

PARIS

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Latest from France: A story today of Paris paralyzed -- the whole country in a state of social revolution, ~~with~~ the ranks of striking workers swelling to some eight million - about half the entire French work force. Causing tie-ups stretching into virtually every form of endeavor - every walk of life; rendering France - almost totally immobile.

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At least a start though - toward resolving the crisis. French President DeGaulle ~~today~~ granting amnesty to student rioters & who started the first ruckus a couple of weeks ago. Also ~~is~~ sending Premier George Pompidou - to ~~offer~~ <sup>offer</sup> a defense of Gaullist policy before the ~~Nationx~~ National Assembly. DeGaulle further expected to promise new reforms -- in a nationwide address Friday night.

ADD PARIS

*In the meantime - the practical French laying  
in supplies of food and fuel, Bracing themselves -  
for a possible long and bitter dispute. Even as fighting  
flared again tonight - in the streets of Paris. Leftists  
and Communists tangling briefly -- with an estimate<sup>d</sup>  
fifteen hundred right-wing demonstrators.*

TALKS FOLLOW PARIS

For all this - DeGaulle was able to take a brief time out today. Pausing to confer separately with U S peace negotiator Averell Harriman - also Xuan Thuy of North Vietnam.

News men later speculating - that DeGaulle might have offered his ~~own~~ services as a mediator to both sides; trying to break the ~~current~~ stalemate - in preliminary peace talks. However, Harriman <sup>in</sup> flatly rejecting the idea <sup>told</sup> ~~telling~~ reporters: "This would not be a proper role for anyone."

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As for Xuan Thuy - he said merely that DeGaulle had expressed his hope <sup>that</sup> the Paris talks would be successful.

VIETNAM FOLLOW TALKS

Meanwhile, in Vietnam -- a fierce battle today near Hue. With a band of half-naked Viet Cong Commandos - slipping unnoticed into a U S Army division headquarters. Some of them human bombs - with dynamite strapped to their backs. <sup>These</sup> Paving the way for a full-scale assault - supported by heavy mortar and rocket fire.

For a time - the Viet Cong claiming at least a part of the U S command. Only to falter and flee at last - in the face of a U S counterattack. The enemy leaving behind - more than fifty dead. American losses - set at thirteen.

PORT AU PRINCE

*Storm over Haiti. Reports from Port Au Prince*

-- telling today of an invasion by "airborne foreign mercenaries." With Haitian officials at the United Nations - promptly asking a meeting of the U N Security Council, and;

Calling the attack - a grave threat to international peace.

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At the same time - in Washington - Haitian exiles were ~~capturing~~ claiming the capture of Cap - Haitien -- on Haiti's north coast. U S officials calling the report - "very serious, if true." The neighboring Dominican Republic = also taking note of the situation, rushing troops and armor to ~~base~~ border positions - to prevent a ~~possible~~ spill-over of fighting.

This just in - Haiti's President Duvalier tonight saying - the invaders have been crushed.

GODDARD

Dr. James Goddard calls it quite -- as

Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration.

So Announce ~~d~~ today ~~by~~ Wilbur Cohen, newly-  
appointed Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare;  
who said he was accepting the doctor's resignation -  
with "great reluctance."

Dr. Goddard - as you know - the first physician  
ever to head the F D A ~~and~~ ~~also~~ a figure of public  
controversy -- almost from the day of his appointment  
two years ago. ~~However, his stated reason for leaving~~

the government ~~he says - for~~ "personal reasons."

Here at home ~~pay call~~ today, President Johnson asked <sup>ed</sup> Congress - for an additional three point nine billion; ~~Funds~~ needed - said he - to finance the war in Vietnam through the remainder of fiscal sixty-eight - which ends next ~~not~~ month.

This request - doubly painful; in that it wipes out - and then some - a planned billion-dollar saving in Defense Department operations. The Pentagon blaming the rising cost of war - on increased combat operations since that TET ~~off~~ offensive last January.

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Last night the President paid a surprise visit to New York; He and Lady Bird <sup>flying</sup> ~~up~~ up from Washington.

<sup>LBT</sup> paid an eloquent tribute to financier Floyd Odlum - also

warmly praised the work of the Arthritis Foundation. <sup>Odlum has financed much, perhaps most of the</sup> ~~Arthritis~~ research in our time. <sup>(at the Waldorf)</sup>

<sup>It was</sup> A Twentieth Anniversary banquet ~~was~~ held <sup>at</sup> which I

presided. The President's entry came as a complete

surprise to the crowd dining in the ballroom, <sup>and he and</sup> ~~at the~~

Fl-Odlum both received a great ovation.

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## THE HAGUE

*From The Hague - a progress report today on the Netherlands' never-ending battle against the North Sea. Telling of plans for a new Dutch Delta project - largest and most complex system of flood control in the nation's history.*

*When completed - Delta Project will include seven huge dams - augmented by a maze of sluice gates. A project comparable to the Aswan High Dam -- or our own Tennessee Valley authority. ~~with~~<sup>the</sup> total cost of about a billion dollars <sup>to be</sup> ~~x~~ offset by the addition of another twenty-five thousand acres of reclaimed farmland.*

*Now as ever - the Dutch trying to live up to their age-old motto - to wit: "The Lord made heaven and earth - but the Dutch made Holland."*