

The Senate rejected another attempt - to kill that anti-anti-filibuster-filibuster. The "pro" forces failed by seven votes - to achieve the two-thirds necessary for cloture. This marked the fourth such setback - over a period of six weeks. Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield later announced - that he will now abandon the biennial fight to change the filibuster rule; at least - for the time being. Mansfield added that the next order of business - be that proposed Constitutional Amendment giving eighteen-year-olds the right to vote - in all elections - as well as in Presidential balloting.

WHITE HOUSE

^{At} **The White House - President Nixon conferred today**
with Republican Congressional leaders. Subjects under
discussion/including: ^{of} **The President's new Rural Community**
Development program -/the situation in Southeast ^{Asia} **- also, the**
supersonic transport.

On this last - House Minority Leader Gerald Ford
later predicting - ^{ed that} ~~the~~ Congress will approve an additional
appropriation for development of the SST. Senate Minority
Leader Hugh Scott - also scoffing at charges that an SST
would pollute the environment. ^{Saying} Observing: "This bird will
be a lot cleaner -/ than a flock of sea gulls."

~~Here at home~~ - The Pentagon's annual "Military Posture" report - was submitted today to Congress. In that part of it which was not classified - Defense Secretary Melvin Laird citing recent advances - in Russia's and Red China's long-range nuclear missile capabilities; including - said he - the possibility that Peking will have an operational ICBM - in two to four years.

Melvin Laird, therefore, ^{ed}urging full deployment - of the U.S. Safeguard ^{anti}missile defense system. This to be coupled with ^{what he called} a new strategy of "realistic deterrence" - ~~said he~~ - he; one that calls for increased arms aid to U.S. Allies - which would then permit a reduction in the number of U.S. troops stationed abroad.

The Secretary also urged greater spending / on research and development; / especially in manned bombers - and long-range missile subs; or "we may find" - ~~said he~~ - "toward the mid-to-late 'Seventies" - that we have no technological

lead at all; or worse - we may lag several years behind."

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In riot-torn East Pakistan - a state of near-chaos

today; with Sheikh Mujibur ^{Rehman} Rehman - the dominant figure in

East Pakistani politics - ordering a boycott of all government

offices there. This in direct defiance of Pakistan's President

Yahya Khan - whose center of power is located in West

Pakistan, more than ^{ONE} thousand miles away. ^{Further} Indeed, Rehman

⁵²⁴⁵ saying he will continue the boycott - till Yahya Khan ends

martial law, withdraws his troops from East Pakistan, and

also transfers power to local authorities. ^{Yahya Khan is}

^{in 2 few hours - To} Meanwhile, a number of foreign governments -

^{begin} beginning an evacuation of diplomatic personnel and their

dependents. The U.S. State Department, for its part -

⁵²⁹⁵ saying the situation is being "kept under review."

MIDDLE EAST

In the Middle East ²⁰⁶ / at the United Nations - / no
apparent progress today in attempts at reactivating Arab-
Israeli peace talks. At last report though - / both sides were
observing, ~~for the most part~~, a de facto extension of the
cease-fire officially just ended. However, / ^{did} Israel reporting
a series of additional clashes with Arab guerillas - on its
borders with Syria and Lebanon. Israeli sources adding that
tension on the Egypt front was so thick - / "you could cut it with
a knife." And the threat of another full-scale shooting war -
is said to be ever present.

PROVO

At Brigham Young University - Provo, Utah - the end of an era today. University President Ernest Wilkinson - announcing his resignation as of the end of the current school year. The man who guided Brigham Young through its greatest growth / also, its greatest criticism / finally hanging up his cap and gown / after twenty years at the helm.

School officials adding, however - it could be only temporary; ^{for} with the retiring President ^{is} expected to play a key role / in the development of Brigham Young's new College of Law. And so a vote of confidence / resignation or no / that Ernest Wilkinson can still "cut it."

A final post-script - on the big fight last night;

Cassius Clay - also known as Muhammad Ali - finally agreeing to meet with reporters today. Whereupon he asserted: "I made a lot of people unhappy when I beat them - so it's my time now." And he added: "I'm not going to cry / a lot of great fighters get whipped."

What about the possibility of a rematch? ^{Muhammad} ~~Cassius~~

Ali ^{said} Clay saying: "It's up to the public / it's up to him;" meaning Joe Frazier / - whom he also called "a good man."

And he further observed that "no one / - can hit as hard as Frazier." (For the man who once called himself "the world's greatest" - / who enthralled and angered millions with his glib tongue / clearly ^{this way} ~~the~~ hardest speech of all.

A final story in a nut

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Here's one - a "speecy, spicy" court case reported from Rome; where a young Italian housewife identified as Annu T. - has just been convicted of damaging the "morals of her family." And this - we are told - by refusing her husband's amorous advances (under ^{2ⁿ} old Italian law^{th¹} - a crime punishable by up to a year in jail.

Fortunately - for Signora T. - sentence ^{is} suspended.

Nevertheless, the case is causing quite a stir - in Italian feminist circles. Newspaper columnist and ex-movie star Massina Giuletta - (remember, "Juliet of the Spirits"?) - anyway, Signorina Massina ^{is} urging immediate repeal of the so-called "sexual slavery" law; or failing that, equal punishment for men - when the shoe is on the other foot, so to speak.

The ladies claiming, in effect: "What's good for the goose - is good for the gander."

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