

MANILA

Fri. July 25-69.

~~In the city of~~ ^{Over in} Manila, ~~the Philippines~~ where
it's Saturday already, ~~a mammoth welcome~~ ^{is awaiting} ~~is planned~~
~~today by the arrival of~~ President Nixon. ^{Also} ~~At the same time,~~
a full security alert ~~also taking effect~~ - in the wake of a
number of recent anti-American incidents. The
Philippinoes vowing that Mr. Nixon's visit - will be
pleasant, meaningful and, above all, safe.

This the first Asian stop on the President's
planned twenty-four thousand mile round-the-world tour.
A brief visit - scheduled to last just under twenty-four
hours; but still - highly critical to future U.S. and
Philippine relations.

WASHINGTON

Meanwhile here at home

President Nixon's welcoming remarks to the
three Apollo 11 astronauts ^{were} causing ^{a bit of comment} ~~something of a furor~~
~~in some~~ ^{today} religious circles. Specifically, his assertion
~~today in~~ that America's Moon Landing Mission - was the "greatest"
event "since the beginning of the world - the creation."

~~Now~~ Billy Graham ^{for me. The eloquent} ~~enters the fray. The famed~~
evangelist - as you know - a personal friend as well as
religious advisor to the President. ^{He says} ~~for years. Asserting~~
~~that~~ ^{were} there ~~was~~ at least three - "much greater" days in
history; namely, the first Christmas - the first Good
Friday - the first Easter. "And from my knowledge of the
President" - said he - "I am absolutely convinced that,
on reflection, he would agree with me."

As to how the President happened to make that
remark in the first place - Billy Graham observing: "The
President was speaking extemporaneously. ^{And, continued Billy,} ~~And~~ I found from
years of speaking extemporaneously" ~~said he~~ "that in the

excitement and emotion of a moment - occasionally you don't think through every statement you make."

~~How true, how true.~~

~~Harvey~~ I suspect the President will have some ^{graceful} explanation of his own that will ease this tension - if there really is any.

*This next - from Rawalpindi in Pakistan;
another scheduled stop on the Nixon tour; where Red China
was apparently trying today - to steal some of the
President's thunder. Pakistani officials disclosing an
invitation to Pakistan President Yahya Khan - from China's
Premier Chou En-lai; an invitation for Khan to visit Peking
- sometime in the near future.*

Exact date - not specified, however. As to

whether Khan will accept - that, ^{on} ^{no word} ~~too, was held up in the air.~~

Now this latest, Senator Kennedy issuing tonight his broadcast report to the people of Massachusetts - denying any impropriety - however telling his constituents his failure to report the accident was indefensible. Adding he has considered and is still considering - the possibility of resigning.

EDGARTOWN

The scene - a crowded courtroom - Edgartown, Mass. The charge - leaving the scene of a fatal auto accident. Judge James A. Boyle presiding - asking the defendent - "How do you plead?" And the answer: "Guilty." So softly though - the Judge had to ask again. Second time around - Senator Edward Kennedy replying firmly: "Guilty."

After that - a perfunctory hearing. Including a description of the accident in which Mary Kopecknee Kopechne met her death - as read by Edgartown Police Chief Dominick Arena - who was then asked by the Judge: "Has there been any deliberate attempt - to conceal the identity of the defendent?" To which the Chief replied: "Not to my knowledge."

In the end - a two month jail sentence - sentence suspended. Judge Boyle observing: "The defendent will continue to be punished - far beyond anything this court could impose."

KENNEDY FOLLOW EDGARTOWN

The Kennedy Kopechne case - thus officially closed: but none the less - far from finished. Indeed, a whole host of questions - still being asked tonight. So many, in fact, that Senator Kennedy ^{is} ~~has~~ ^{to do} scheduled a broadcast in ^{person} ~~statement~~ ~~for~~ just a few minutes from now. A broadcast ^{described} ~~billed~~ as a "report to the people of Massachusetts." ~~And you can count on it - the whole nation - the whole world will be listening.~~

VIETNAM

On the warfront - Vietnam - ground action again
light, ~~today~~. The current lull ^{now} ~~in fighting~~ - continuing well
into it's second month, As another group of troops from
the Ninth Infantry Division - was being assembled for
departure ^{coming} ~~back~~ home.

For those remaining though - ~~death is still a~~
~~constant companion.~~ As witness the downing of a U. S.
army helicopter ^{was shot down} today - near the Cambodian border. This
- in the midst of a routine air-lift; ~~when~~ suddenly a burst
of ground fire; ^g killing seven Americans - and two South
Vietnamese.

As far
 Turning to that "non-war" in the Middle East -
 is it looking more and
~~it was beginning to look more and~~ more like the real thing?
 It does
~~Especially~~ in and around the Suez ^{Canal} where Israeli jets
 were attacking Egyptian positions on a seventy mile front
 for the
 fourth ^{time} ~~each~~ ~~strike~~ in ~~the past~~ six days. Observers also
 recording "unusually heavy artillery and tank fire - from
 both sides; all the way from El Quantara ^{midway along the Canal -} ~~in the north~~ - to
 Port Tewfik in the south ^{at the head of the Red Sea.}

From Mansfield Ohio - ~~a story that falls under~~
the heading; - ^{Does it} "It pays to Advertise." Although in this
case - not exactly as planned.

The way they tell it - a lone bandit holding up
a local bank. Running off with some four thousand bucks -
apparently making good his escape; except that police
picked him up a short time later - on a busy street corner
just a few blocks away. Singling him out of the crowd - on
the basis of a description supplied by bank officials.

According to police - the alleged bank robber
wearing a gold shirt, gold jacket, gold pants. In the words
of his captors ^{Warren -} "standing out like a beacon."