

L.T. -SUSTAINING, MONDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 1966

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

President Johnson's controversial "Open Housing" Civil Rights Bill -- dead as a doornail as of now. The final, fatal blow -- when the Senate refused today for the second time in a week -- to end a filibuster inspired by Senate minority leader Everett Dirksen.

The vote for cloture -- fifty-two to forty-one; ten short -- of the required two-thirds majority. Ending a string of Civil Rights successes in Congress-- dating back to Nineteen Fifty-Seven.

Halfway round the world -- fresh Marine units to the attack today, near the supposedly demilitarized zone -- between North and South Viet Nam. A running battle with crack Viet Cong troops -- for control of key infiltration routes.

The new Marines -- replacing two companies of tired Leathernecks; earlier trapped -- in an enemy ambush. The Americans today fighting their way back to U.S. lines -- through a heavy Viet Cong mortar barrage.

POLITICAL FOLLOW STATE

*Here at hand* on the political front - a direct challenge today - to the President's contention that the U S ~~commit~~ commitment in Viet Nam - goes back to the Eisenhower administration. House Republicans - in a major policy statement -- declaring that President Johnson and President Johnson alone - must bear the full ~~part~~ responsibility for committing U S troops to battle in Viet Nam.

In addition - house Republicans accusing the President; one -- of holding off ~~the~~ needed military steps - ~~out~~ until the situation in Viet Nam reached a state of acute deterioration. This supposedly to keep from losing votes - prior to the Nineteen Sixty-Four election. And two - of leaving "dangerously obscure" -- as the statement put it -- of leaving "dangerously obscure" -- minimum peace terms acceptable to the U. S.

CHEMICAL FOLLOW POLITICAL

Elsewhere in Washington = a petition presented today ~~is~~ to the White House. ~~The work of~~ <sup>This from</sup> twenty-two leading American scientists - including seven ~~no~~ Nobel Prize winners, urging the President to order an end at once - "to the employment of anti-personnel and anti-crop chemical weapons in Viet Nam."

At the same time - the petition calling for an immediate White House study of chemical and biological warfare; "with a view to maintaining and reinforcing existing world-wide restraints - against such warfares."

The ~~no~~ scientists asserting that the use of even so mild a substance as tear gas - as it has been used in Viet Nam - runs the risk of setting ~~such~~ a dangerous precedent."

UNITED NATIONS

Secretary of State Dean Rusk -- a visitor today at the United Nations. There conferring with U Thant -- for half-an-hour, as part of the continuing U.S. campaign to try to get U Thant to stay on -- for a second term as Secretary General of the U.N.

At a later news conference -- U Thant declaring he still refuses to be a candidate for re-election. Adding, however, that he might remain on as Secretary General -- until December, if necessary, or until the end -- of this year's General Assembly. All of which could be a sign that he might eventually change his mind--and stay on for a full term? But U Thant says the only thing to make him reconsider would be a marked improvement in the world political solution -- before the end of the year.

NEW DELHI

Another riot today -- in New Delhi. Indian police opening fire on a stone-throwing mob -- of about fifteen-hundred demonstrators who were protesting the arrest of Mangal Sain -- leader of the rightist Jana Sangh opposition party. Sain and several members of his party -- accused of agitation over rising food prices. One killed.

## STOCKHOLM

Sweden's Socialist government -on the verge of collapse today, Following heavy losses - in Sunday's nationwide municipal elections. Prime Minister Tage Erlander saying his ruling Social Democrats will meet next week - to decide on possible "dissolution of the Parliament."

The Social Democrats - biggest losers in the municipal elections. The Communists - biggest gainers. Leaving Sweden's largest non-Socialist parties -- the Conservatives, the Liberal people's Party and the Center Party - by far the popular choice of the people.

## PARIS

*In Paris - government-operated Air France today became the first ~~was~~ western carrier - to inaugurate airline service to Communist China. The initial flight - from Paris to Phnom Penh in Cambodia - then on to Shanghai. A distance - of some eighty-seven hundred miles; henceforth - on a once-weekly basis.*

*Ironically, the route including use - of South Viet Nam's air space. This by last-minute agreement - with Saigon.*



HARTFORD

Federal prosecutors in the State of Connecticut today became the first in the land -- to offer a helping hand to defendants in criminal cases. By order of U.S. attorney Jan Newman -- government lawyers to meet with Defense Attorneys, to arrange mutual disclosure of evidence -- a week prior to every trial.

"Simply put" -- said U.S. Attorney Newman -- the question "is whether a criminal trial is to be a game -- with a premium on surprise when you have evidence; and bluff when you don't; or whether it will be a conscious pursuit of the truth;" In short -- said he -- "the prosecution either has a case - - or it does not."

## CAPE KENNEDY

**At Cape Kennedy - final preparations today for the flight of Surveyor B; Second Surveyor spacecraft - assigned the task of a "soft" landing on the moon, in search of the best possible landing site - for future Apollo astronauts.**

**Surveyor B - almost a twin of its predecessor - trail-blazing Surveyor One, which took more than eleven thousand pictures of the Lunar surface - in America's first "soft" landing on the Moon last June. The only difference - that Surveyor B will attempt a slanted approach. Hopefully, landing more like a manned spacecraft than Surveyor One - which came in tail first.**

**Target this time: An area known as Sinus Medii - on the bright side of the moon. Another of nine potential landing sites - in all.**

**Blast-off set for tomorrow morning. At last report - all systems go.**

## WASHINGTON FOLLOW CAPE KENNEDY

*A related item - from Washington. The space administration today announcing ~~poor~~ plans - for the flight of a special "Big Brother" satellite.*

*Nimbus-Three - among other things - to keep a tally of polar bears, green sea turtles, whales - and creatures similarly threatened with extinction. In an effort to determine - how best they can escape the deprivations of man.*

*The experiment - set for next year. Animal-to-satellite communications to be made possible - by special transmitters that are even now being installed in selected animals.*

*Space scientists hopeful that one day - similar devices will be small enough to be installed in birds and fish. To study their migration habits as well - and thus the dangers that threaten their very existence.*

LONDON

Ronald "Buster" Edwards -- alleged arch -- criminal of the British underworld -- arrested today in London; in connection with the great train robbery -- of Nineteen Sixty-Three.

According to underworld sources -- "Buster" Edwards was technical mastermind of the seven-million dollar train job, biggest cash haul -- in all criminal history. "Buster" Edwards is said to have been "on the lam" -- ever since.

Details of the arrest -- a closely guarded secret. Police indicating, however, that Edwards, in effect -- gave himself up. Married and the father of a five year old child -- "Buster" the Great Train robber apparently just tired of running.

HOUSTON

A joyous home-coming today at Houston - for Gemini-Eleven astronauts Pete Conrad and Dick Gordon. Their wives and their ten children - in the vanguard of the welcoming ~~part~~ party. But of these - four rambunctious ~~Exp~~ Cooper boys - again stealing the show.

At one point - Command Pilot Cooper asking one of his sons - "did you get to see the splashdown?" The answer - "yeah" - to which Gordon responded: "What do you mean -- 'yeah' - it's 'yes Sir!'" The spaceman adding: "It's a good thing I'm back -- to get you under control."

Proving perhaps, <sup>Hal,</sup> that space families are <sup>just as</sup> ~~as~~ human ~~just like~~ <sup>as</sup> the rest of us.