

Thurs, Oct. 10-68

At Cape Kennedy - the countdown for tomorrow's scheduled launch of the Apollo-Seven - went "swinging along smoothly" today - to use the words of a U.S. space official. Rocket Chief Wernher Von Braun adding that all systems are "go" -- with astronauts ~~Six~~ Schirra, Eisele and Cunningham "in a highly confident frame of mind and eager to get started." in short - said he: "Everything is right on ^{schedule,} ~~the movement~~"

The only cloud on the horizon - it turns out - literally that - a cloud [^] on the horizon. Weather experts predicting ~~rain~~ showers for tomorrow morning - with the possibility of ~~accompanying~~ ~~accompanying~~ high winds, [^] which could mean - a twenty-four hour delay.

WHITE HOUSE

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Whether he wants it or not - Earl Warren is apparently "stuck" with the job of Chief Justice of the United States, ~~in the case~~ for the time being. President Johnson announcing today - he will not attempt to name another new man to the post. Giving as his reason - the threat of "emotionalism, partisanship, and prejudice." Factors - said he - "that compel us to use great care - if we are to avoid injury to our constitutional process."

The President, ~~going on to~~ ^{also} defend ^{ed} his original choice of Abe Fortas ~~to~~ to succeed the aging Warren. ~~He said~~ ^{He said} it would be well-nigh impossible - to "find a person who is better qualified." ~~saying~~ ^{He also said} that Warren has "indicated his willingness to serve - until his successor qualifies." And "under the circumstances" -- said L B J - "the foundations of government would be better served by the present Chief Justice remaining

*until emotionalism subsides - until reason and fairness
prevail."*

POLITICS

A few ^{hours} ~~days~~ later - President Johnson
~~pre-empting the political stage~~ ^{made} Making his first
frankly partisan speech - since the opening of campaign
Sixty-Eight. Branding Richard Nixon - a man who would
drag the country "into another cycle of Republican
reaction and inaction." Calling George Wallace - a
"false prophet of fear." Labeling Hubert Humphrey
and Edmund Muskie - by contrast - ~~among~~ among the
ablest and most active leaders ever to serve the nation.

SENATE

The fuss and fury of that marathon lock-up session yesterday in the House ~~All~~ for naught it seems. The threat of a Republican filibuster today killing in the Senate - the dream of a three-way ^{so-called} "great debate - Sixty-Eight."

(The "kiss of death") - a quorum call ~~that~~ lasted an hour and forty minutes. ~~That~~ ~~clearly the opening~~ ^{This a} ~~run - in a 500~~ delaying action, forcing Senate majority leader Mansfield - to lay the matter aside "indefinitely." The Senate moving quickly to consider a vital appropriations bill - in its annual rush toward adjournment.

HOUSE FOLLOW SENATE

Across Capitol Hill - a five year battle that began with the assassination of President Kennedy, was ended at last today. The House granting final congressional approval - to a bill virtually banning the interstate mail order sale of rifles and shotguns. Also banning sales to children, - to convicted felons, - to drug addicts, ^{and} to mental incompetents.

The new bill ~~is scheduled~~ to take effect December sixteen - ~~same date as an earlier bill dealing with pistols.~~ ^{This} Marking the United States' first effort at national gun control ← since the banning of machine-gun sales in the gangster era thirty years ago.

SAIGON

Saigon - South Vietnamese President Thieu -
on national television tonight, telling his people that
rumors of an attempted coup against the Saigon government
- were completely untrue. Thieu further taking special
pain to praise General Minh - newly returned from four
years in exile. (Asserting that General Minh will bring
no harm to this country - no matter what the rumor
mongers say.)

Be that as it may - a special alert remains
in effect tonight in Saigon. Thieu apparently determined
to make sure - ~~that~~ the rumors remain only rumors.

WAR FOLLOW SAIGON

Meanwhile, a temporary lull - continues
on the fighting front. A lull reflected in U.S. casualty
figures for the past week - lowest in nearly two months.

~~In the air war though - a different story.
With American B-Fifty Twos blasting away at North
Vietnam today - for the seventh time in three days, that is
Trying to knock out enemy gun emplacements just
above the DMZ, ^{do it} before the winter monsoon ~~is~~ sets in.~~

UNITED NATIONS

At the United Nations - Egypt today turned down flat - Israel's latest plan for peace in the mideast. Egypt's Mahmoud Riad asserting that "peace - in Israel's view - is the surrender of the Arab people to Israel's ~~wiki~~ will."

At the same time - Egypt ^{was} blasting America's role in the mideast, ~~Especially~~ the recent U.S. decision - to sell Israel ~~a number of~~ supersonic phantom jets. Riad declaring that Israel could not have continued "its policy of aggression and defiance of the United Nations" - but for "the political and material support of the United States."

COPENHAGEN

Denmark's People's Socialist Party today proposed a new set of marriage laws; laws that would legalize polygamy. A leading Copenhagen newspaper enthusiastically endorsing the plan.

ST. LOUIS

Oh yes -

the the World Series. - It's all over but the

celebrating - which continues loud and long tonight in

Detroit. *The* ~~As you must have heard by now - the fabulous~~

Tigers roaring back from the brink of defeat. *Wini*

Winning their third straight today, *score* four-to-one. ~~to~~

~~wrap up the world championship of baseball for Nineteen~~

~~Sixty-Eight~~

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Hero of the day - also the series - Detroit's

Mickey Lolich; becoming only the eighth pitcher in

history - to win three games in a single series. With

the Tigers' Jim Northrup - again the man with the power.

Handing Bob Gibson of St. Louis his first *(World)* series defeat -

world series
after seven wins in a row.

as you know Warren,
~~A great day for Detroit, - *just* ~~wrapping up~~~~

its first World Series triumph in twenty-three *years.* ~~years~~

~~years.~~

BOULDER

The National Council for the Leftist Students

for a Democratic Society ^{is} getting ready to meet ~~in~~

this weekend at the University of Colorado. ^{They've picked} ~~getting~~
a spectacular place - Boulder! But, getting
ready to greet them, ~~so~~ we hear today, a new group of

students who plan to give the S.D.S.'ers "a taste of their
own medicine."

"We're going to try to make it unbearable
for them" - says student spokesman Harv Margolis.

Adding that the Coloradans will stage mass demonstrations
and noisy vocal protests - while remaining, nevertheless,
non-violent and law-abiding. ^{This is} An effort to demonstrate
that protest can be effective - "within the rules of
society."

~~Oh yes -~~
~~By the way~~ ^{the new group} calls itself -

"the new emergence against violence and expressed
revolution. The initials of which spell "never.""