

PARIS

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With all eyes on Paris - something of an anti-climax today. The first round of preliminary peace talks between the United States and North Vietnam ~~at~~ concentrating solely on technical details, such as who will sit where -- what languages will be used - and so on. ~~France~~ Chief negotiators ~~for~~ for both sides - were skipping the session entirely.

Be that as it may - they were talking. With a second procedural meeting - set for tomorrow morning. U S officials predicting the conference will probably get down to business - maybe Monday morning. U S Deputy Chief Cyrus Vance, for one - calling <sup>the</sup> first day's results "very" satisfying.

SAIGON FOLLOW PARIS

Unofficially though - western observers were suggesting that Hanoi might be stalling deliberately; hoping to ~~no~~ give the Viet Cong in Saigon - additional time to improve their bargaining position.

If such was the case - it was a wasted effort.

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The U S command unloading its heavy guns today - on a Viet Cong stronghold just inside the Saigon city limits. With U S infantrymen later moving in- to finish off the enemy die hards.

An American officer explaining: "There is just no place for them to go - it's just a dirty, messy job of house-to-house fighting."

WARSAW-PRAGUE

War jitters in Eastern Europe - somewhat eased today. With Western diplomats and foreign residents -- once again permitted to travel freely from Warsaw.

<sup>This</sup>~~When~~ apparently marks an end to reported Soviet troop movements -- across Poland toward Czechoslovakia.

As you have doubtless heard - these troop movements <sup>were</sup> supposedly aimed at telling the maverick Czech government -- enough is enough. And apparently -- ~~they~~<sup>it</sup> worked. Prague today sending a telegram to the Kremlin - on the twenty-third anniversary of Czech liberation in World War Two; a telegram pledging that - "friendship, alliance and all-round cooperation with the U S S R and ~~the~~ other Socialist countries" - is still "the main line of Czechoslovak policy."

EAST BERLIN

*Freedom in East Berlin. For no apparent reason -- East German authorities today releasing Peter Feinauer, an American resident of West Berlin - originally from Providence, Rhode Island.*

*You may recall - Feinauer sentenced to fifteen years last September -- as an alleged American spy. At the time - U S authorities calling the verdict - a travesty of Justice; and so it may have been - judging from today's action.*



LONDON

In London today - they're calling it "Wilson's Black Friday." Prime Minister Harold Wilson's Labor Party - having suffered a ~~xx~~ landslide defeat in municipal elections. <sup>This</sup> Simultaneous with a demand from Labor Press Magnate Cecil King - that Wilson resign from office.

King's defection - perhaps the worse blow; in that he also resigned -- as a director of the Bank of England; Asserting that Britain is now threatened - with the greatest financial crisis" in its history. A statement that caused sharp drops -- in both the British pound and the London Stock Exchange.

PILL

*The perils of the pill - subject of an order today from the U S Food and Drug Administration. Calling for relabeling of all birth control ~~pi~~ pills sold in this country - as of June thirty. The new labels - required to reflect results of recent British studies showing a seven to ten fold increase in blood-clotting deaths - among women taking "the pill."*

*The new labels will also point out - that degree of risk may vary in this country. Meanwhile, the F D A is proceeding with its own study - of possible side-effects; results of which - will be ready next year.*

PENTAGON

Some two hundred thousand army reservists - assigned to begin immediate riot control training. *So* Announcements ~~now~~ today, *7* from the Pentagon. Marking the first time that army reservists - have ever been earmarked for possible use in civil disorder.

The Reservists thus to join some three hundred thousand ~~nation~~ national guardsmen -- who have already received such training. Which means the nation will soon have more than half-a-million citizen-soldiers -- specially-trained for riot duty.

SUPREME COURT

A merger that would have created the longest railroad in the nation - temporarily side-tracked today by Chief Justice ~~Earl~~ Warren; Pending a supreme court hearing on the case - set for a week from Monday.

Justice Warren acting on a motion from the Justice Department - claiming a possible anti-trust violation, if the three lines concerned - the Great Northern; the Northern Pacific and the Chicago and Burlington - were allowed to merge, as planned, into one giant railroad.



HYANNISPORT

Appropos of Mother's Day -- <sup>this Sunday -</sup> ~~which is just~~

~~around the corner~~ -- a famous mother came to the defense of her equally famous son today. From Hyannisport -- Mrs. Rose Kennedy strongly refuting charges - that Senator Robert Kennedy is trying to "buy" the Presidency.

As far as campaign spending is concerned - said Mrs. Kennedy - her own family is much like the Rockefellers. "We both have lots of money" -- said she; "if you have money - you spend it to win; and the more you can afford -- the more you'll spend."

Mrs. Kennedy adding: "It's not regulated - therefore, it's not unethical."

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COLUMBUS

*Next up - birthday greetings to Radio Station*

*W R B L - in Columbus, Georgia. Today celebrating*

*forty years of service to the south. W R B L -- a*

*peach of a station - in a peach of a state.*

MARCH

Welcome news today -- from March Air Force  
base in California. Doctors reporting that former  
President Eisenhower - continues to make steady progress  
from that recent <sup>light</sup> heart attack. <sup>This</sup> To the point where Mamie  
Eisenhower has been given a green light - to return  
East by rail.

<sup>Sen.</sup> Ike himself expected to be transferred shortly  
by plane - to Walter Reed ~~hospital~~ in Washington. Where  
Mamie will be <sup>- Warren -</sup> waiting -- to assist in his recuperation.

## BRASILIA

The government of Brazil - said to be plagued by some seven ~~hundred~~ hundred thousand useless bureaucrats. Which accounts for a story today from Brasilia - telling of a novel attempt to eliminate the "featherbedders". The Brazilian government deciding, in effect - to pay the useless bureaucrats to quit their jobs.

As specified in a new law - those who leave government service voluntarily - will receive as compensation half pay for the next six years. Prompting Brazilians to call the new law - "the law of the lazy."