifteen hundred Viet Cong launched repeated human wave assaults -- against entrenched American and South Vietnamese troops.

In the end -- the Viet Cong forced to flee the scene of battle -- leaving behind more than a hundred dead. The Americans losing six--with South Vietnamese casualties also said to be "light."

## KREMLIN

The fiftieth anniversary of Russia's Communist revolution -- a god-send today for thousands of petty Soviet criminals. With the Kremlin today declaring an amnesty -- for all prisoners sentenced to two-years <sup>in jail or less</sup> ~~also~~ Also cutting by one-half the remaining terms of certain other prisoners -- sentenced to five years or more.

Chief effect of the order -- the immediate release of a small army of Soviet pickpockets. Also shorter terms for war heroes -- women with children -- women over fifty-five and men over sixty. In addition, the amnesty could also mean an earlier release for those two Soviet writers -- Andrei Sinyavsky and Yuli Daniel; as well as British school teacher Gerald Brooke -- another political prisoner.

## MOSCOW FOLLOW KREMLIN

~~Meanwhile,~~ On the space front -- Russian scientists today successfully soft-landed a Soyuz spacecraft; the first <sup>to return</sup> ~~first~~ of two such ships -- that yesterday achieved history's first automatic docking in space.

As part of their continuing anniversary celebration -- Soviet newspapers <sup>were</sup> covering the event the same as they would a returning cosmonaut. Hailing the ship's feat -- as a triumph of Bolshevism, <sup>and</sup> further boasting that the automatic docking was "incomparably more complex" -- than the manned dockings carried out earlier by American astronauts.

Director Heinz Kaninski of West Germany's Bochum Space Observatory -- fully agreeing with the Soviet press. The Russian achievement -- a sure sign -- said he; that there will be Soviets on the moon -- "at least one year, if not two," before any Americans.

## NORTH CAROLINA

Another space note -- here on our own shores. Gleaned from continuing study of that "bug" flight last month -- from Cape Kennedy.

Doctors at North Carolina State University -- where the studies are taking place -- reporting some strange genetic changes from space radiation. For example, female wasps who survived the flight -- eventually producing more eggs than normal female wasps; except that the egg embryos -- soon died. Much the same true in similar experiments with fruit flies -- gnats -- wild flowers -- frog's eggs and so on.

Conclusion -- says geneticist Daniel Grosch: That future "manned space flight to the moon and Mars" may present the same danger -- as that presently found in "hazardous radiation areas" right here on earth.



## VATICAN

At the Vatican in Rome -- a report today of complications in the illness of Pope Paul. With the Pontiff said to be showing signs of anemia -- also a touch of low blood pressure,

*This* following a reoccurrence of fever ~~that~~ that forced the Pope to cancel his scheduled appearance Sunday in ~~the~~<sup>St.</sup> St. Peter's Basilica.

All of which means a possible delay -- in the Pope's planned operation for an enlarged gland. Vatican sources saying doctors may decide to wait a while -- to give the Pontiff additional time to regain his strength.

## WASHINGTON

Jordan's troubled, young King Hussein -- coming soon to the United States. The announcement today -- from Jordan's Embassy in Washington. Adding that the purpose of his trip -- is to present Americans with "the <sup>Jordanian</sup> Arab point of view" in the current Mideast crisis.



Accordingly, the King will arrive in New York <sup>on</sup> Thursday -- to begin a series of nationwide television appearances. Moving on to Washington next week -- for talks with President Johnson. After which he will make a number of speaking appearances -- traveling as far West as Chicago before heading home again.



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LONDON

In London -- an historic moment today -- at the fabled "Mother of Parliaments," ~~With~~ Queen Elizabeth informing the ancient House of Lords -- it will soon lose its last tenuous hold on political power.

This the work of Britain's current Labor government ~~which~~  
~~A~~ Determined to curb the House of Lords' traditional conservative pattern ~~of~~ of delaying liberal legislation. To do it -- by abolishing all but a few hereditary titles.

~~And~~ Substituting instead life peers -- who would hold their titles only as long as they lived; thus supposedly giving the House of Lords <sup>much</sup> ~~the~~ the same political composition as Commons.

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So the death knell -- for a lawmaking body born of the Magna Charta seven hundred years ago. The end of <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ British tradition -- holding that the sons of leaders -- and their sons' sons -- must also be leaders.

The inescapable truth -- according to one Briton; That "bloodstock breeding obviously works better with horses -- than with humans."

## COPENHAGEN

A final item -- from Copenhagen; where Scandinavian Airlines announced today -- it has stopped serving breakfast on domestic flights in Denmark.

The reason -- said an airline official -- because Denmark is so small and modern jets are so fast; and the fact that airplane crews are tired of "flying <sup>and around</sup> around Copenhagen -- waiting for passengers to finish their breakfasts," Warren, + s-l-4-11