

WASHINGTON

Wed. June 19 - '68,

Solidarity Day at the Poor People's campaign
in Washington - ^{with} a massive tribute ~~today~~ to the memory
of Dr. Martin Luther King. Thousands of Americans -
black and white - gathering at the steps of the Lincoln
Memorial, carrying onward Dr. King's famous dream of
^{an} ~~our~~ America - where ~~truly~~ "all men are created
equal."

Where the masses were ~~low~~ hopeful though - the
oratory was angry, militant, demanding, speaker after
speaker ~~in~~ warning of dire consequences - perhaps
an end to Dr. King's creed of non-violence - if the
pleas of the poor are unheeded.

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Less bitter - but still strident - the widow
of Dr. Martin Luther King, Mrs. Coretta King, accusing
the United States - of lying to itself about the so-called
equality of negroes - of wasting its energies on "an
immoral" war -- of keeping its poor "depressed,
oppressed, and repressed."

The Reverend Ralph Abernathy - Dr. King's
successor - last to take the podium. Charging that
the poor have been deprived of promise - by quote -
"the unjust, immoral and tragic escalation of the war
in Vietnam." Vowing further to continue the Poor
People's campaign - "until justice rolls out of the halls
of Congress and righteousness falls from the
administration."

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~~Although~~ ^{tho'} By then _^ about two thirds of the crowd
has already drifted away.

VIETNAM

On the war front- at Hue -- a sweeping new general mobilization order today. South Vietnamese President Thieu issuing a proclamation - ~~making~~ making draft-eligible all men, age eighteen ~~to~~ thirty-eight. This expected to place under arms by the end of the year -- perhaps as many as two hundred thousand more men. Raising South Vietnam's total armed strength - ~~to nearly~~ to nearly a million men. Thieu adding that this will make additional U S troops ^{WU}_λ necessary.

PEACE FOLLOW VIETNAM

On the peace front - at Paris - same old story ~~today~~ - only moreso. Ninth round preliminary talks - again failing to get the discussions off dead center. The United States calling for a Geneva-type conference -- assuring Hanoi that we want ~~to~~ no permanent military bases in South Vietnam. The North Vietnamese, as usual - rejecting U S arguments. Adding there can be ~~xxx~~ no serious talk of peace - as long as Washington demands reciprocal acts of "restraint" from Hanoi.

Along the way - North Vietnam's Xuan Thuy saying he would be willing to meet with Senator McCarthy; if the Democratic presidential hopeful comes to Paris next month -- as he has said he might. Beyond that - the two sides agreeing to meet, henceforth, only once a week -- only on Wednesdays. Barring, of course, special circumstances - should any rise.

Latest from Walter Reed, ~~Army Hospital~~
~~in Washington~~; a report ~~today~~ that former President
Eisenhower - has experienced "occasional irregularities
of the heart beat." Doctors noting, however, that
this condition - is responding to appropriate therapy."
Adding that there have been no signs of heart failure -
and "the General's spirits remain good." Next scheduled
bulletin - tomorrow morning.

PARIS

With less than four days till elections - scattered violence erupted today across France. Including a bomb-attack on two leftist candidates - in the eastern city of Metz. Both - injured seriously. Education officials further ~~is~~ reporting that about forty colleges and universities - all, it seems, but ~~the~~ the Sorbonne - are still occupied by rebellious students.

Meanwhile, the French government appealed today - to its common market partners, Seeking a ~~is~~ postponement of the July one deadline - when final tariff barriers are to be swept away. Premier Pompidou saying France needs more time - to recover from crippling strikes of the ~~is~~ past six weeks.

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW PARIS

A related item - from the White House.

President Johnson today officially enrolling the United States - in the new "paper gold" international monetary system. Member nations agreeing to trade "special drawing rights" -- instead of gold - in international transactions.

This a move to undercut speculators - and also ~~to~~ to fight hoarding, which has been sanctioned, if not encouraged, until recently - in France especially.

HARRISBURG

The State of Pennsylvania - first in the
nation to allocate cash payments - to help support
church ^{affiliated} ~~related~~ and private schools. Governor ^{Ray} Shafer
--signing the enabling legislation today at Harrisburg,
calling this an "historic day in our commonwealth -
indeed, in our nation." The Governor going on to say:
"Our aim is not to aid a particular religion or belief -
but to educate a child to be a good and decent citizen -
to live a productive and full life."

GRAND CENTRAL

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World famed Grand Central station - once
the "crossroads of a million lives" - itself destined
for a new lease on life - according to construction
news today - from New York.

U. G. P. Properties, Incorporated, announcing
plans to build a new fifty-five story office building -
atop the aging railroad terminal. Basic design feature
calling for a central ~~spine~~^{spire} -- to support the entire
weight of the building. No columns. Giving the planned
structure -- "a floating appearance" - we are told.

MOSCOW

Found, at last: A sure fire technique -
for breaking the "language barrier." At least, that's
the claim today - from the Soviet newspaper Trud.

Explaining the training procedure - as follows:

Six teachers - assigned to each pupil.

Bombarding the subject with film clips, text books,
charts, lectures and tape recorders - fourteen hours
a day for ~~or~~ seven straight days. By which time -
they say - the student will be perfectly at eas^e~~s~~ in
the foreign tongue.

Only catch - ~~we are told~~ The pupil must
be kept locked in a ~~padding~~ cell - throughout this
instructional period. ~~This presumably~~ to ensure
maximum effort, - ^{Stew,} ~~lest they throw away the key.~~

SAN FRANCISCO

*This next - the American Medical Association
versus marijuana. From San Francisco - land of the
hippie - where the nation's top doctors turned thumbs
down today - on possible ~~legis~~ legalization of marijuana.*

*In so doing, the A M A rejecting outright -
arguments that marijuana is no worse than alcohol.*

*Asserting flatly that marijuana is an extremely dangerous
drug - and should be so labeled. And s-l-u-t-m.*