

MOSCOW

Fri. Oct. 4 - '68,

Surprise in Moscow. Czech leaders agreeing ~~today~~
today to a new treaty - permitting the stationing of Russian
troops in Czechoslovakia - apparently indefinitely.

The pact announced by ~~the~~ Soviet News Agency
Tass, at the end of a two-day Czech-Soviet summit
meeting at the Kremlin. Tass emphasizing that the
official wording - provides only for "temporary stationing"
of Russian troops in Czechoslovakia. Adding that these
forces - would be withdrawn eventually, "by stages."

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However, observers noting ~~that~~ the term
"temporary stationing" - was also applied to Soviet
troops sent to ~~the~~ Hungary in Nineteen Fifty-Six. And
there they are -
twelve years ~~later~~ later - ~~they~~ still there.

SPARTANBURG

In South Carolina - at Greenville, also

Spartanburg - another tremendous outpouring of support today for ~~Richard~~ Richard Nixon. At one point - thousands of high school students bowling over security guards - overrunning the Nixon motorcade - almost yanking the candidate from an open convertible. At every stop - the Nixon supporters cheering his every word. Responding to the enthusiasm - Nixon telling the crowds: "This is happening all over America - the feel of victory is in the air."

Next stop - Hartford, Connecticut,

LOS ANGELES FOLLOW SPARTANBURG

As for
~~on the other side of the fence,~~ Hubert

he
Humphrey, was enjoying a day off, ~~today back~~ in Washington.

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At Toledo - George Wallace was also taking a ~~brief~~ break
from the campaign trail; conferring most of the day with
his ~~for~~ running mate -- General Curtis LeMay.

~~with~~ Two of the three candidates ~~thus~~ sidelined -

but,
~~it was~~ Edmund Muskie ~~who~~ *held the spotlight*
~~today~~ delivered perhaps the best
~~line of the day.~~ At Los Angeles ~~Muskie~~ *was* observing that
in Muskie's words:-
the new Wallace-LeMay ticket - "appears to have laid
a bomb."

CAPE KENNEDY

For the first time in nearly two years - the wheels were set in motion today for another U.S. manned mission in space. The first of eight giant jets - taking off from Cape Kennedy; heading for the far reaches of the globe - to serve as airborne tracking stations for the upcoming flight of Apollo Seven; and eleven-day orbital voyage - now set for next Friday.

This - as you know - a shakedown cruise; with the three Apollo Seven astronauts - attempting to prove that their spacecraft is really ready for manned flight to the moon and back. And as of this moment - all systems are "go!" **I**n the words of Apollo program director General Samuel Phillips: "Never have so many been in such good shape - and so ready to fly."

VIETNAM

War news from Vietnam - tells ~~today~~ of a fierce six-hour battle near the Cambodian border, A battle that began ^{When} ~~with~~ a handful of Green Berets and South Vietnamese militiamen - uncover^{ed} ~~ing~~ a Viet Cong ~~static~~ staging area and supply dump. The allied forces - quickly summoning reinforcements. Killing about a hundred and fifty - losing eight of their own ~~of~~ before the fighting was ended. Incidentally, American observers spot^{ed} ~~ing~~ a number of tank tracks ^{for the} ~~in~~ first time ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ area.

To the North - the siege of Thuong Duc continued ^{for its} ~~for its~~ seventh day, ^{with} ~~with~~ Viet Cong mortar and machine gun fire - again raking the Green Beret camp.

Forcing U S helicopters to make "tough and go" landings - to remove the wounded. ^{The Viet Cong reported} ~~However, the enemy's latest~~ ~~ground probe~~ turned back with heavy losses.

WALTER REED

At Walter Reed Hospital in Washington -

~~gathering of Presidents today~~ ^{paid} President Johnson ^{visiting}
another visit to
~~briefly with~~ former President Eisenhower ~~who is still~~

recuperating from his seventh heart attack. L B J later

saying they talked about "Eisenhower Week" - ^{which comes up} ~~coming up~~

week after next. Also - about the treatment Ike ~~was~~ ^{is}

receiving. "Heart patients always talk about each others

hearts" - said L B J - himself a former heart patient.

With regard to Ike's present condition - ~~the~~

~~said L B J: -~~
~~President reporting.~~ It's "just the opposite of what you
might expect" - he's "smiling and talking - ^{and} ~~so~~ looks just as
good as I ever saw him."

LIMA

The new President of Peru - Army chief of Staff
General Juan Velasco Alvarado, ~~Leader~~ leader of yesterday's
near-bloodless coup -- against exiled President Belaunde.
Alvarado taking ~~pxt~~ up the reins of government - by
appointment from the ruling military junta. His new
cabinet consisting of seven army men - three Air Force
-- two Navy.

Meanwhile, business as usual today in Lima -
the Peruvian man-in-the-street apparently accepting the
change of command. ~~But~~ But not so - the American
government. In light of the coup - Washington today
order^{ed}~~ing~~ suspension of normal ~~dipl~~ diplomatic relations
with the new regime. The U. S. State Department - also
reviewing all aid programs dealing with Peru.

TEMPLE

The standard greeting here in America: "How are you?" Standard answer: "Fine." Which is either a gross exaggeration or an outright lie - in four out of five cases; according to the results of a study reported today - from Temple University in Philadelphia.

Purpose of the study - to find out how healthy so-called "healthy" people really are. Subjects including some four hundred young men and women - by their own estimate, in the prime of life. Closer surveillance showing however, that upwards of eighty per cent suffered some symptom of illness - over the three-day test period. Skin

rash, headache, nausea, fever - and so on. with the head of
The Amer. Med. Assoc. telling us we throw away two
billion dollars a year on quack remedies,
What's ~~the point~~ Don't ask me - I'm feeling
your trouble)

1/2 "fine." ~~How are you,~~ Harren?

BIRMINGHAM

~~As for~~ Britain's Birmingham quintts - ~~still hanging in~~
~~here. Doctors reporting today that~~ the five remaining
Thorns sextuplets - ~~remain~~ ^{are reported} in satisfactory condition.

Adding that the quintts' chances of survival - are increasing
with every hour.

~~By the way,~~ ^{The mother,} Mrs. Sheila Ann Thorns was
permitted her first look today. - ~~at her "instant" family~~
~~Reaction:~~ ^{Said her} "They're just beautiful" - said she. ^{Husband,}
~~and father Norman Thorns - also taking a peek.~~ ^{"They}
all look the same to me" - said he. ^{And a-l- Monday.}