

Wed. Nov, 27-'68

In Saigon - South Vietnamese President Thieu makes it official. Announcing tonight via nationwide television - his government will take part in expanded peace talks in Paris. Adding that the Saigon delegation will be ready to join the peace parley - at its next regular session. Presumably - next Wednesday.

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Only catch - Thieu naming as ^{supervisor of the} ~~head of the~~ Saigon contingent - his own Vice President, Nguyen Cao Ky; a man who is generally considered - South Vietnam's leading "hawk." Thieu further telling his people - to "fight harder than ever before," while talks go on. "We must win militarily as well as politically," - said he. Adding that "the peace we want is a peace ^{with} ~~and~~ freedom - and not ~~is~~ slavery and poverty."

PARIS FOLLOW SAIGON

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First official reaction - from Paris; in the form of separate but almost identical proclamations - from the waiting North Vietnamese and Viet Cong delegations.

Agreeing officially to take part in expanded talks - and promising an early series of down to business meetings.

Still to be decided though - the question of seating. With the U. S. insisting on an "our side - your side" arrangement - as opposed to Hanoi's four-sided concept. And the presence of Ky - not expected to make things any easier. Indeed, a Viet Cong official ^{was} charging tonight that Ky's appointment - merely proves that South Vietnam is an "American puppet."

A special year-in session of the U. S. Senate -
still a distinct possibility. ^{From} The Texas White House
~~comes word~~ ^{comes word} ~~announcing today~~ that President Johnson has yet to
decide on the ^{is} ~~it~~. Adding, however, the President is
"fearful" of possible world reaction - if there is any more
delay in U. S. ratification of the ² ~~a~~ nuclear non-proliferation
treaty with Russia.

Back in Washington though - Senate response to
the idea was lukewarm, ~~at best~~ ^{with} Senate leaders ^{saying} ~~objecting~~
~~that~~ a special session could do more harm than good -
unless President-elect Nixon also endorsed such a program.
And up to now - hasn't.

NEW YORK FOLLOW TEXAS WHITE HOUSE

Meanwhile, Richard Nixon was conferring with top Republicans ~~today~~ - at his own "pre-inaugural white house" in New York. Among them - Vice President - Spyro Agnew, foreign policy advisor Robert Murphy; Senator Brooke of Massachusetts - also, Dr. Lee Dubridge, President of Cal Tech.

The latter - a Nixon friend of more than twenty years ^{is} ~~is~~ expected to become the new President's scientific advisor. However, ^{we hear} Senator Brooke declined ^{ed} ~~the~~ a federal appointment ^{as did} ~~the same as~~ ^{New York} Governor Rockefeller. ~~before him.~~ Said Brooke: "I think I can best serve the country and Mr. Nixon - in the Senate."

HUMPHREY FOLLOW NEW YORK

More of the same - from Vice President

~~Hubert~~ Humphrey; who paused briefly during an upstate New York hunting ~~trip~~ trip ~~last~~ - to say that he, too, has ruled out any job in the new Nixon administration.

What are his plans then? Perhaps ~~to~~ run for the Senate again - from his home state of Minnesota. Hubert Humphrey indicating he will do ~~it~~ just that - if Senator McCarthy decides not to run for re-election in Nineteen Seventy.

MANNINGTON

At that Mannington number nine coal mine
in West Virginia - another day of dark ~~despair~~ despair,
~~with~~ ^{with} Federal and state officials - labor and
management representatives - conferring ~~long and~~
~~hard and~~ on the problem ^{of the fire that burns on and on,} ~~of incessant fire~~ Trying
to decide whether they should seal the mine - and
thereby seal the fate of ~~these~~ ² seventy-eight trapped
miners, Or whether they should heed the pleas of
the relatives of the missing men and keep hoping
against hope that somehow they might still be alive.

In the meantime - surface workers continued
their drilling ~~today~~ - deep into the mine, Taking
air samples "in the entire area where the men were
working" to see if anywhere there is still sufficient
oxygen to sustain life.

Why are people so often afraid of their dentists?

An answer of sorts - comes today from a Detroit

psychiatrist. ^{Says} Dr. Thomas Sullivan; ~~asserting~~ it all

began when we were babies; when we first learned to equate security - with oral satisfaction. So that now when all those instruments start coming at us - we get all quivery inside; we begin to feel that our mouths are threatened - and thus our total security.

Women clearly the most susceptible to such fears - says Dr. Sullivan. Quoting patients who have told him - they'd "rather have a baby than have a tooth worked on." This "quite reasonable" - we are told because "having a baby is a much less personal, threatening situation" - psychologically. ^{At any rate -}

So says Dr. Thomas Sullivan.

MOSCOW

Here's one from Moscow - something of a surprise. A report today that the most sought-after publication^s in all of Russia - are: The works of the American[^] ^{from Indiana} Dr. Albert C. Kinsey.

This according to an article by Comrade Ada Baskina, ~~carried~~ in the normally staid Literary Gazette. Reason - said Madame Baskina - because

Russians are ~~most~~ woefully lacking in sex education.

What would Lenin say about all this? She quotes ~~And she so adds that Lenin would be horrified. The~~

^{the} founder of Soviet Russia ~~quoted~~ as saying that "the

life of the future should not consist of ^{asceticisms -} ~~asceticisms -~~

but of vigor and joy based on a full love-life."

Warren - you're a newlywed full of vigor and joy.

MONTREAL

For the past five months - as you may have heard - a strike of liquor board employees in the Canadian Province of Quebec. Closing liquor stores throughout the Province - cutting off the flow of legal spirits.

Now - the strike finally ended. Liquor stores reopening - expecting a mad sales rush. ~~As it turned out~~ ^{Instead -} ~~though~~ hardly a ripple.

Reason - we are told - the past five months have been the wettest dry period in Quebec's history; with Quebecers proving as adept at smuggling liquor ⁱⁿ - as they once were at getting it out ^{to us} during ^{our} prohibition days.