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MEDICARE

House and Senate conferees - today agreed on a compromise
medicare bill, ^{May} One that ~~will probably~~ be passed by both Houses
of Congress - and signed into law - before the end of the month.

The compromise - including an historic program of medical
care for the aged, Plus increased social security - and other
welfare benefits, At an expected initial cost - of about six
billion dollars.

CONFERENCE

Defense Secretary ~~Robert~~ McNamara and Ambassador-designate Henry Cabot Lodge - returned today to Washington, ~~to~~ give the President and his top advisors - a detailed briefing on the war in Viet Nam.

It's expected that Mr. Johnson will shortly relay the report - to key Congressional leaders, ~~along with the~~ request for a Congressional mandate ~~to~~ call up reserves - needed to fight the war in Viet Nam. If so - it would be the first such call-up - since the Berlin crisis of nineteen sixty-one.

VIET NAM FOLLOW CONFERENCE

Half way around the globe - another B-52 attack tonight on that zone D for death - in South Viet Nam. About thirty of the big bombers from Guam - blasting the communist strong-hold with some five hundred tons of bombs.

Because of the darkness - results not immediately known. That'll come at daybreak - when government troops ^{plants} ~~can~~ probe the area.

While in nearby Saigon - the new weekly death toll *was* released today. Including twenty-eight American dead - one hundred wounded - and seven listed as missing or captured. That makes a total of five hundred and seventeen American dead - since the U.S. entered the war in earnest in nineteen sixty-one.

HARRIMAN

In Moscow - American trouble-shooter, Averell Harriman - today met a second time with Soviet Premier Kosygin. The conference - dealing presumably with Viet Nam and other world issues - lasting another hour and forty-five minutes.

Still no clue - as to the tenor of their talks, ~~Except~~ that today's meeting ended Harriman's secret mission to Moscow - and he immediately cabled a report to Washington. Harriman's only official comment; ^{to the press: -} "I'll have a good statement later" - said he.

GREECE

Some ten thousand Greek students - clashed with police today in Athens. In a protest demonstration against the new government - of Premier George Athanassiadis-Novas. Violence following a speech - by ousted Premier George Papandreou, In which he charged that his successor - heads "a government of traitors."

The clash apparently the worst - since the Greek political crisis first flared last week.

GOLDBERG

World reaction to the appointment of Arthur Goldberg as our new man at the U.N. - both good - and not-so-good today. The criticism - centered mainly in Europe. A Frankfurt newspaper, for one, asserting that Goldberg's appointment - means that "the political importance of the United Nations is decreasing." Newspapers in both Paris and Rome - also questioning whether Goldberg can deal effectively and impartially with the Arab states.

Nevertheless, at the U.N. itself - ~~many~~ many delegates - and Arabs among them - today hailed the appointment ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ _^ man with the stature ⁴ of a Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. As to Goldberg's lack of experience in international diplomacy - this comment from one U.N. observer: "His" - meaning Goldberg's "three predecessors at the U.N. suffered at first from the same handicap. But they did pretty well at the job - and so will he."

SUCCESSOR FOLLOW GOLDBERG

Meantime, increased speculation today -- as to who will succeed Goldberg on the high court; the President having asked the Attorney General for a list of possible candidates. Who? We're not told. Except that one name NOT on it -- is that of Thurgood Marshall the prominent negro jurist who was nominated last week for the post of Solicitor General -- before the death of Adlai Stevenson. And that's the job he'll take -- said White House Press Secretary Bill Moyers.

OX

An experiment in civilization - reported today from the University of Alaska. With the guinea pig - that mammoth musk ox - native to the icy North.

As first part of the experiment - an anthropologist named John Peal Jr. - is playing nursemaid to a herd of young musk ox that he captured himself, in hopes of creating a new breed of domesticated animal - and thereby creating a new means of income for the improvised Eskimo.

The fine wool undercoating of the musk ox - seen as an excellent material for light weight sweaters and other cold-weather garments. Comparable to cashmere - so we're told. And the U.S textile industry - as well as the Eskimo - already said to be extremely interested in the experiment.

Reason - a cashmere goat yields about three ounces of wool a year. Whereas the musk ox - comes as big as a Texas longhorn steer. And just one of them - good for about six pounds of the same high-quality wool. *John Peal has been working on this for years.*

McCOY

Seventeen-year-old Ronald Timothy McCoy - of Nogales, Arizona - took over today as the newly-elected President of Boys Nation. As part of that workshop - on the operations of the Federal government, sponsored annually by the American Legion - and held this year at College Park, Maryland.

Ronald Timothy McCoy - does that name sound familiar? It should. He's the son of old time cowboy star - Tim McCoy. A straight-shooter - if there ever was one.

PAROLE

From Cedar Rapids, Iowa - the sad tale of Harley J.

Kethart, Jr. An ex-convict who found his new freedom - just too much of a trial.

Young Kethart serving a term for check-kiting - when he was paroled on condition that he stay out of future trouble. But after a brief taste of liberty - he told authorities he didn't think he could live up to the conditions of his parole. He wanted to go back - to the State Penitentiary.

A thief? Yes. ^{does this} But ~~proves perhaps~~ that there is indeed - honor among thieves, ^{Warren,} Some - at least.

FASHION

A fashion note next - from Rome. Where today's fall displays disclosed that Italian designers - have apparently foresaken the spaceman look - so popular of late.

The booted, bare-kneed, tube-shaped space-helmeted style of earlier showings - discarded in favor of pleats, frills, ruffles and feathers. Emphasizing what one designer called - "the softness of women's easy lines."

"The woman we have in mind" - said he - "is the woman who thinks the moon is not a destination. But rather something - that sheds a flattering light."