

Thurs, Nov. 16-'72

BATON ROUGE

Showdown at Baton Rouge. A force of about a hundred and fifty Sheriff's deputies -- advancing on the Administration building at Southern University ; there confronting an estimated two thousand ~~with~~ militant blacks who had earlier seized the building when suddenly a series of explosions - the sound of ~~gun~~ gunfire -- a tear gas barrage. And when it was all over - two of the students lay dead.

PARIS

At the peace table in Paris - north Vietnam was still taking a hard line today -- publicly - at least. Hanoi's Xuan Thuy -- citing the existence of a draft peace treaty. Asserting: "There is no argument - which militates in favor of a modification" of said draft. Therefore ~~demanding~~ demanding that the U S sign it - quote, "as has been agreed - as early as possible."

Next - William Porter for the U S.

Telling the Communist side "each of us is aware that the restoration of peace in Vietnam is approaching."

Porter adding: "The goal of a peaceful settlement - is much nearer than we imagined only a few weeks ago." [↑] And so it goes at Paris.

WALL STREET FOLLOW PARIS

On Wall Street - another new record

*today; with the Dow Jones industrials - again topping
the thousand mark; ending up at an all-time high of
one thousand and three point six nine.*

CAMP DAVID

Former Treasury Secretary ~~John~~ Connolly - a visitor today to Camp David; where he conferred with President Nixon - for nearly two hours. As might be expected - this raising a good ~~amount of~~ deal of speculation; number one - that the President might have offered Connolly another cabinet post.

However, the White House saying the purpose of their discussions - related mainly "to the reorganization and restructuring of the government," Press ~~Secretary~~ Secretary ~~Ron~~ Ziegler ~~adding~~ adding that , no doubt - they also talked "about a ~~wide~~ number of other things," with regard to a cabinet post though - said he - "I don't want to say anything that will continue or stimulate speculation along that line."

MUSKIE FOLLOW CAMP DAVID

Turning to the Democrats: Senator

Muskie today joined the chorus - calling ~~for~~ for the

~~need~~ resignation of Democratic National ^{Chairman} ~~Chairman~~

Jean Westwood. "I'm not anti-Westwood, or pro-

Westwood" said Muskie. "But the question of considering

party ~~leadership~~ leadership after an election defeat -

is a valid principal." And he added that "we" meaning

the Democrats - need to get a chairman - who is not

identified with the divisions ~~that~~ have plagued us."

Incidentally, Muskie also said ~~that~~ he

felt - "it was possible to defeat President Nixon this

year." Asked as to what went wrong - Muskie citing

mainly McGovern's "loss of credibility."

BELFAST

For the first time in nearly a year -
Britain's Prime Minister Heath ~~paid a call today~~ ^{visited Belfast,}
~~at Belfast in a strife torn Northern Ireland;~~
there saying ~~that~~ ~~any~~ any attempt to separate Northern
Ireland from Britain by force would trigger a "blood
bath."

Heath also called on the people of
Northern Ireland to turn their backs on extremists
of both sides. "It is not enough to sit behind closed
~~door~~ doors and pray that the gunman will pass you by"
said he. Adding: "Violence will only stop - when
those who are against violence act to defeat it."

KANSAS CITY

Kansas City - a meeting of newspaper editors ^{were} hearing today ~~from~~ from retiring Defense Secretary ~~McNamara~~ Laird who said he had decided to quit the Pentagon -- because of his convictions, and because of discussions over the years with one of his predecessors, Robert McNamara.

"He agreed with me" - said Laird - "that four years is long enough. Laird added that he felt in his own case - this was especially true. In the first four years of the Nixon administration - said he - "we turned our ^{re} nation and the world - away from confrontation and towards negotiations. And, "the next four years" - said he - "will see tremendous strides in implementing this philosophy"here at home,"

~~too.~~

BETHESDA

Famed Admiral Himan G. Rickover has been ~~admitted~~ admitted to Bethesda Naval Hospital.

The so-called "father of the nuclear submarine" - age seventy-four - collapsing today at his desk at the Pentagon. But the doctors say his condition is good - he apparently just over-did it a little.

Admiral Rickover working till late yesterday at Groton, Connecticut - catching a few hours sleep and then flying back to Washington - arriving at five this ~~week~~ morning - whereupon he decided to walk ^{a considerable distance} ~~the one mile~~ to his office. ~~At age~~ ~~seventy four~~ ~~at any age~~ ~~a bit much.~~

NEW YORK

From the Keep America Beautiful

*organizations -- a number of special awards today
for beautification services above and beyond the call
of duty. Recipients including: the town of Orange,
Connecticut, - the U S Forest Service, - the Tennessee
Valley authority, -- the ~~XXXXXX~~ Norfolk and Great
Western Railroad, - a Houston group called Little People
Litter parties, -- and the whole state of ~~Alabama~~. Alabama.*

3 cheers ~~way to go gang!~~ for all of them!

PIGEONS

From the days of King Solomon right up to the invention of the wireless - homing pigeons played an important role in human communications. More recently, the breeding and racing of homing pigeons becoming a world-wide hobby. Now comes a report that homing pigeons, like ^{the rest of us} ~~everyone else~~ ~~seem to be~~ having their problems.

At a big meet in England - a flock of ~~thousands~~ thousands simply disappearing. On a smaller scale, a similar ~~happy~~ ^{here at home,} happening ~~down~~ in Virginia. Pigeons fanciers saying it could have been sun spots - or bad weather - fouling up the birds built in navigational systems; but admitting sadly - they really don't know. Indeed, this is the first such experience - in recorded history; the homing traits of pigeons - heretofore almost legendary.

For ~~example~~ example, the National

PIGEONS - 2

Geographic recently told ~~me~~ of a South African farmer - who sold five of his homing pigeons to a distant friend; removing some of their tail feathers - so they wouldn't fly back. "A month later" we are told -- "the amazed farmer saw all five birds - walking single file down the path to their old loft; dusty and foot-sore -- but undaunted by their long hike."

And, if you believe that, Bill, I've got some ~~good~~ stock in a tapioca mine I'd like to tell you about.

COPENHAGEN

At Copenhagen - a regal first; with Denmark's young Queen Margrethe - taking part in a news conference carried live on TV; including questioning by a panel of news men - she discussing her first ten months on the throne.

To be a Queen is a richer experience than I ever dreamed - said she. Adding, what's more, that she is "still leading a free and rich private life." The Danish Queen also suggested that being a Queen - is a lot like being married. That is you are stuck with it for life.