

Thurs., October 26, 1972

WHITE HOUSE

At long last - at long last - peace is at hand in Vietnam. The glad tidings coming today from Henry Kissinger in a special White House briefing - as no doubt you have heard by now. Doctor Kissinger saying that one final negotiating session - is all that's needed to resolve remaining differences; which means - he continued - that "peace is in reach - within a matter of weeks or less."

As for terms of the projected agreement - these - said Dr. Kissinger - call for an immediate cease fire in all of Indo China; to be followed within sixty days by the withdrawal of all U S troops - along with the simultaneous release of all U S prisoners. And then - the reunification of Vietnam - step by step through peaceful means; under the auspices of quote - "an international commission of control and supervision."

*The U S also pledging to help finance post war reconstruction - throughout Indo China. This we are told - in keeping with "a new, equal and mutually beneficial relationship - between North Vietnam and the United States."*

*Doctor Kissinger adding there still remains the ~~task~~ task of reconciling ~~the~~ fine points in language - between the U S and North Vietnam's text. Also saying: "Saigon is, of course, ~~not~~ entitled to participate - in the settlement of a war on its own territory. But he stressed: "We will not be stampeded into an agreement - until its provisions are right. We will not be deflected from an agreement - if its provisions are right."*

*Doctor Kissinger declaring, finally: Having come this far - we cannot and will not fail.*

DETROIT

Next question: What effect will this<sup>all</sup> have  
on the U S Presidential race? The answer to ~~this~~<sup>this</sup>  
won't be known fully - ~~at least~~<sup>until</sup> November seventh.

Nevertheless, ~~George~~ McGovern paused<sup>ed</sup>  
briefly today during a campaign visit to Detroit;  
pledging to support a settlement of the war - even  
if it comes on the eve of the election. McGovern  
adding that he hopes "there is no holding back -  
on the part of General Thieu or anyone else - and  
that we can move to get the war over."

## SAIGON

*Meanwhile the fighting goes on. However at a reduced level. Indeed, the latest U S casualty report indicates there were no American combat deaths last week. Only the second time that has been so in more than seven years of U S involvement in Vietnam.*

*The U S command in Saigon also announcing today - withdrawal of another sixteen Army units and three Air Force units; in all - more than a thousand men. U S troop strength now less than thirty-three thousand men - less than we have even in Korea.*

*One of the pioneering greats of aviation - dead today at Easton, Connecticut. Colonel Igor Sikorsky - a native of Kiev Russia, in Czarist days. He built and flew his first plane - at age twenty-two. Later fleeing to the U S - a step ahead of the Communists. Here he formed his own company and as you know built transports, amphibians, and flying boats. Then came his greatest success, in Nineteen-Thirty-Nine almost simultaneous with the start of World War Two. Colonel Sikorsky finally perfecting the V S-300 - the world's first practical helicopter, which revolutionized modern warfare; enabled wounded to receive prompt medical attention; and, later, in peace-time, proving an invaluable tool - in rescue missions, in police work, in remote construction jobs and so on. Now, the last flight of all for Colonel Igor Sikorsky - age eighty-three.*

MANILA

From the Philippines, <sup>comes</sup> a report ~~today~~ on the progress of <sup>their</sup> nationwide disarmament campaign.

Officials noting that Philippine citizens have now surrendered nearly a quarter of a million unauthorized fire arms. This ~~is as you may know~~ <sup>is</sup> an attempt to cut down on crime; also, to disarm ~~the~~ private armies - of political war lords. One such, apparently - Congressman Ramon Durano of Cebu in the Central Philippines. The Congressman and his family - surrendering more than a thousand guns.

COTONOU

In the West African Republic of Dahomey

- another coup-d'Etat today; the fifth <sup>there since</sup> ~~in that country~~ -

~~Dahomey got its~~  
~~since ~~achieving~~ its~~ independence from France in

Nineteen Sixty; ~~with~~ President Justin Ahomadegbe

the latest to fall. Reports from the Capital City of

Cotonou - saying a military regime has now taken

over.

PARIS

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In the topsy turvy world of Paris fashions -  
it was May in October today; with famed designer  
Yves St. Laurent -- presenting his spring collection.  
Sample items including nickers, for day or evening  
wear; some so full - they were said to look like  
bloomers. Also, dirndl dresses with enormous  
sleeves - ~~funny~~ very Ukrainian; and, some in see  
through fabrics - "very Parisian." Also, velvet  
"jogging suits. Just the ~~not~~ thing - ~~we are told~~ -

When she's yaw  
lounging on yachts!

for your lady John,



## NEW YORK

*Britain's Lord Snow again a visitor here in the U. S.*

*The famed novelist - scientist and occasional statesman  
addressing a group of New York doctors; calling for full  
speed ahead - in the study of human genetics; the better  
- said he - to improve human "intelligence and character."*

*But any idea that all men are or ever will be  
created equal, pure rubbish! - said Lord Snow. Men are  
not born equal. They are only equal in death. - said he.  
Further observing that "God deals one hand of cards -  
and all education can do is teach one how to play them."*