

Moscow - the Soviet Union celebrating its first ever - "demilitarized" May Day parade. No tanks - no missiles - no traditional sabre rattling speech by the Soviet Defense Minister.

Instead, an estimated two million Russian workers, marching, dancing and singing in and out of Red Square; where they heard a speech by Communist Party chief Breznev - hailing May Day, Nineteen-Sixty-Nine, as "a joyful spring holiday." Breznev further pledging continued "peaceful co-existence"; urging "the solution of international problems by negotiation" rather than war.

A real change? Or just Spring fever?

PARIS - VIET NAM

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On the peace front -- Paris -- a sudden departure today. South Viet Nam chief negotiator --Pham Dang Lam -- flying back to Saigon for urgent consultation. Spurring hopes of another possible breakthrough -- in those long stalled Viet Nam peace talks.

Meanwhile, the U.S. command in Saigon -- reporting today the lowest weekly casualty toll in four months. South Viet Nameese losses -- also down sharply. Although enemy losses -- are said to be up slightly. The explanation -- we are told -- in the fact that the Communists are fast running short of trained troops; in some cases -- apparently throwing raw recruits straight into battle.

MOUNT DHAULAGIRI

From Katmandu in Nepal you can see
one of the great mountains of the world,
off in the distance near Annapurna,
the name of this giant is Dhaulagiri.

Tragedy in the High Himalayas. Five American mountaineers

and two of their native Sherpa guides -- ^{were wiped there} killed by an avalanche. The
~~climbers were~~ ^{ing} ~~today, during an~~ attempt ^{this dazzling} to scale ~~Mount Dhaulagiri.~~ ^{the great}
"white peak" of the Himalayas.

The victims including two of America's foremost mountain
climbers -- expedition ^{leader} Boyd Everett, Jr. of New York and John Hoeman
of Anchorage, Alaska. Also, Paul Gerald of Laguna Beach, California--
William Ross of Stanford, California -- and Davis Seidman of
Norwalk, Connecticut.

News of the accident radioed back to Katmandu, Nepal --
by assistant expedition leader Al Read of Moose, Wyoming; who ~~also~~
said that he and four other Americans -- ~~had~~ survived the avalanche,

~~in good condition.~~ Beyond this, ^{no} ~~thought~~ details, ~~still sketchy.~~
Exactly when, where and how it happened -- ^{just} ~~will have to wait and see.~~ ^{we will learn later.}

~~Mount~~ Dhaulagiri ^{is} ~~itself~~ ^{height is} at twenty-six thousand, nine
hundred and seventy-five feet -- the world's seventh tallest peak.

First scaled by a Swiss team -- back in Nineteen Sixty. ~~xx~~ However,

the Americans ^{were} attempting ^{it by} a new route -- ~~by way of the mountains~~
~~on the~~ ^{up the} southeast side. ~~Now~~ ~~suddenly~~ ^{There have been such} disasters in the

Himalayas where avalanches are forever
crashing down those lofty mountains on the
border between India, Bhutan, Nepal and Tibet.

SENATE

On Capitol Hill -- Defense Secretary Melvin Laird was plagued today by a carry-over -- from that so-called "credibility gap" of the Johnson administration. This during a Senate investigation -- on skyrocketing costs of the Air Force C-5-A jumbo cargo jet. With Senator Byrd of Virginia observing that the new man at the Pentagon -- could not himself be held responsible for past errors. Asserting, however: "The American people are becoming more and more concerned -- at both the cost of government and the competence of those who are handling tax money." The Senator adding; ~~what's more:~~ "I for one expect to view with skepticism the entire military budget henceforth."

In response -- Laird pledging a cost crackdown of his own -- as an "urgent" priority matter. Latter telling newsmen: "The Pentagon must" restore its credibility on Capitol Hill -- or we'll all be in trouble.

LEXINGTON

For months now -- Republican Governor Louie Nunn of Kentucky has been "afuddin' and afussing" -- with the State largely Democratic-Poor Peoples' Coalition. The dust-up reaching its peak this week -- Kentucky Derby Week -- when the Poor Peoples' Coalition announced ^a plans to present ^{a mule to} the Governor. ~~a mule~~. This to dramatize the group's demand -- for more representation on local ~~and~~ anti-poverty boards.

Anyway, Governor Nunn accepted ~~the offer -- for reasons~~ ~~that will soon be made clear; with formal presentation~~ ^{end at the formal} ~~4+~~, today at Lexington, ^{he said:} ~~in his acceptance speech~~ ~~the Governor saying:~~ "This mule is a symbol of the failure of past welfare programs -- this mule is also a symbol of hope."

And then he added: "As I look at the hind quarters, I am also mindful of the conduct of some of those who made the presentation."

EAST LANSING

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This next -- from East Lansing, Michigan. A ~~tongue-in-cheek~~ suggestion -- for solving the problem of finding a new president for Michigan State University. Acting President Walter Adam urging as his successor -- former President deGaulle of France.

General deGaulle "obviously the man for M.S.U." -- said Professor Adam. Explaining: "He's a giant among men -- he has great administrative experience -- he has an excellent military combat record -- and these are pre-requisites for a college presidency nowadays."

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Worren, do you suspect Dr. Adam of Mich. State had his tongue in his cheek?
would he?
comment on this
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COPENHAGEN

From Copenhagen, Denmark, comes a story today -- of teen age advice, Scandinavian style. With young Danish school girls being told via T.V. -- ^{about} a quick and easy way to get rid of a demanding male teacher, to wit: trap him into a compromising situation -- and then just yell.

However, the advice drawing an immediate protest -- from the Danish Teachers Union. One official asserting: "We already have enough trouble without this advice."

~~So much for Danish cheesecake.~~

The only Dane I know here in New York is Victor Borge. Wonder what his comment on this would be?



GREENVILLE

And now -- a final salute to Radio Station WNCT -- our
CBS radio affiliate in Greenville. -- not Greenville, Ohio. This is
Greenville, North Carolina, where they are getting ready for a big
power boost as of tomorrow -- ^{to enable WNCT} to serve even more of the southland.

More power to you, WNCT, and to everybody in Greenville,
North Carolina, and all other Greenvilles -- and Solong Until
Tomorrow.