

WHITE HOUSE

Tues, Feb. 4 - '69. ✓

In Washington, in the Middle East, also,  
Paris - ~~the~~ tension <sup>continues</sup> ~~builds~~ to build. <sup>President</sup> ~~Richard~~ Nixon -  
meeting today with his National Security Council.

According to the White House <sup>this</sup> a prelude to some  
important decisions on <sup>possible ways to</sup> defusing the Middle East,  
~~Decisions~~ that "will become apparent" - we are told -  
"over the next few days."

<sup>The guess is</sup>  
~~Best bet~~ that the President will accept  
that recent French proposal, The one calling for a  
"Big Four" peace initiative through the auspices of  
the United Nations. Indeed, the White House saying  
a U S response to the French proposal - "probably  
will be made some time this week."

Meanwhile, French sources were predicting  
the President will make Paris the first stop on his  
forthcoming tour of Western Europe, There to confer  
with President DeGaulle on the ~~the~~ Middle East - also on

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Vietnam. In anticipation of which - North Vietnamese  
and Viet Cong peace negotiators called a special  
meeting today <sup>to</sup> ~~Mapping~~ possible strategy - to best  
meet any contingency.

LOS ANGELES

*Los Angeles - Sirhan Sirhan on the stand. The accused killer of Senator Robert Kennedy - testifying in his own behalf for the first time today - though not about the shooting - only with regard to financial matters.*

*The most he ever earned in a single year - said he - about twenty two hundred dollars; part of which - went to his mother. This being part of an attempt to prove that the Grand Jury that indicted Sirhan was chosen unconstitutionally. That is, the defense contending the Grand Jury included only persons of higher income - and no one of lower income such as the defendant. A contention the court later over-ruled - as "irrevelent."*

DEFECTOR

*Red China's recent charge d'affaires at the Hague - a guest of the U.S. government tonight. Liao Hu-Shu reportedly fleeing the Netherlands ten days ago - coming to America - asking and receiving political asylum. The U.S. State Department saying he is now being held in "protective custody," presumably somewhere in the Washington area.*

*Liao Hu-Shu thus becoming the highest ranking Communist Chinese - ever to defect to the U.S. - so we are told. According to U.S. Intelligence sources - "a great, very important catch."*

*Spoken like a true explorer Astronaut Bonner.*

LONDON

The metamorphosis of Frank Borman - from astronaut to philosopher - is reported ~~today~~ from London. The Apollo Eight commander, <sup>today</sup> telling British reporters - that his moonflight had shown him new horizons; had expanded his interests beyond the purely technical - to questions of why ? - to what end?

Next question: As a philosopher then - did not Colonel Borman think it might be safer - to send machines, rather than men, to explore space? *loaded with passengers*

Not at all - said Frank Borman. Asserting that - "man must go." He then went on to explain - saying:

"I met a man today - who stood on top of Mount Everest.

Now I suppose they could drop a machine there - to check the wind and the weather..." But it wouldn't be the same - would it - said he, said he.

*Spoken like a true explorer Astronaut Borman.*

# MADRAS

Death rides the rails in Hindustan. The scene -  
a railroad overpass in Madras. Approaching fast - a  
crack express train, <sup>so</sup> crowded with passengers - that  
some fifty Indians are riding atop the coaches, <sup>as they often do in India.</sup> ~~when~~  
Suddenly - they're swept from <sup>the roofs of these cars</sup> ~~the train~~ by low hanging  
girders.

More than twenty - killed instantly. Another  
twenty or so - seriously injured.

<sup>It was a</sup>  
Ironically, ~~the~~ train overloaded with passengers  
- to accommodate mourners for Madras Chief Minister  
C. N. Annadurai - who died Sunday. ~~Indeed,~~ Today's deaths  
raising to about thirty <sup>the</sup> number ~~of Indians who have~~  
~~been~~ killed in the past two days ~~just~~ trying to get to  
Annadurai's funeral.

## ATLANTA

*The death of columnist publisher Ralph McGill in Atlanta - signaled for a great outpouring of tribute today. Former President Johnson calling the Pulitzer prize - winning journalist - "a brave and good man - a forceful and effective fighter for human rights." Author Harry Golden - another Pulitzer prize winner - calling Ralph McGill - "the window of reason in the South - the difference between Atlanta and Birmingham." "It shows," said Harry Golden - "that one man can do it." Governor Maddox of Georgia observing that his frequent critic "exemplified" - as much as ~~many~~ any man - "the great freedom that we enjoy in this country."*

*Ralph Emerson McGill. He would have been seventy-one tomorrow.*

BARNWELL

From Barnwell Manor at Peterborough in Central  
England - comes news today of a royal retirement. At  
age sixty-eight - a victim of circulatory troubles - the  
Duke of Gloucester is reportedly hanging up his ceremonial  
sceptre.

The Duke - in case you've forgotten - third son of  
King George the Fifth and Queen Mary. A brother to two  
other kings - *Edw. 8<sup>th</sup> and Geo. VI<sup>th</sup>. - -*  
"Uncle Harry" to Queen Elizabeth ~~the~~ Second.

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A big ~~tragedy~~ of a man who sacrificed his cherished military  
career - to come to the assistance of his less-robust

*That is,*  
relatives. ~~Over~~ the past thirty years - representating

the Royal Family at countless changings of the guard -  
dress parades - hospital dedications - charity dinners -

theater benefits - factory openings - mine inspections ~~and~~  
*open. towns of The Commonwealth, and so on.*

His reward for all this - a title bestowed upon him  
by the grateful people of Britain; who dubbed him for all



time - the "Duke of Work." A title he now ~~abandons~~ <sup>says he wants</sup>  
to put aside and just be <sup>simply</sup> ~~simply~~ <sup>wanting to become</sup> "a plain, old country gentleman."

But after all <sup>once</sup> a Duke always  
a Duke, wouldn't you say, Warren?

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*[Faint, mostly illegible text from the original document, appearing to be a newspaper article or report.]*

WASHINGTON

*Here's one - "appalling, almost unbelievable," says the American Automobile Association in describing an AAA report - just made public, showing that U.S. motorists "kill more game with cars - than hunters do with guns."*

*The toll - believe it or not, says the AAA - about one million animals a day. Noting for example - a recent twenty-four hour "carnage" in Florida, where the toll included at least five thousand quails, two hundred and fifty turkeys, some two thousand squirrels, rabbits and song birds; not to mention countless similar deaths - that are never reported.*

*Another for instance - the annual toll on highways in Pennsylvania, including last year more than twenty-two thousand deer - also, thirty-seven bear.*