

ACTION Line

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What's on your mind? Let ACTION LINE answer the question, settle the problem or help you worry. Call anytime and tell us about it, or write ACTION LINE, c/o The Enterprise.

The Falling Leaves

Q. I moved here from Virginia and am living where there are lots of trees in the yard. For a week I have been raking leaves like crazy, but the garbage cans won't hold them all and I don't know what I am going to do with them. Will the city pick them up, or what shall I do? Mrs. W.B.

A. City will pick them up, and you stop right now putting them in garbage cans because they aren't official garbage, and what you shall do is this: Rake the leaves into the street in piles at the curb, and pretty soon a city vacuum affair will come chuffing along inhaling leaves. It's a picky machine, however, and won't touch acorns and rocks and bottles and stuff, so all such foreign matter should be placed in containers at curbside, off the street, for separate pickup. Otherwise, all that trash will be left in the street and you will look like an untidy householder until you clean it up.

On Excommunication

Q. At work we were discussing Jacqueline Kennedy's recent marriage, and wondered about excommunication. I feel like it takes more than a priest's barring a person from the sacraments to be excommunicated from the Catholic Church, but my friends feel that is all there is to it. We would like a further explanation of excommunication. E. H.

A. It's a procedure set up by canon law wherein an erring member may be officially barred from membership, fellowship and sacraments of the church. This marriage is said to be theologically intricate, and although some canon lawyers at the Vatican insist upon prompt excommunication, the matter appears headed for the Roman Rota, the church's highest marriage court, and probably won't be settled for years to come.

Only One To A Customer

Q. If it rains on Halloween night, will we get to go out on the next night after Halloween? R. K.

A. Nope, this is a one-shot deal and there are no rain checks. Although we have arranged with the weather witches for fair skies, everybody knows you can't trust a witch over 30, and we aren't guaranteeing anything.

Where Satan Tramped

Q. Where is the Devil's Tramping Ground, and how do you get to it? B. A.

A. In Chatham County near Siler City, in rolling country near the Uwharrie Mountains, and if we wanted to go there, we would recruit local volunteers to lead the way at a goodly distance. We're told it is a small circle where nothing will grow in soil made barren by Satan's taking nocturnal strolls there. Nobody has bothered to inquire what has The Devil walking in circles these days, and this lack of concern may be what piques him to the point of tossing out any foreign objects placed in his private circle by teasing tourists. That's what people claim happens there, and the one group of college students who spent the night on the spot have never recovered sufficiently from their horror to give the facts of the matter.

Parking On English

Q. Why do cars in the 1800 block of English Street stay parked on both sides of the street most of the time? You can hardly see to get out from the service station or the watch shop, and this is dangerous. Traveler

A. Sure is, and parking on either side of English will soon be a thing of the past. It was removed long ago from N. Main to Phillips, and "No Parking" signs are on the agenda from Phillips to Westchester. "In the mill," is R. V. Moss' term, and he did not indicate effective date.

Traffic engineering anticipates even heavier traffic on English when that artery is extended across N. Main to Washington, the next step in that plan being field inspection by State Highway and city engineers who will walk the course with street design in hand. After that comes acquisition of rights-of-way. Parking removal on English is needed now but becomes crucial in relation to that street's new role.

Sound Off

The reader whose home is infested by roaches should use the very safe and effective method of control that is recommended by many health authorities. All you do is fill small containers, such as jar tops, with borax and place them around in inconspicuous places frequented by these insects. In a short time, there will be no more roaches. I don't know why or how this works, or whether the borax kills or just repels in some manner, but I can tell you first hand that it does work, is very inexpensive, and offers no hazards to the people in the home. Mrs. M. P.

Best thing to kill roaches is to mix borax and sugar, and pour it around where you expect roaches to be. Mrs. C. C.

U.S. Bomb Halt Reports Persist

By ARTHUR L. GAVSHON
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PARIS (AP) — Envoys of the United States and North Vietnam sparred inconclusively over a basis for Vietnam peace-making today amid persistent reports that a U.S. bombing halt may be near.

The American delegation blacked out all comment both on the substance of the exchanges at the 28th session of the peace talks and on unconfirmed reports of an imminent breakthrough.

An official of one allied country with troops in South Vietnam, who declined to be identified, told a newsmen in reference to a bomb halt: "Everything is settled."

But he declined to elaborate. In Bangkok, Thailand Foreign Minister Thanat Khoman told newsmen on his return from the United States that the United States and North Vietnam had entered the "final stages" of bargaining on a halt to the air attacks on the North. He predicted results in the "not too distant future."

In the conference, U.S. Ambassador W. Averell Harriman and Ambassador Xuan Thuy of North Vietnam met for 90 minutes, the shortest session since the talks began May 13. Harriman said each side read condensed but definite and clear statements. He declined to elaborate.

An advance party of South Vietnamese officials flew into Paris to reinforce the observer mission representing the Saigon government on the sidelines of the talks. One purpose is to set up direct radio links between the mission and Saigon in the expectation that the peace conference will shortly be broadened.

Harriman's deputy, Cyrus R. Vance, stayed away from today's meeting.

"He had work to do," William J. Jordan, U.S. delegation spokesman, told a news conference. He gave no further details.

Qualified sources reported Vance stayed at the U.S. Embassy through most of Tuesday night. They also said American delegates in recent days evidently have had several contacts with North Vietnamese officials outside the conference framework. The Americans were said to have moved around Paris in rented automobiles and to have kept appointments in a variety of undisclosed places.

Jordan declined all comment on this. This policy of secrecy has been followed equally by the North Vietnamese delegation.

The reports of early American action to end the bombing coincided with the unannounced visit of the U.S. commander in South Vietnam, Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, to the White House for exchanges with President Johnson.

After the talks, Thuy charged to newsmen that U.S. proposals for halting their air attacks "are meant for the presidential election campaign" and he again called for unconditional halt in the raids.

But before he went into the

session, Harriman told newsmen that "as far as I am concerned, the election is not entering into the discussions here in any shape, form or manner. We have been dealing with the problems of peace for the American people and that's the only thought we have."

Harriman during the meeting repeated the U.S. offer to quit South Vietnam as North Vietnamese forces pull out and to aid the economic development of North Vietnam after a peace agreement. Thuy called this "the policy of the carrot and the stick" and rejected it.



JOHNSON AND ABRAMS AT WHITE HOUSE TUESDAY

(AP Wirephoto)

Abrams Visits Johnson

By FRED HOFFMAN
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Urgent, secret talks between President Johnson and his military commander in South Vietnam indicated today that Johnson may once more be close to final decision on ending the bombing of North Vietnam in a move to advance peace negotiations.

North Vietnam has denied for several days through Hanoi radio broadcasts and newspaper articles that it had made or would make any kind of deal with the United States to meet U.S. "conditions" for ending the bombing.

U.S. officials insisted that this did not necessarily mean, however, the negotiations between Washington and Hanoi for an agreement on de-escalating the war had collapsed.

The White House disclosed Tuesday night that Gen. Creighton W. Abrams Jr., had returned hastily to Washington to give President Johnson a full report on the military situation. Abrams attended a top level policy review session with Johnson, Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Secretary of Defense Clark M. Clifford and others before setting out again for Saigon.

It was understood today that one of the major issues taken up

in the meetings with Abrams was the extent of the withdrawal of North Vietnamese forces from South Vietnam as well as the threat of new action on the North Vietnam side, where the North Vietnam and Viet Cong troops have gone, and what the meaning of their disengagement may be.

Considerations of this kind would be involved in Johnson's assessment of whatever cau-

tious, perhaps indirect word he may have obtained from the North Vietnam side that the lull has political significance.

In this connection there have been reports that North Vietnamese representatives in Paris told U.S. negotiators early in the current series of peace probes that if Johnson de-escalated the war on the U.S. side he would not be walking into a trap.

Administration officials have constantly denied speculation that the bombing policy decision was in any way related to the U.S. presidential election campaign.

Hawkins Endorses Democrats

CHARLOTTE (AP) — Negro political leader Dr. Reginald Hawkins today endorsed Democrats "from the White House to the courthouse" and cautioned North Carolina Negroes against not voting in the Nov. 5 general election.

Dr. Hawkins said at a news conference he was "not too enthusiastic about either gubernatorial candidate" but that his endorsement includes Democratic Lt. Gov. Bob Scott.

He said neither Scott or his opponent, Republican James Gardner, has "spoken truly to the issues that concern the people" out that "we must make a choice" between them.

Hawkins, a Charlotte dentist and unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, said North Carolina Negroes must "seek to solidify and enhance the gains we have already made."

"We as black people cannot opt out by failing to vote," he said. "For to do so would leave the selection of our political leaders to those who would deny us the many things that we have fought so long to gain."

Hawkins said if the state's Negroes are to make their political

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Reginald Hawkins

Sample Ballots In Today's Paper

To assist you in preparing for next Tuesday's election, The Enterprise today is reproducing sample ballots on pages 4 and 5 in Section E. The entire High Point machine ballot will be found, and Randolph and Davidson samples of the district and county races are included.

The ballots are being reproduced as a public service to help speed voting on election day. Officials have suggested that you mark the samples according to your own choice. You may take the marked sample into the voting booth with you if you prefer.

The Enterprise is also publishing photos and brief biographical sketches of the various candidates this week, and we urge their use in familiarizing yourself with the men and women who seek public office.

Voters May Not Decide Election

By CARL P. LEUBSDORF
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Citizens going to the polls next Tuesday thinking they will be voting for Richard M. Nixon or Hubert H. Humphrey, or George C. Wallace, will be wrong.

Instead, they actually will be voting for a group of people called presidential electors. The electors picked will decide who will be the next president—unless, for the third time in the nation's history, the issue gets passed on to the U.S. House of Representatives.

It's all because of the indirect system for election of a president developed by the framers of the Constitution.

Originally, the state legislatures picked the electors, but that was soon changed to give the job to the people.

In fact, the electors soon became rubber stamps, reflecting the result of the popular vote.

This year, however, because of the uncertainty caused by a three-way presidential race, there is more chance that the electors will act independently. In order to be elected, a candidate must receive the votes of at least 270 of the 538 electors.

But with three major candidates this year, it is possible that none will win in enough states to be assured 270 electoral votes.

Each state has a number of electors equal to its senators

and congressmen. For example, Maryland, with eight House members and two in the Senate, has 10 electoral votes.

The District of Columbia, with no congressional representation, was given three electoral votes by the 23rd Amendment.

In each state, voters selecting among the various presidential candidates are actually picking from slates of electors. In some, they vote for a whole slate, in others for individual electors. Whichever candidate gets the most votes in the state, his electors win. It doesn't matter if he gets 90 per cent, or receives one more vote than each of his opponents.

On Dec. 16, the electors selected in the general election meet in their respective state capitals to cast their votes for president and vice president.

With rare exceptions, electors

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Nixon Alters Campaign Style

By FRANK CORMIER
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SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Richard M. Nixon faced a group of student protesters, praised them for their orderliness and said he would seek a negotiated settlement of the Vietnam war—with the Soviet Union sitting at the conference table.

Nixon altered his campaign style Tuesday night, prompted by nearly 1,000 Syracuse University students in the audience of the packed, 8,000-seat Onondaga County War Memorial Auditorium.

Nixon said the students "have properly presented their case as they should."

It was a new style protest in which the students got a permit to parade to the hall, announced in advance they would serenade the Republican presidential candidate, then sat in silence and listened to his speech.

Nixon, forewarned by a news release the students distributed at his hotel, faced the demonstrators after being introduced and announced, "The floor is yours."

Then the students sang, "The Sounds of Silence" by the singing-composing duo of Simon and Garfunkel. Nixon partisans boomed.

The nominee, who had retired to his seat for the serenade by the self-styled Nixon Reception Committee, returned to the rostrum and said, "Let 'em go." They went on without interruption.

When Nixon reclaimed the floor, he applauded the singers as "a very unusual group" because of their announced willingness to let him have his say without the disruptive chants associated with youthful protesters. He termed it "the very proper role of dissent."

Nixon said he wanted to respond directly to questions posed by the students in the news release.

One of those questions dealt

with Vietnam and Nixon, went beyond previous pronouncements to assert:

"The Soviet Union must be brought to that conference table. Other interested nations in Asia have to be brought there, because by broadening the number of nations and the issues, we will be able to have a negotiated settlement."

A Nixon spokesman, Ron Ziegler, said later the candidate was discussing negotiations in a general sense and was not specifically advocating that the Russians be brought into the current peace talks in Paris.

Leaders of the protest said they were pleased Nixon had responded to them. But they still argued he had not been spe-

cific enough on major issues and had failed to state his position on the question of televised debates with his Democratic rival, Hubert H. Humphrey.

For an airport rally today at Rochester, Minn., Nixon issued a statement taking new potshots at Humphrey and President Johnson.

As for Humphrey, Nixon said: "Humphrey has failed in many ways. But it is his failure to dissent during the past four years, his failure to exercise his intellectual courage, that has been his most serious failure. A man who has been trained to say 'yes' cannot be expected to choose aides who can dare to say 'no.'"

Humphrey Says Next Move Is Up To Hanoi

By JOSEPH E. MOHBAT
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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey says there is a "new level of diplomatic activity" taking place over the Vietnam war—and "the next move is up to Hanoi."

The Democratic presidential candidate's cautiously-worded remarks came as Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, U.S. commander in Vietnam, flew to Washington Tuesday for a secret meeting with President Johnson and his top advisers.

But if Humphrey knew more than his questioners about the meeting, or the latest possible moves toward peace, he did not let on. Asked in a Philadelphia television interview whether a peace move might take place before Tuesday's election, he replied: "I just don't know, and I'm not really in a position to tell you if I knew."

"I think there has been something going on," Humphrey said as he wound up a long day of campaigning across vote-rich Pennsylvania.

"There's been a new level of diplomatic activity. As I sense it, I think it is up to Hanoi," he said.

If the current flurry is not successful, Humphrey vowed again in Philadelphia that if elected, "I will make peace in Vietnam."

Addressing a \$100-a-plate fund-raising dinner, he said he is "hopeful that that cruel war will end, and end soon—that the Paris talks will succeed. It would be imprudent to say more about them tonight. But I will say this: The man who is our President now is retiring. On Jan. 20, I will be my own president. I will make peace in Vietnam—and I will make it my own way."