

Fri. Nov. 18 - '66.

At the United Nations - right on schedule - the General Assembly today began its annual "China debate"; - ~~on the~~ <sup>that</sup> perennial question of whether Red China should be admitted to the U N -- in place of the Nationalist Chinese under Chiang Kai-Shek. A question always answered heretofore -- with a resounding "no."

Only this year - something new has been added. In a surprise move - the delegate from Italy urging appointment of a special U N committee to determine whether the Peking regime -- wants to be represented in the world body; and if so - whether it is now ready to comply with the spirit and letter of the U N charter; and if the answer is ~~again~~ "yes" - to explore a possible solution to the impasse - perhaps on a "two China" basis.

Reaction from Nationalist China - a flat rejection of the idea. The United States - also understandably ~~xxx~~ cool to the proposal. However, the Italian move - apparently supported, at least in part,

by both Canada and Chile. Indicating some lively debate before the issue is finally decided -- ~~one~~ one way or the other.

## LOS ANGELES

*The sports world stunned today - by the sudden retirement of Sandy Koufax -- star pitcher of the Los Angeles Dodgers. Koufax's decision to call it quits -- announced by club Vice President Buzzie Bavasi. Three times winner of the famed Cy Young award - Koufax giving up baseball because of painful arthritis in his left arm - his pitching arm.*

BETHESDA

*Latest word from Bethesda Naval Hospital:*

*The President - feeling "great" - by his own admission.*

*Continuing to make rapid recovery / from his ~~days~~ double barreled surgery, / To the point where doctors will permit him to fly to his Texas ranch tomorrow -- there to continue his recuperation.*

*The plan, thereafter, calling for several weeks of rest and relative seclusion / away from the distractions and pressures of Washington. White House Press Secretary Bill Moyers saying the President will ~~probably~~ probably remain at the ranch - right through the holidays.*

## CARIBBEAN

A sort of Republican summit meeting - just getting underway today in the Caribbean. New York's Governor Rockefeller - and Governor elect Raymond Shafer of Pennsylvania -- first to arrive. Getting things going with a combination picnic and political pow-wow - at Virgin Gorda in the British Virgin Islands. Governor Romney of Michigan, Governor Rhodes of Ohio and Senator-Elect Percy of Illinois - expected to join the confab before the ~~wx~~ weekend is over.

What's the meeting all about? No one's saying - for the record. However, Romney gave perhaps a fairly good hint - at a news conference prior to his departure from Lansing. The Governor admitting he is taking "a long, hard look" - at the question of whether he should seek the Republican presidential nomination in Sixty-<sup>Eight.</sup>~~Eight~~ Because said he - "those who know me best - have been urging me to become a candidate."



## ITALY

*Pounding rain and howling gales - continued today to plague the Po River delta in northern Italy. The storm so fierce - that it halted the work of emergency crews trying desperately to plug shattered seawalls - on the Adriatic coast.*

*With little to hold it back - the sea now submerging thousands of acres of farmland; all but engulfing - the villages of Scardovari, Bonelli, Ca'zuliani; Pila, Boccasetta and Porto Tolle; sending <sup>some</sup> ~~as six~~ ~~estimated~~ ten thousand ~~persons~~ scurrying for the safety of higher ground.*

*More concern - in Venice; where the storm-whipped Adriatic - is eating at the ~~very~~ foundations of the fabled city, left virtually defenseless - by the collapse of seawalls in that ~~time~~ disastrous flood of two weeks ago.*

*According to Venice officials - another high tide like that of ~~xxxxxx~~ November Fourth - and "the whole city is in danger of being destroyed."*

## LANCASTER FOLLOW ITALY

*Meantime, here at home - a first-hand report today on flood damage ~~at~~ to the art treasures of Florence, From Dr. Frederick Hartt of Lancaster, Pennsylvania - just returned from an inspection tour of the Italian city - in behalf of the American Committee to rescue Italian Art.*

*Dr. Hartt describing the devastation as "unbelievable". "We're not kidding ourselves" - said he - "we know it's going to be a long pull - and much more money will be required." "But if we don't find it" - he went on, "a city that ranks with Athens as ~~as~~ one of the two major centers of ~~the~~ civilization - will simply die."*

VIET NAM

~~There was a~~ <sup>There was a</sup> ~~policy~~ ~~round the world~~ ~~a quick~~ tightening

today of that U S Naval blockade; on Communist sea routes - from North to South Viet Nam.

U S warships blasting away at a small armada of Communist vessels - carrying vital war supplies to Red forces in the South. Destroying or damaging - at ~~xxx~~ least twenty six ~~of~~ of the Red ships. Carrier-based planes adding another fifteen vessels - to the day's total bag.

Back on shore - another series of Communist terror attacks. While on the fighting front -- American <sup>were</sup> forces <sub>A</sub> continuing their sweep through war zone "C" near the Cambodian border. Today capturing a succession of Communist camps, hospitals and storage depots - in previously impenetrable jungle.



LONDON FOLLOW VIET NAM

*A related item - from London. Diplomatic sources today reporting that Red China - has poured more than eighty thousand men into North Viet Nam in recent months.*

*The Chinese - said to be masquerading as "technical troops." Their principal job - supposedly that of supporting North Vietnamese anti-aircraft units; also that of assisting the North Vietnamese - in making repairs to roads, bridges and railways damaged by American bombs.*

*However, their real job - we hear - is that of strengthening Peking's political hold on Hanoi.*

## MOSCOW

*In Moscow - the Kremlin today denied all responsibility - for the recent arrest of Vladimir Kazan-Komarek, a naturalized American, when the Russian aeroflot plane airliner on which he was a passenger - made an unscheduled stop at Prague in his native Czechoslovakia.*

*According to Soviet authorities - the Moscow-to Paris airliner was forced to land in Prague - because of malfunction in its radar equipment. The Soviets further asserting that Prague is - "a designated emergency landing field" - for Russia's aeroflot airline.*



**American officials in Moscow - later commenting that the United States has little choice but to accept the Soviet explanation. However, an Embassy spokesman adding: "If I were a former East European - flying on an American passport - I'd sure think twice about flying Aeroflot."**

## VATICAN

*The powerful Jesuit Order of the Roman Catholic Church - soundly rebuked earlier this week by Pope Paul, because certain elements in the Jesuits - had allegedly gone too far in seeking changes in the order - and also in the Mother Church.*

*The Pope's answer today - in a communique following the Jesuits' thirty-first general congregation at the Vatican. The Order pledging a "resolute reaffirmation - of the society's unreserved commitment to service of the Pope". Calling obedience to the Pontiff - "a hallmark of the Jesuit code."*

*However, the Jesuits also announcing at the same time - a number of drastic innovations; designed to democratize the organization - and thus permit - in their own words - "far greater freedom to debate serious problems confronting the order."*

*The Jesuits emphasizing - beyond obedience to the Pope - "the importance of mature, responsible commitment - to the common search for wise decision."*

CAIRO

*From Cairo - a report today that Egypt is currently test-flying a new supersonic jet; featuring an engine - built by German and Austrian engineers; and said to be specially-designed -- for military use against Israel.*

*If all goes well - the plane scheduled for mass production beginning in Nineteen Sixty-Eight. Egyptian officials saying ~~that~~ the plane will be sold eventually - on the international market. Further promising that it will be - "the cheapest fighter in the world.*

*As for local use - Egyptian authorities emphasizing<sup>ing</sup> that the plane's role against Israel - would be strictly defensive as, for example - "protecting the Suez Canal" - is the way they put it.*



## SPACE

*A bit of a scare today - from America's Lunar-Orbiter-Two. The spacecraft beginning its first picture-taking sequence - precisely on schedule at ten-twenty-six this morning. But subsequently telemetry - indicating some sort of "irregularity" in a shutter device. Space officials fearing briefly that what they got - was nothing more than a collection of double exposures.*

*Fortunately, the "irregularity" turned out to be - merely a "false signal." Lunar-Orbiter-Two this afternoon transmitting back excellent photographs - of the first of thirteen potential sites for manned landing on the moon.*

EDWARDS

*At Edwards Air Force Base in California -*

*a new speed record today for winged aircraft. The*

*X-Fifteen rocket plane - achieving a velocity of*

*four thousand, one hundred and fifty nine miles an hour -*

*or six point one times the speed of sound. Breaking*

*its own previous record - by fifty-five miles an hour,*

BISHOPS

Here's interesting news for  
Catholics: Beginning December second, American

Catholics will be permitted to eat meat on Fridays.

The new ruling - by order of U S Catholic Bishops -

in conference at Washington. The Bishops expressing

their hope - however, <sup>Warren</sup> that Catholics will continue to

abstain "by free choice."