

PARIS

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Paris again - another session of expanded peace talks; in effect an instant replay. "For the sake of better understanding" - as he put it - Henry Cabot Lodge restating U.S. policy point by point; again urging a de-escalation of the fighting - as a first step toward peace. Whereupon Hanoi Xuan Thuy recalled that he had "replied to and rejected" the same proposal only last week. His "rejection today" - he added - "just as emphatic."

Summing up - both sides asserting there still has been "no progress." Although the feeling persists that secret contacts far from the glare of publicity could be ready to pay off. Indeed, western observers noting that the Paris negotiations - seemed to be marking time. Lending credence to earlier rumors that a major breakthrough now awaits only an okay from Hanoi.

SAIGON FOLLOW PARIS

Meanwhile South Vietnam <sup>today</sup> was sweating out -  
a bad case of the TET jitters. Marked by an order  
~~today~~ from the U S military command, telling American  
service men to stay off the streets of Saigon - "until  
further notice." At the same time - a two week ban  
on all leaves in the South Vietnamese army; which has  
no intention of getting caught short again - over the  
~~summer~~ coming holiday.

The Communists - for their part - still  
insisting they will observe a seven ~~day~~ day cease  
fire beginning this weekend. But that's what they said  
last year - and you know what happened then.

BONN

After two days of talks at Bonn - a joint  
communique today from British Prime Minister Harold  
Wilson - also, West German Chancellor Kiesinger,  
asserting that European unity is vital to the economic  
future of "Europe as a whole." Adding that a United  
Europe without Britain - is "inconceivable."

The idea of course - to impress France with  
the necessity of British entry into the Common Market.  
In fact, Wilson alone later asserting that the French  
veto on British membership - is fast undermining such  
unity as already exists.

DURHAM

At Duke University - Durham, North Carolina - something new in student protest today. With a number of black students - seizing the ~~the~~ first floor of the Duke Administration building <sup>and calling it</sup> - renaming ~~the~~ premises - "Malcolm X Liberation School." Further ~~the~~ threatening to burn vital records - if necessary - to back up their demands for a special black education program.

This the first such protest - at a major southern university. <sup>This at Duke</sup> ~~Occurring, incidentally, at the~~ ~~same school~~ where President Nixon obtained his law ~~the~~ degree.

## GHENT

On the medical front, the world's first transplant of a human larynx - is reported today from Ghent, Belgium. The patient - Jan-Baptist Borremans age sixty-two - a local policeman; said to be "coming on - as satisfactorily as can be expected under the circumstances."

The transplanted larynx replacing Borremans own cancerous larynx with doctors confident that barring rejection - he will be able to talk again ~~although~~ although <sup>only</sup> in monotonous, ~~only~~ which after all is normal for some and a hundred times better than not speaking at all.

## VENICE

The city of Venice - fabled Queen of the Seas - going down once - down twice; with its third and last descent, probably to come around twenty-  
— maybe 50 years from now.  
forty-eight A.D. This according to one of Venice's foremost engineers - Signor Eugenio Miozzi; who bases his prediction on calculations that the city will continue to sink - nearly half an inch every year; with less than three feet to go - said he - till the surrounding sea sounds a final "glub".

It couldn't happen here you say? Don't be too ~~far~~ sure says Signor Eugenio Miozzi. Noting that recent depletion of underground water tables has already caused sinkage up to four feet in Houston; with parts of Central California also dropping - some at the rate of about a foot a year. And the city of Memphis - almost certain to face the same problem in the years ahead - said he.

ROME

The city of Rome - latest to fall under the spell of Colonel ~~Frank~~ Frank Bormann, with the U S astronaut charming press and public alike - on his arrival today in the Italian capital.

On the dangers of space flight - the Apollo Eight commander asserting ~~he~~ frankly "If we had had a serious technical breakdown around the Moon - we would still be around the Moon." And the space rescue situation - will probably "stay that way for a long time to come," said he.

On the religious aspects of space flight - Colonel Bormann saying: "My faith in God - has only been strengthened by the view from space."

On the possibility of training women as astronauts - the Colonel saying: "I just see no reason -- why a woman should subject herself to the ~~same~~ indecencies and indignities of space flight." And then

he added: "I prefer to see women looking chic on the ground - that's why I hope to have a few free hours in Rome.

Frank Borman in "The Eternal City" -

Vini-vidi-vici, wouldn't you say Warren?



NEW DELHI

From New Delhi - capital of India, -  
comes news today of a war on poverty, Hindustani -  
style. City officials ~~are~~ attempting to clear their  
streets of beggars by offering them free food and  
free lodging, plus a rupee a day for spending money.  
On condition that the beggars agree to perform light  
work - on various city projects.

Only trouble - no takers. The beggars  
asserting they can earn more begging - with no work  
at all. So the city fathers are now telling police  
- "arrest them!" ~~and~~ That's the way they fight poverty -  
in India.