

PHILADELPHIA

Mon. Sept. 9-68.

Vice President ~~Hubert~~ Humphrey - off and running ~~today for the Presidency~~. The Democratic contender ~~travelling to~~ ⁱⁿ Philadelphia -- for the ~~sa~~ start of a ~~whirl~~ ~~wind~~ coast-to-coast tour. ~~There~~ ^{Today} dropping his first bombshell - ~~of campaign Sixty-Eight~~.

Target -- Vietnam. Hubert Humphrey ~~asex~~ asserting: "If I am elected President - I hope to begin withdrawing our troops in early Nineteen Sixty Nine." The Vice President adding: "I don't want Hanoi to think that between now and January - they will get a better deal out of me" but "negotiations or no negotiations - I think we can move some troops out."

Earlier, a small/but noisy ~~band~~ band of demonstrators - attempted to disrupt a noon rally at Philadelphia's John F. Kennedy Plaza. Hubert Humphrey finally taking note of the disturbance - telling his audience: "Vote your hopes, not your hates." Adding: "We cannot solve problems - by the ~~ka~~ clique and noise you hear today."

Next stop - Denver. And after that -- Los Angeles.

MOSCOW PRAGUE

That On again, off again crisis in Czechoslovakia -
seemingly on again today and no buts about it. In Moscow -
the Soviet newspaper Pravda - expressing growing impatience
with Prague. Telling Czech reformists to get on with
promised "normalization" - as soon as possible. In Prague -
this ^{is} taken as a sign that Moscow "means business", ~~that the~~
In other words the hapless
Czech now must tow the line - ~~unconditionally~~ unconditionally -
or face a take-over, complete and unyielding.

VIETNAM

As for the Vietnam war front - the U S Navy
front and center today *le* With a pair of American destroyers -
the Harwood and the Berkeley - destroying fifty-eight
North Vietnamese supply boats. This during a brief
encounter in the Gulf of Tonkin - about ninety miles
off *the end of the* ~~that~~ demilitarized zone, ~~so called~~. According to the
U.S. command *it was* ~~one~~ of the heaviest offshore bombardments
of the war.

To the South - at Da Nang - a twenty year old
Marine hero was ~~sent~~ sentenced ~~today~~ to life in prison.
Corporal Denzil Allen of Lebanon, Indiana - convicted by
a general court martial in the brutal slaying of five South
Vietnamese civilians. His only explanation - he thought
they were Viet Cong. Defense Counsel later observing --
"There is a very ~~thick~~ thin line - between being a hero
~~and~~ and a murderer."

PARIS

Paris -- DeGaulle meets the press -- in one of his regular twice-yearly news conferences. The French President telling reporters -- that he alone saved France from a Communist takeover. This by his tough stand, ^{he} said he, ⁱⁿ the face of ^{the} massive student-labor rebellion last May and June. Le Grand Charles -- also condemning Soviet occupation of Czechoslovakia; warning that Communist force -- can never suppress "national sentiment."

~~However, DeGaulle's remarks perhaps most newsworthy not for what he said but rather the way he said it.~~ The seventy-seven-year-old President -- giving way to frequent coughing spells. His voice -- often ^a reduced ^{ing} ~~to~~ whisper; ~~DeGaulle also beginning to perspire~~ freely -- just before he called an abrupt end to the news conference.

Inevitably ^{this} -- DeGaulle's appearance raising ^{the} the question of a successor, which ^{he} ~~DeGaulle~~ himself may have answered ^{very} early in his remarks. The French President

defending his recent sidelining -- of former Premier
Georges Pompidou. Asserting that Pompidou is now --
"placed in reserve for the Republic."

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CHICAGO

~~Here on our own shores~~ - Chicago's Mayor

Daley today held his own largest press conference ever.

Subject -- that recent, riotous Democratic National

Convention. Daley telling a hundred or so reporters:

"I am amazed at the distorted and twisted picture the

news media gave.-- ~~The~~ American people were amazed -

their letters showed it."

~~The Mayor also referring to racial violence~~

~~in Miami during the Republican National Convention~~

~~in nearby Miami Beach. Again addressing the reporters -~~

~~Daley declaring:~~ "I think all you newsmen missed the

point -- no one was killed in Chicago" - where three

were killed in Miami."

RACINE

From Racine, Wisconsin -- the story today of one Robert Pelzek -- a recent bridegroom -- age twenty-two Who suffered a fractured skull and a broken collar bone -- in an auto accident last month. Making a nice recovery though, -- ~~Then~~ doctors discovered he had developed an ulcer.

Under normal circumstances -- the condition could have been controlled easily with blood transfusions. However, Robert Pelzek -- because of his religion -- refusing the prescribed treatment. A doctor finally telling him: "Son -- you are going to die -- if you do not accept a transfusion." Pelzek replying: "Then -- I will die." And he did -- the funeral today.

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West German President Heinrich Luebke --
apparently the latest victim of ^{that well known} ~~an age-old~~ political ailment
-- ~~sometimes~~ called "foot-in-mouth" disease. At Bonn
the President's office announcing today -- he will resign,
if necessary, to facilitate the passage of an election reform
bill. The announcement following endless months of public
humor at Luebke's expense -- in part, because of his
misuse of the English language.

It all began a couple of years ago -- when the
50 1/2 President escorted Britain's visiting Queen Elizabeth to
a German concert. As the conductor raised his baton --
Luebke telling the Queen: "Equal goes it loose." This a
direct English translation for -- "Gleich get es los;" a
German colloquialism meaning -- "It's about to begin."

~~Then - recently~~
~~Finally it seems~~ when Luebke was
~~recently~~ confronted with Nazi documents ~~41~~ said to bear his
signature, ^{his} ~~The President~~ ^{was;} commenting ^{was;} "I don't remember

signing them." In the storm that followed -- a German

51 newspaper suggesting that Luebke was not very "heavy

on the wire." ^{And that's} ~~this~~ a direct English translation of --

"Nicht schwer auf draht;" A German colloquialism

meaning -- "not very clever."

Not very "heavy on the wire" since ^{then} sweeping the
over there in West Germany
country -- ~~like our own nose come de judge~~

51 1/4 Nicht schwerer auf draht; art

Way out in the South Pacific,
~~Halfway around the world~~ at Muraroa Atoll
— a couple of hundred miles from Tahiti
in French Polynesia — France's second hydrogen bomb
test ~~this past~~ ^{over the} weekend ^{was} today ~~was~~ declared a complete
success. Indeed, French Scientists ^{are} quoted as saying --
they will need no more thermonuclear explosions this year.

Part of the success -- apparently -- in the fact
that France's second H-bomb ^{they think was} ~~was perhaps~~ the "cleanest"
ever. The French reporting that swimmers could have
splashed safely in Muraroa Lagoon -- only a few hours
after the blast.