

PARIS

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But isn't Paris always exciting? Today

Excitement in Paris. French President Pompidou

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~~stepped up normal Parisien excitement by ordering~~
~~ordering today~~ an immediate twelve per cent devaluation

of the French franc. Cutting its exchange rate from the

previous twenty cents-American - down to roughly seventeen

cents. An attempt - said he - to build a new ~~base for~~ ^{France's}

financial recovery."

This Pompidou's first major policy decision - coming

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in his seventh week in office. In effect, a bowing to

pressures that former President DeGaulle had stoutly resisted.

~~- for seven months before that. However, The new President~~ ^{today}

~~said~~ ^{had been} devaluation "inevitable;" ~~asserting~~ that any other

course under present circumstances - "would have compromised"

^{France's}

~~our~~ investments and ~~our~~ future."

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WHITE HOUSE

this was
For President Nixon - a long, busy day ~~today~~ - and ~~it's~~
not over yet.

First ~~crack out of the box~~ - the President conferring
with key Congressional leaders for two hours; *Hammering*
out last minute changes - in the broad domestic program
he will unveil for the first time later tonight. A program
including - we are told - first major overhaul of the nation's
welfare system.

Later, the President taking time out - for a brief
anniversary celebration. The first anniversary - of his
acceptance of the Republican nomination for President.
About two hundred campaign workers - joining in the
observance.

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SAIGON

On the war front - Vietnam - a sudden "second think"
today on the part of U.S. strategists. ^{Now} Coming to the
tentative conclusion - that the current lull in the
fighting may have just about run its course; that, indeed,
the Viet Cong may be planning a number of attacks next month
- in and around the Saigon area. Some ^{of our people are even} going so far as to
predict ^{ing a major Viet Cong} ~~the possibility of a major~~ offensive, in Binh Dinh
Province on the Central Coast.

All this - based on captured documents, prisoner
interrogations and various ~~Ally~~ intelligence reports. But
for now, at least - the quiet continues ^{with} Allied commanders
still reporting ~~today~~ - only "infrequent contacts" with
enemy forces.

EDGARTOWN

The Kennedy-Kopechne Case - Part Two - coming up

September Third at Edgartown, Mass. District Judge James Boyle ordering today - the start of an inquest on that date.

Judge Boyle - as you know - the jurist who presided at

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Senator Kennedy's brief trial two weeks ago; and he will also preside ~~again~~ this time, ~~around~~.

Incidentally, District Attorney ~~Edward~~ Dinis - who originally demanded the inquest - ^{camp} ~~coming~~ up with something of a surprise today, saying he intends to call about

fifteen witnesses - in an effort to get the full story of Miss Kopechne's death. He added, however: ^{At this time} "I have no

intention of ~~calling~~ Senator Kennedy." ~~at this time.~~

One of the problems in probing the human mind - the fact that research psychiatrists have had so little to experiment with; having found not a single test animal - whose psyche even remotely resembles that of a human.

Now - a breakthrough at last. In fact, a whole string of successes - reported today from the National Institute of Mental Health - Bethesda, Maryland; where doctors have succeeded in producing irrational, persistent depression - in any number of test animals. Apparently the same kind of depression - that causes so much misery among humans.

And this ^{being} ~~as you know~~ the first step ^{toward} finding a cure.

Perhaps the most touching case reported - that of a single solitary lovebird; one that the doctors placed in a cage with two more lovebirds - who had already formed a "lasting bond" of affection. Day by day - we hear - the lone lovebird fading away; until finally - it died; a victim of acute depression - otherwise known as a broken heart.

TIES

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In the midst of another long, hot, sticky summer -
the question ~~arises again~~: Why do men have to wear ties?
~~And the~~ Answer? Blame it on the Croats.

As far as is known - seventeenth century Croatian
soldiers ^{were} the first to march into battle wearing knotted
scarves around their necks. The fad quickly spreading to
France - where the new neckwear was christened the "cravat"
- French for Croat. When the French Revolution came along
- the cravat becoming a badge of sorts; taking on extravagant
colors and patterns - designating various political groups,
fraternal orders and so on. The trend spreading next to
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England - where the "old school tie" became a way of life,
a way of life - that Britain soon carried around the globe,
to the point where Americans alone - spent nearly Half-a-
Billion Bucks on ties just last year.

By the way - it was once the style to strive for unique
Even recently, such as the Windsor knot, inspired by the Duke,
knots and tying methods, ~~and~~ the strangest on record - says
the National Geographic - the so-called "Gordian" knot of the

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early Nineteenth Century. It took two hours to tie - and

when the wearer wanted to take it off - he had to cut it

off. What's your favorite knot - Warren >

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WASHINGTON

What with more and more women entering politics these days - it had to happen sooner or later; and now - here it is. The Democratic National Committee distributing to its members today - a bulletin called "Tips for a Candidate's Husband." A list of "do's" and "don'ts" - for the man who wants to help his wife get ahead in politics.

To begin with - the bulletin asserts that voters ^{just} don't care - whether a male candidate has a happy home life, an orderly household, or well-kept children. "But" ^g with a woman" - we are told - "It's different ^{in that} many people - even in this enlightened age - distrust the motives of a woman who runs for office; the rumors spread and people ask - how can she hold down an office and keep the home fires burning."

~~And~~ that's where the husband comes in. "It's your job" - ^{you the husband,} says the bulletin - "to let the voters know that she can do it - and that you want her to do it - that you're with her all the way." ^{does} Even if it means TV dinners - baby-sitting

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with the kids - serving as a sort of male secretary.

A tough job - the bulletin admits. "But be heroic" -
it tells the husband. Adding: "Remember - she won't be a
candidate for long; and ~~but~~ win or lose - she's still your wife."

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And s-l-u-man!