

Thurs. May 23-'68.

(Betrayal in Paris.) Thousands of French police -- today pledging their support of a nationwide general strike. Police union officials further warning of a possible police revolt -- if the gendarmes are pitted directly against striking Frenchmen. (Also telling DeGaulle -- they "would in no case serve a regime that did not respect" them.)

Though the police are forbidden by law to strike -- this, <sup>is</sup> clearly a veiled threat to join the protest movement. Police officials going so far as to say -- they "understand perfectly what motivates the workers on strike." DeGaulle' thereby losing the certainty of one of his strongest supports up to now -- the twenty-six thousand-man Paris police force.

46 1/2 Ironically, it was a near-revolt by this same police force -- that helped topple the Fourth French Republic back in Nineteen-Fifty-Eight, ~~In~~ effect, paving the way for the Gaullist regime -- now in its tenth year.

ADD PARIS

As it turned out later though -- police sympathies apparently lie solely with strikers -- not students. Paris police responding with alacrity tonight -- in the face of another student demonstration on the left bank. Battling rocks and paving stones // with clubs and tear gas.

PEACE FOLLOW PARIS

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Elsewhere in Paris -- a deadly pall settled today over <sup>the</sup> peace talks. The gloomy outlook spreading to Washington -- Saigon -- around the world.

Averell Harriman, for one, accusing the North Vietnamese of trying to -- "take advantage of the U. S. bombing cessation and other restraints." "If they refuse to show any signs of restraint on their own side" -- said he -- "there's no guarantee these talks can last."

Here at home -- President Johnson adding his personal conviction -- that "an honorable peace can be achieved in Vietnam". "But if there must be more fighting before it comes" -- said he -- "we shall not be found wanting; we shall not be defeated on the battlefield -- while the talks go on."

More of the same from a special report today -- by the Citizens Committee for Peace with Freedom in Vietnam. This a group including former President Eisenhower -- General Omar Bradley -- General Lucius

Clay -- former Senator Paul Douglas and others. Warning that Americans think of negotiations -- as the way to peace; where North Vietnam thinks of negotiations -- as merely another way to fight a war.

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The statement further asserting that "the United States should not exert pressure on South Vietnam to accept a coalition government." Adding that the structure of any future Saigon government -- must be "the result of a free political choice -- expressed by the South Vietnamese themselves."

## SAIGON FOLLOW PEACE

In the meantime -- another weekly casualty list was made public today in Saigon. Setting American losses for the past seven days -- at five hundred and forty-nine men. For <sup>out</sup> U. S. forces fighting in Vietnam -- the second costliest week of the war.

This a reflection, in part -- of the enemy's recent Spring offensive, ~~Perhaps~~ better reflected -- in Viet Cong casualty figures. Nearly nine thousand men two weeks ago -- nearly five thousand more last week. The enemy clearly ready to risk countless lives -- in an effort to better its bargaining position at Paris.

MOSCOW FOLLOW SAIGON

For some though -- Paris is seen as merely a way-stop -- on the long road to peace. This group -- including British Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart -- who is in Moscow today, trying to persuade the Kremlin -- to join in reconvening that Nineteen-Fifty-Four Geneva Conference on Indochina.

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As you doubtless know -- Britain and Russia were co-chairm<sup>en</sup> of the original peace parley. But that in itself -- a stumbling block in today's talks. Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko telling Stewart in advance -- they must avoid going into the history of the conflict; for on that -- said he -- they were "bound to disagree."

ADD MOSCOW

A later report: Stewart and Gromyko reportedly coming to the conclusion -- they can only serve as "seconds" to the <sup>principals.</sup> ~~major combatants.~~ Which is said to leave them no active role to play -- in current peace efforts.

PRAGUE

*Showdown in Czechoslovakia. Reports from Prague telling of a planned meeting next Wednesday -- for the ruling Central Committee of the Czech Communist Party. This to serve as the forum for a final head-on clash -- between Reform Party Chief Alexander Dubcek -- and Moscow backed former strongman Antonin Novotny. Results -- to determine whether the Czechs will return to conventional Communism -- or continue to pursue their own independent course.*



## EXPOSITION OF FLIGHT

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The second Exposition of Flight now in session, at Las Vegas, includes a panel of Congressman and top people in aviation to discuss a matter of interest to all who fly the airlines - and that means millions of Americans. Our airports have reached the saturation point. So what to do about this ~~airport~~ crisis?

To keep the Exposition of Flight from being too serious once again they are selecting an airline Queen for the year. TWA, National, Continental, United, Frontier, Western, the new merger called Air West, Delta, North Central, and even one South American line - Peru - <sup>each</sup> ~~they~~ ~~all~~ selected ~~their star~~ hostess, ~~she's~~ now at Las Vegas hoping to be <sup>chosen as</sup>  ~~voted~~ Nineteen Sixty-Eight Queen of Flight. Whoever wins will receive her crown from Teri Walsh of Western who won the honor a year ago -- and ever since has been roaming the

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airlanes of the world, being entertained everywhere,  
even making appearances before parliaments. ~~To be~~

~~chosen Queen of Flight is indeed quite an honor.~~

Lovely Teri, a brunette who looks as though she might  
be direct from Kilarney instead of a suburb of San  
Francisco, tells me her year as Queen also has

resulted in a romance. ~~But she didn't tell the name~~

of her prince charming. <sup>She</sup> merely <sup>says</sup> ~~that~~ she soon ~~will~~

~~drop down from the sky~~ <sup>plans</sup> to be a hostess in her own

home. Instead of Queen of <sup>the</sup> May - <sup>the - waven -</sup> wouldn't  
you like to be Queen of Flight?

## VOTING

More than eleven million young Americans -- expected to reach voting age this year. First bumper crop -- from that celebrated "baby boom" after World War Two. Some of America's leading politicians -- predicting the youngsters will have a tremendous impact on campaign Sixty-Eight. But just the reverse today -- from a former U.S. Census Director.

Richard Scammon -- who is now Chief of Elections Research for the Governmental Affairs Institute -- noting that young people traditionally rank lowest of all in voter participation. (Figures showing that barely half the eligible voters -- aged twenty-one to twenty-four -- actually cast ballots. With about the same percentage holding true -- for poor people -- also negroes. In short -- says Scammon )- the key voters this year as always -- will be "the un~~u~~young, the un~~u~~poor and the un~~u~~black."