

Mon. Sept. 23-68.

At the United Nations - Secretary General

U Thant bids farewell to sixty-^{eight}~~nine~~. In his last scheduled news conference of the year - U Thant discussing first and foremost, Vietnam; Suggesting that the question of a U.S. bombing halt -- should be put to a vote of the full U.N. General Assembly. Admitting, however -- it's not practical; which probably means a continuation of the Vietnam deadlock -- "for another year or so."

Next question: What about the possibility of submitting to a U.N. vote - that Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia? "I am not equating the two situations" said U. Thant. Adding heatedly: "If the Russians were bombing and napalming the people of Czechoslovakia - you ~~can~~ would see what I would have to say."

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Reaction ~~source~~ from Washington - fast in coming. Indeed, U S Ambassador George Ball - requesting and getting a meeting with U Thant just a few hours later. Ball telling the Secretary General that the U S ~~is~~ does not regard his remarks - "as in any way helpful in furthering the serious and sensitive negotiations ~~for~~ now in progress in Paris."

PARIS

On the peace front- in Paris - Hanoi's
propaganda mill was ~~xxxxx~~ churning away again today.
A North Vietnamese spokesman claiming that more than
a hundred and twenty thousand South Vietnamese draftees -
have defected to the Communist ranks. Hanoi's Nguyen
Thanh Le also asserting that American air and artillery
attacks on North Vietnam- have actually increased over
the past two months.

~~A second report from Paris - telling ^S today of
an apparent agreement to scale down the war in Vietnam;
an agreement supposedly sabotaged - by a leak at the
White House. However, the U S State Department calling ^S
this report -- "nonsense."~~

DETROIT

The cost of new cars - going up, no question about it - but maybe not as much as originally feared.

At Detroit -- General Motors announcing today a price hike - averaging out to about forty-nine bucks a car;

which is only about half ^{What} ~~that~~ announced last week - by

~~the Chrysler Corporation~~

det { G M's announcement promptly raising the question - whether there was any federal pressure brought to bear; especially in view of conferences last week - between industry and government officials.

det { However, G M Chairman James Roche says: "There was a frank discussion - but there was no pressure."

~~Be that as it may,~~ - Ford is now expected to conform with the G M price list; ~~with~~ with Chrysler probably ~~to~~ ordering ^a price "rollback" - same as last year -- in order to remain competitive.

TEXAS WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW DETROIT

Meanwhile, the Texas White House - was attempting to speed things up. President Johnson hailing the G M announcement -- as "a step in the right direction" also voicing his hope - that the "entire industry" will follow suit. L B J setting the potential saving to ~~consumers~~ consumers - at about three hundred and fifty million.

VIETNAM

War news from Vietnam tells ~~today~~ of a ~~sox~~ full scale security alert - in and around ~~the great city~~ of Saigon. Allied forces - guarding against the threat of terror attacks ~~attacks~~ that might be intended to mark today's twenty-second anniversary - of the start of the French Indo-China War.

STUDY FOLLOW VIETNAM

At the same time ^{there's} a report ~~today~~ that the U.S. command has ordered a nationwide study. Purpose: to find out whether any American soldiers can be pulled out of Vietnam -- without impairing the war ~~effort~~ effort.

~~However~~, U.S. sources ^{do} emphasize ~~that~~ that a cutback, if any - would not involve actual combat troops. It would rather be a process - we are told - of "slicing the fat off the logistical system," = meaning support troops.

SENATE FOLLOW STUDY

Here at home - a charge tonight that Robert McNamara committed a grave error in judgment ^{early} ~~earl~~ this year. At least - so says the Senate sub-committee on military preparedness. Accusing the former Defense Secretary - of grossly underestimating the ~~the~~ threat from Russia's rapidly growing submarine fleet.

Accordingly, the sub-committee urging an immediate re-evaluation - of U S nuclear submarine needs. Asserting that McNamara's ban on the building nuclear subs after Nineteen Seventy One - should be lifted.

POLLS

In the battle of the polls - it's Richard
Nixon still ^{far} ahead ~~tonight~~ though faltering slightly;
with ~~Hubert~~ Humphrey - hanging in there at second place;
and George Wallace - closing ~~on~~ on the outside.

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In other words - the latest Harris poll gives ~~the~~
Nixon - thirty-nine percent - Humphrey thirty-one per
cent - and Wallace twenty-one per cent. As compared with
a forty, thirty-four, seventeen split -- ~~just~~ three ~~now~~ weeks
ago.

PRAGUE

Prague - the plot thickens - again. Czech sources telling of another hitch today - in plans for that promised Czech-Soviet summit meeting at the Kremlin. The Russians supposedly trying to pack the Czech delegations with hard-line Stalinists - but so far unsuccessful.

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In any case - it looks like a long, cold winter for Czechoslovakia. With Soviet occupation forces -- reportedly taking cold ~~xxxx~~ weather precautions today. Also, ordering evacuation of the Czech army's huge ~~barracks~~ barracks - near Prague - to make way for Russian troops to occupy them.

WASHINGTON

From the steps of the Capitol in Washington -
a gala send-off today for a Republican "Voteswagon."
This a converted travel bus-manned by Republican women.
Setting out on a sixty-five hundred mile transcontinental
campaign trip - in behalf of the Nixon-Agnew ticket.

Among those taking part in the ceremony;
Tricia and Julie Nixon - also Senator Minority Leader
Everett Dirksen; who got the ladies off to a good
start - giving each a kiss; although ^{he wouldn't} ~~refused to~~ break
a champagne bottle over the "voteswagon" -- lest he
spoil the paint job.

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Instead, Senator Dirksen just pouring it on ^{Warren,} -
~~a job at which there's none better.~~

LONDON

After lo these many years -- Britain may have its first black peeress before too long. The twenty-two year old son and heir of Viscount Han^owrth - namely Stanley Pollock - announcing plans today to marry a young African girl; ~~bx~~ black and beautiful Elizabeth "Lisa" Vambe -- also twenty-two.

Lord and Lady Hanworth - both approving the match. Also the bride's father - who said that "Lisa should be able to marry the man ~~ux~~ she loves - no matter what his color. ^{is} ~~is.~~