

Thurs. May 8 - '69.

PARIS

After months of deadlock - movement in Paris and a rebirth of hope; with the Viet Cong ^{actually} unveiling today - a new ten-point plan for peace in South Vietnam. Its key provisions calling for an end to the fighting - complete withdrawal of U.S. troops - also, a coalition government to set up free elections. The Viet Cong adding optimistically - that this will "open the way to progress" at last.

U.S. response - for the moment, at least - a flat rejection. Henry Cabot Lodge characterizing the Communist offer - as a demand for "the unilateral retreat of Allied forces - and the overthrow of the legal and constitutional government of South Vietnam." Going on to say that the Viet Cong's political proposals - should concern only the South Vietnamese "without outside interference."

However, Lodge himself ^{did} ~~adding~~ to the feeling of hope. For the first time since he entered the talks ^{he} refusing ^{to} say there had been "no progress."

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KEY BISCAIYNE FOLLOW PARIS

The Florida White House later reporting that President Nixon and key advisers - are even now studying the Red proposal.

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JUSTICE

At age seventy-four - coming up on forty-five years
in his present post - FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover served
notice ~~today~~ ^{that} he has at present no intention of quitting
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HELSINKI

From Finland - a call today for a comprehensive European security conference; including participation by all Communist and non-Communist countries in Europe - also, the U.S. and Canada.

First reaction - from London. The British Foreign Office welcoming ^{quote} "the spirit in which the offer was made."

Adding: "We are studying it - in consultation with the Allies."

MOSCOW

Still another Soviet general - reported dead ~~today~~
in Moscow. The demise of Lieutenant General Yevgeny Smornov
- making ten high-ranking Red Army officers who have died
in the past two weeks.

This latest death - attributed to "a short but grave
illness." However, several of the others - said to have
occurred in "tragic circumstances." Raising speculation
that they all may have been victims ^{of} of a tragic plane crash
- or ^{maybe} a test rocket explosion.

SALT LAKE CITY

Here's one that perhaps bears repeating. Vice President Spiro Agnew - in Salt Lake City - defending the Administration's projected Safeguard anti-ballistic missile system. Asserting flatly that national defense expenditures - must take precedence over domestic spending. Further declaring that "no domestic problem - no matter how critical - can be placed on an equal basis with the continuance of our ability to exist as a society."

Spiro Agnew going on to say that hard-pressed big city officials - must face up to this dilemma. Adding: "If there were no cities by reason of a nuclear attack - then there really would be no need for a housing and urban development program anyway."

PROVO FOLLOW SALT LAKE

Moving on - the Vice President later addressed some ten thousand students - at Brigham Young University - Provo, Utah. There asserting that "the vast, faceless majority" of Americans - are all but fed up with campus riots. Which means - said he - that college administrators and faculties who "capitulate before storm trooper tactics - are doing a grave disservice not only to academic freedom but to all freedoms."

NEW YORK FOLLOW PROVO

Be that as it may - campus violence flared again today at a number of colleges and universities. Among them - newly re-opened City College of New York; where radical students roamed the campus - breaking windows, tearing down fixtures, turning on fire hoses - anything to disrupt classes.

The radicals were not unopposed though - far from it. With student counter-demonstrators - engaging the militants in several melees. Besides breaking up these confrontations - police also arresting a number of the hit-and-run vandals.

KANSAS CITY

Independence, Missouri - a birthday salute to
Harry S. Truman, eighty-five years old - as of this date.

The former President himself - all but ignoring the occasion.

However, ^{some three} ~~a~~ hundred or so old friends ^{were} ~~toasting~~ his empty
chair, as usual - at a gala luncheon sponsored annually

^a by Kansas City industrialist ~~Henry Taige~~. Like the song
says - they're still "wild about Harry."

By the way - Mr. Truman was asked recently how long
he would like to live. His answer: "As long as my think
tank works - and my legs stand up. And when they are
finished" - said he - "then I'll depart."

And now, before we depart - Warren!

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ANN ARBOR

From the University of Michigan's Survey Research Center - an analysis today of "the making of a President, 'Sixty-Eight." Coming to the conclusion that third party candidate George Wallace - had virtually no effect on the eventual outcome of the race.

Oh yes & one more bit!
Of the millions who voted for Wallace - says the Center - true enough, there were three Democrats for every Republican. A ratio that perhaps could have affected results - if the Wallace voters had stuck by their original party affiliations.

However, the Wallace tally - said to be "protest vote," pure and simple. Not so much for Wallace - but against the party in power; against the party with which Hubert Humphrey - was so undelibly associated. Indeed, the study showed that Wallace voters - in a two-man race - would have preferred Richard Nixon over Hubert Humphrey - nearly two-to-one.

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ALLIANCE FOLLOW INDEPENDENCE

~~A somewhat related item -~~ from Alliance, Ohio;

where widower James Brown - age ninety-one - announced today

that he will soon wed again. The lucky girl - a seventy-

seven year-old widow-lady - Mrs. Stella Wright. ~~J~~ James Brown

saying he popped the question because, quote: "I was

getting tired of sitting around - looking at the wall."