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A long planned American tour by the famed Bolshoi Opera and Ballet Theater ^{was} abruptly cancelled today by order of the Kremlin; which gave as its ~~reason~~ reason - a series of "continuing sallies" on the part of "unrestrained zionists."

This apparently a reference - to the Jewish Defense League of America; which has already broken up the performances - of several Russian artists appearing ~~over~~ here.

The Kremlin observing - it had already filed ~~reports~~ "numerous protests" charging, ~~however,~~ that American authorities are not taking the necessary measures to halt these criminal activities - ^{and} thereby practically encouraging them." The Kremlin further threatening to discontinue all cultural exchanges with the U S - if "Zionist provocations are not curbed."

PARIS

*In the Paris City Council - a rehearing today
on a controversial measure; ending in a vote of forty-
five to forty-three -- against renaming the famous
Place ~~de~~ L'Etoile in honor of ~~General Charles~~ DeGaulle.
Opposition forces suggesting perhaps a less important
intersection - like the Porte Maillot.*

*— how soon
At ~~Warren~~ how soon they forget!*

DAYAN

The White House - a visit today from Israel's Moshe Dayan; who talked with President Nixon - for nearly an hour. The White House later saying - it was "a visit to exchange views and increase understanding as related to the Middle East." Dayan himself adding: "It was very instructive."

Earlier, Israel's Golda Meir - addressing a plea directly to Egypt's Anwar Sadat; ^{saying} ~~saying~~ if he is really serious about wanting peace he should invite her to Cairo for direct negotiations. Madame Meir ^{also saying it is} ~~saying it is~~ "not possible to make peace through an intermediary - just as it is not possible to make war through an intermediary," - ^{or make love thru an intermediary.}

MOON

Moscow again - a report today that Russia's moon walker one - has now proven its ability to survive the bitter cold of a long lunar night. The Soviets saying their newly reawakened ~~the~~ Moon buggy was able to recharge its solar batteries; whereupon it set off on a nine hour journey - covering about eight hundred feet, along the way, traversing a Moon crater - about forty-five feet across and six ~~feet~~ feet deep. This - we are told - confirming ^{that} the Moon walker is still A okay all the way.

WHITE HOUSE

Our new man at the U N - George Bush
of Texas; ^{the} lame duck Republican Congressman -
who was defeated for Senator last ~~month~~ month; now
^{to be our} ~~succeeding~~ U S Ambassador to the world body ~~succeeding~~
the veteran diplomat Charles Yost.

The former - and the latter - both appearing
today at a White House news briefing - where President
Nixon announced the change over. The President
asserting that Yost - ^{altho he} had served with "great distinction"
adding, ~~however, that Yost had~~ ^{he did} come out of retirement
to take the U N job - and now wanted ^{again} to re-retire.

The President also citing as one of Bush's
qualifications ^{his} - "enormous interest in the United
Nations." Bush himself observing that this would be -
a great and awesome responsibility."

SENATE

For Melvin Laird - another appearance today before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; where he indicated the U S intends to maintain a presence in Vietnam - until we obtain the release of all American prisoners of war. The defense Secretary saying: "Vietnamization cannot be completed, as far as I am concerned - until these prisoners are freed."

Melvin Laird also getting into a brief hassle with Committee Chairman ~~Hubert~~ Fulbright; who said he had been told by ~~Quartz~~ C I A Director Richard Helms - that the C I A was not consulted with regard to the ² recent prison camp raid. Laird promptly denying this - charging that Fulbright was attempting to cast "innuendoes."

CHARLOTTESVILLE

From the University of Virginia - a story today exploring the nature of psychosomatic illness. Professor of Psychiatry Robert Stevenson - suggesting that sudden happiness can lead to death; in those cases especially - where a person has just survived a long and trying ~~ordeal~~ ordeal.

Professor Stevenson citing, for ~~an~~ example, the case of poor Beethoven - who ~~was~~ was overjoyed at receiving an unexpected advance on a projected symphony - his tenth; and then - promptly died. Also, The case of Sir Thomas Urquhart - a seventeenth century Scot; who suffered much for a political cause that ~~was~~ finally triumphed - whereupon he literally died laughing.

The reason behind this - says Professor Stevenson - in the fact apparently that anger and pain mobilize ~~the~~ the body's defenses - whereas sudden

happiness - seems to lower our guard - making us =
suddenly vulnerable. And yet - if you must - ah, ah,
what a way to go. When your time comes, Warren,
many decades hence, would you like to die
laughing?

CHICAGO

Here's one - that perhaps bears repeating.

A Chicago address by Governor Reagan of California;

who observed that a lot of young people - seem to

think they're different from the ^{that is,} over-thirty set; they

claim to see things differently - because of jet and

space travel, instant communications, nuclear power,

computers and the like.

And

"well, that's true" - said the

he adds: -

Governor; because "we didn't ~~have~~ have those things

when we were growing up - we ^{merely} invented them."

Ronald Reagan adding that "our children

call us - materialistic, " but ^{he goes on, there are} ~~there are more~~ more

local ~~symphonies~~ symphonies, opera groups, amateur theaters,

and so on in this country - "than in all the rest of the

^{put together,} world." And U S Materialism has made our children"

- he went on - "the biggest, the tallest, most handsome

and intelligent generation of Americans yet." But -

lacking in experience and wisdom many tell us!

Governor Reagan ^{also} ~~then~~ ^{ed} ~~observed~~ that "those
who come after - will see fantastic ~~new~~ new things"
but nothing can change the fact - said he - that we
~~are~~ meaning the over-thirty generation - have
already presided over the greatest social and economic
revolution the world has ~~experienced~~ ever seen."