

HOOVER

L.T. - Olds, Fisher. Fri. Oct. 23 - '64.

Our thirty-first President is lying in state tonight - in the Rotunda of the Capitol in Washington. The place where Americans pay their last respects - to their illustrious dead.

President Johnson led the mourners who were at Washington's Union Station - when the funeral train arrived. Surrounding the President - a "Who's Who" of the national capital. Members of the Cabinet, members of Congress, Joint Chiefs-of-Staff, diplomats - and government officials by the score.

The cortege to Capitol Hill moved between ranks of servicemen - who snapped ^{at} attention as it passed. Crowds lining the streets - fell silent. And Americans from all walks of life - congregated at the Rotunda. Waiting patiently to file through - for a final tribute to Herbert Hoover.

TRIBUTES FOLLOW HOOVER

Among the messages from all around the globe - there is one that I think Mr. Hoover would find especially moving. It's attached to crimson roses - at his bier in the Rotunda. Just two words - "In Gratitude." And signed simply - Estonia-Latvia-Lithuania.

Those three Baltic states - are now behind the Iron Curtain. But their people remember those harrowing days after World War One - when so many were hungry. Children - crying for food. Desolation - universal.

Until - a man named Hoover arrived from America. He distributed bread, set up soup kitchens - and saved countless thousands. Now, those children - are middle-aged men and women. But - that memory has never grown dim.

You can see it symbolized - on Capitol Hill in Washington. From the people of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania - red roses in memory of Herbert Hoover.

GOLDWATER

About that Republican campaign film called "Choice" - the Republican nominee refuses to have anything to do with it. Barry Goldwater, terming the film - "racist." Meaning - its portrayal of street demonstrations, which, in Goldwater's view - "will start trouble."

As for the charge that the film is pornographic - the G.O.P. standard bearer denies that. He thinks that some of the sequences in question might be used in another film - that would hit the issue of "morality in American life" effectively.

But with regard to "Choice" as it is now - Goldwater's choice is to repudiate it.

Meanwhile, in California, he's talking about - security in government. Insisting that the Jenkins case is evidence of - "lax security." And charging that one hundred and fifty State Department employees - have never been properly cleared.

BUTLER

A dispatch from London says that "Britain's disappointed man" - may have reached his final disappointment. R. A.

Butler, ousted from his position - as a leader of the Conservative Party.

Butler is called "Britain's disappointed man" - because twice he seemed the logical choice for Prime Minister. First, when Anthony Eden resigned - after the Suez Crisis, and Harold Macmillan replaced Eden. Second, when Macmillan stepped out - after the Profumo scandal, when Sir Alec Douglas-Home --replaced Macmillan. Butler, always - near the top, never - quite making it.

It was thought that he might take the leadership of the Tories - now that Douglas-Home has led the Party to defeat. But Butler made some criticisms of Douglas-Home --during the campaign, and thereby irritated - the former Prime Minister, also the rank and file - as well.

Today - they voted him out. Around London, the belief is that only a revolution in the Tory Party - can save "Britain's

*disappointed man" and one day put "Rab" Butler - into Number
Ten Downing Street.*

KHRUSHCHEV

The fall of Khrushchev continues to be the number one speculation - on both sides of the Iron Curtain. Health, age, mistakes, "cult of personality" - the changes have been rung on all of these. But the list is becoming shorter as witnesses return to the Free World - to describe Khrushchev during his last days in power.

For example, the health issue is definitely false - according to Achiro Fujiyama, the former Japanese Foreign Minister. (Fujiyama met the former Boss of the Kremlin - at the Black Sea retreat maintained by the Soviet government, And) Khrushchev challenged him - to some rather strenuous exercise. Including - a fast game of badminton, which the Japanese visitor declined - because he wasn't in as good shape as Khrushchev.

So, the health issue appears to be a subterfuge - on the part of Brezhnev and Kosygin. The real reason - for the Moscow upheaval? The former Japanese Foreign Minister - got this impression. Khrushchev, too tough - with Red China.

Too lenient - with West Germany. Hence the determination of his Kremlin colleagues to head him off - permanently.

All of which ties in with what we heard - yesterday. Khrushchev, frightening the members of the Presidium - by making decisions over their heads. Provoking them to act quickly - to forestall a Khrushchev dictatorship.

ADD "DEFECTORS"

Defection, as we know, is not always -- a one-way street. Defectors sometimes go from the Free World -- to the Communist bloc. That's the case of Ma Chin San -- a sharpshooter from Formosa. He wants to go to -- Red China. Disappearing behind the Bamboo Curtain -- Ma Chin San, who represented Nationalist China in the pistol competitions at Tokyo.

OLYMPICS

I suppose it's fitting that the American victory in the Olympic Games - was clinched in a typically American sport. Namely - basketball. The game has traveled around the world since Doctor Naismith first showed youngsters - how to throw a ball through a peach basket on a pole. It became an Olympic event - in Nineteen Thirty-Six.

Americans have dominated Olympic basketball since then. But other nations - are coming ^{up} fast, And there were predictions in Tokyo - that Russia would crack our monopoly this time. The Russians threatened to do just that - when the game began. They jumped off - to a quick lead. ^{Then} ~~But~~ the Yanks began to sink baskets - "like crazy", said a sports commentator. Final score - seventy-three to fifty-nine. A gold medal - for Bill Bradley and company.

Meanwhile, another gold medal was coming our way - in heavyweight boxing. Joe Frazier of Philadelphia - a last minute substitute, by the way - Joe Frazier won what is termed "a dull bout, interesting only in the medal arithmetic."

The arithmetic -- is this. By placing first
in basketball and boxing -- the American team captured
thirty-six gold medals. The Russians have -- thirty.
With only two events -- to go. Not enough -- for them
to close the gap -- Dick --