

Thurs. Oct. 12-67.

BOSTON

In the words of the immortal bard -- "somewhere in this promised land -- the sun is shining bright." Somewhere -- but not Boston -- not tonight.

If you were there -- or if you saw it on television as I did -- you know the story -- and what a story it was! Seventh game of the World Series -- an "impossible dream" turned nightmare for the Boston Red Sox; as fireballer Bob Gibson hurled the St. Louis Cardinals -- to their eighth World Championship in eleven series starts.

Final score: St. Louis seven -- Boston two. Homers by Gibson and Julian Javier ~~and~~ three stolen bases by Lou Brock ~~and~~ more than sealing the outcome. With Gibson justly winning the outstanding player award ~~and~~ that earns him a new car.

Later -- champagne for the champions. And across the field -- a grudging tribute from Boston Manager Dick Williams. Said he: "They won it -- and they deserved it -- but we made them earn it."

RUSK

R Turning from "October madness" to affairs of state --
Dean Rusk strikes back. The story -- from Washington; where
the Secretary of State today held a rare news conference --
nearly an hour long; ~~constituting~~^{with} a stinging rebuke ← to
those who criticize U.S. policy in Vietnam.

Said Dean Rusk: "I have heard the word 'credibility'--
injected into our domestic debate." "Let me say" -- he
continued -- "that those who² would place in question the
credibility of the pledged word of the United States -- ~~under~~^{under}
our mutual security treaties -- would subject this nation
to mortal danger."

The Secretary adding: "If any who would be our adversary
should suppose that our treaties are a bluff -- or will
be abandoned if the going gets tough -- the result could be
catastrophe for all mankind."

Dean Rusk asserting, however, there is "no significant

body of American opinion -- which would have us withdraw from Vietnam". Nor any -- said he -- that calls for "a general war." Which means -- he went on -- that Hanoi should "not misunderstand" current American debate; about this or that military move -- this or that diplomatic step."

We are ready to talk peace -- any time -- any where -- under any conditions -- concluded Dean Rusk. But until then -- said he -- "our commitment in Vietnam is clear -- and our national interest is real."

What about those supposed "intellectuals" -- in the forefront of war critics? The Secretary recalling *that even the great* ~~the great~~ *who* Einstein was considered a genius in mathematics, ~~was~~ an amateur in music -- and a "baby in politics."

VIETNAM FOLLOW RUSK

Meanwhile, ~~halfway round the world~~ an ominous note was sounded today in the air war over North Vietnam. Returning American pilots -- telling of a new sophisticated ground-to-air targeting system; one that permits speedy North Vietnamese MIG fighters -- to sneak up from behind on U.S. jets.

As a result -- the Red pilots often have American planes in their sights -- before the Americans are ~~even~~ aware they're being tailed. An Air Force officer explaining: "They make one pass -- either above or below our planes; fire a missile -- then they're gone." "What's saving us" -- he added -- "their missiles aren't very good."

Back on the ground -- American losses for the ~~past~~ week were set today at a hundred and two men; happily, lowest figure -- in two months. By contrast, South Vietnamese casualties ^{are} up sharply ^{to} including ² more than two hundred and fifty dead.

MEDITERRANEAN

The death toll from that airliner crash in the Mediterranean -- now set at sixty-six; all aboard -- including four Americans.

The plane, ~~as you know~~ a British Comet, en route from Athens to Cyprus when it plummeted into the sea -- about a hundred ^{and} fifty miles short of its destination.

What happened -- still a mystery. The Comet ~~was~~ ~~recall~~ world's first commercial jet; Several early models ~~disintegrating~~ ^{ed} in flight from "metal fatigue." However, the Mark-Four Comet that fell today ^{was} ~~r~~ considered entirely ^{safe.} ~~safe. Or was it?~~

MOSCOW.

That so-called Supreme Soviet -- Russia's "rubber-stamp" Parliament -- hard at work today in the Kremlin. Rubber-stamping first -- the Soviet Union's biggest peacetime budget to date. Later voicing expected approval -- of several Soviet draft reforms.

Chief of these -- lowering the draft age from nineteen-to-eighteen -- also curtailing student deferments, while cutting a year off the time -- that future draftees will have to serve.

All necessary -- said Soviet Defense Minister Grechko -- because the Soviet Union is compelled to maintain an increasingly higher state of combat readiness; in the face of what he called -- "the intensifying aggressive nature of capitalism."

PEKING

Latest ~~news~~ from Red China -- ^(A Report Today) to the effect that enough is enough. This the essence -- at least -- of a ~~report today~~ ^{STORY} from Peking; telling of a government crackdown -- on those militant Red Guards.

By order of the central government -- the Red Guards are ^{soon} to undergo reindoctrination in the thoughts of Chairman Mao Tse-Tung. Goal -- said Peking -- to purge the Red Guards of festering "bourgeois and petty bourgeois ideas."

Western translation: ^{Peking is} ~~The government is about~~ fed up with Red Guard ~~gangs~~ ^{hoodlums} -- who threaten to become a national plague.

VATICAN

At that continuing Synod of Bishops in Rome -- a major victory today for progressives in the Roman Catholic Church. With election of a special eight-member commission -- to take a new look at church policy.

Of the eight prelates so elected -- two are considered the church's leading liberals. The other six -- rated from moderate to liberal; including Bishop John Wright of

Pittsburgh -- lone American on the panel. ~~Which means that~~

~~if any conservatives at all are to take part in the deliberations--they will have to be among the four members still to be named by Pope Paul.~~

Once completed -- the full panel will have ten days to complete its job: the drafting of a document to replace a recent Vatican paper ~~entitled~~ "Dangerous Errors in Modern Theology." Many ~~at the Synod~~ ^{EARLIER} having branded the paper -- "too negative" for modern Catholics.

MCDIVITT

Also at the Vatican -- another session today of that International Catholic Laymen's Congress; hearing from U.S. Astronaut James McDivitt -- ^{about} his travels in space.

Looking down from on high -- said Jim McDivitt:-- "you don't see the boundaries of nations; all you see are boundaries between land and water;" ^{from up there} "it is truly -- one world."

What about faith -- in space? Said Jim McDivitt: "My faith was strong before I went into the cosmos -- and so it remained." He added, however, that "what you feel when you go up there -- is the smallness of human beings; a feeling -- of the limits of man."

IPSWICH

Ah - an item
~~Next up -- a story~~ from Ipswich, England. ~~All~~ *— dear old Ipswich,* ~~all~~ *about*

a ~~change~~ *change* by the name of Frederick Sharpe -- a movie Theater attendant; who was just written a happy ending -- to his own tale of woe.

Seems that Mr. Sharpe -- has been trying to get a driver's license for years; taking twenty-seven successive driving tests -- and flunking them all. Whereupon -- he finally gave up.

So it shouldn't be a total loss though -- the young man is now putting his vast experience to good use. Getting a new job -- as instuctor in a local school; teaching road safety! -- ~~what else?~~ *Warren - He's an authority on how not to drive.*

NEW YORK

~~From right here in New York~~ A sure-fire formula

today for telling a woman's age; the brainstorm of visiting fashion designer Clive -- newest darling of British haute couture.

All set? Pencils ready? ~~Okay~~ here it is. First -- you look at a woman's face -- figure an approximate age -- and then [^]look at her legs. For every inch of hemline below the knees -- add ten-years -- says Clive. And I suppose for every inch above -- subtract ten.

All of which [^]may sound reasonable to some; but only up to a point, -- ~~warns Clive.~~ ^{Says Clive of London, ~~not~~ Clive-of-India fame,} ~~observing~~ ^{no relation to} "There's no such thing -- as an old woman anymore."