



Hands Of The Surgeon

Dr. George Hallenbeck, who will perform the operation on President Johnson, talks to reporters at the White House Thursday.

## President To Keep Date With Surgeons Early Today

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Johnson, his condition described as generally excellent on the eve of a major operation, will keep his date with the surgeons at about 7:30 a.m. Friday, his doctor said Thursday.

Deluged with get-well cards from the mighty and the humble, Johnson swept through a whirlwind day of White House business and ceremonies, a day due to end in a Bethesda Naval Hospital bed.

But Dr. George A. Hallenbeck, who will remove the President's gall bladder in a one to two-hour operation, said it may be six weeks before Johnson again feels as well as he does now.

Hallenbeck and other presidential doctors in a briefing for newsmen agreed that, aside from the faulty gall bladder, Johnson is in excellent health.

Dr. James C. Cain, Johnson's family doctor and like Hallenbeck a staff member at the Mayo Clinic, said the President's blood pressure is normal and his weight at a good level. As of Tuesday, it was 202 pounds.

Vice Adm. George G. Burkley, the White House physician, described Johnson's respiration and pulse as perfectly normal. Hallenbeck said Johnson may be able to get out of bed briefly Friday afternoon, and certainly will be up by the next day. But the President is expected to remain at the 18-story hospital in suburban Maryland for 10 to 14 days.

Hallenbeck said there is absolutely nothing that suggests the presence of any malignancy.

And he said the risk in a gall bladder operation, given Johnson's complications, is minimal, such as that in surgery for an appendectomy.

## PROP Seeks Director In Poverty War Here

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Staff Reporter

The Portland Regional Opportunity Program (PROP) wants to enlist a project director to take it into battle against poverty here.

The recently-organized community action anti-poverty agency will pay \$1,000 a month to a qualified person.

He'll be appointed initially for six months for preparation of a comprehensive program. The appointment is subject to extension for an indefinite period upon approval of the plan.

The agency is awaiting a \$25,000 planning grant, with which to map strategy in the anti-poverty war. The federal government at withholding approval of the grant until it receives PROP's bylaws and a list of its officers and membership.

PROP APPROVED its bylaws and named officers late last month. They included a section that gives the city the right to tell the agency what programs it will sponsor, provided they don't conflict with other anti-poverty programs.

The controversial section was included at the insistence of the city and PROP president William D. Rounds expressed reservations that the bylaws would gain federal approval with the clause left in.

Taking the responsibility for finding a project director in anticipation of federal approval of the planning grant is a personnel selection committee consisting of City Manager Graham W. Watt, Dr. Robert A. Bearor and John W. Sturges.

Watt said Thursday evening that by announcing the position at this time the panel hopes that it may attract some applicants from teachers here for their annual convention.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS said PROP initially will undertake a broad review of the nature and extent of poverty locally, the community resources available to meet the need and the unmet needs for which new programs are needed.

That will be followed by development of a comprehensive

Hallenbeck said Johnson will be given a general anesthesia, but did not specify the type. While Johnson is in anesthesia, Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey will be prepared to act if any emergency decisions become necessary.

Johnson will experience considerable discomfort after the operation, and will be given narcotics, especially during the first 24 hours after surgery, Hallenbeck said.

But he said this would not cloud the President's judgment. "Sedation in this range would be inadvisable medically," he said.

Hallenbeck said he expects Johnson will be responsive within an hour after the operation is completed.

For the President, the day was one of business as usual. He crowded in a round of ceremonies and speeches, conferred with advisers in his office, and telephoned an Army sergeant in a San Francisco hospital. The soldier suffered wounds in Viet Nam.

Johnson seemed a bit testy about reports he is out to prove that he is not sick man. He chided reporters who hustled to follow him on a short, rainy-day walk outside the White House.

"Just want to take a little walk and get some exercise without your drawing any conclusions on why I'm doing it," said Johnson, strolling the White House grounds with presidential aide Jack Valenti.

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## Bay State Man, Easton Woman Die In 2 Crashes

A Lowell, Mass., man was struck and killed while crossing Route 1 in Scarborough and an Easton woman died in a grade crossing accident in that town Thursday. Two others were injured critically in the Easton crash.

The two deaths boosted Maine's motor vehicle accident toll for the year to date to 161. This is 10 more than for a comparable period last year.

SCARBOROUGH — George B. Reynolds, 71, of Lowell, Mass., was killed instantly when struck by a car as he crossed busy Route One Thursday night. State Police reported.

State Trooper Hollis G. Dixon identified the driver as John E. Angis, 17, of Jasper St. West Scarborough, and quoted him that Reynolds was within three feet of the front of the car when he first saw him.

REYNOLDS was thrown up on the hood and carried at least 86 feet until he was thrown forward when the car stopped, Dixon said.

Reynolds had walked across three lanes of the four lane highway and was in the north-bound driving lane when struck.

The accident occurred at

## Halt To Bombings Key To Hanoi Peace Talks, Says Red Minister

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—Hungarian Foreign Minister Janos Peter told reporters Thursday that a halt in U.S. bombings of North Viet Nam would create "a situation in which negotiations would be surely reached" for peace in Viet Nam.

However, when asked if that was the only condition for such negotiations, he said: "There may be several complicated questions which should be dealt with before negotiations—but the first step to approach these questions would be the stopping of the bombings of North Viet Nam."

Peter had spent 70 minutes talking with U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk at the United States' U.N. mission about Viet Nam and other international problems. Peter said "I am satisfied" with the talk. He declared the atmosphere was "very good, even friendly."

The minister told the reporters that with Rusk he elaborated on what he told the U.N. General Assembly on Wednesday—that U.S. North Vietnamese peace talks proposals would be valuable unless "the aggression, the bombings" stopped.

Asked whether he had given Rusk a message from North Viet Nam, he said he spoke for Hungary but Hungary's views were "determined by taking into consideration the opinions and the principles of the Democratic Republic of (North) Viet Nam."

Peter met Rusk a few hours after the United States repeated that it still was ready to enter into Vietnamese peace talks without conditions—and withdrew out loud whether North Viet Nam had watered down its

conditions for such talks. The U.S. position was put forward in a statement regarding Peter's remarks to the assembly.

A U.S. spokesman said after the Peter-Rusk meeting that Rusk had reaffirmed the position of the United States on Southeast Asia, which had been stated by President Johnson and the secretary many times before.

He said this position specifically was "our interest in peace in Southeast Asia and our determination not to permit South Viet Nam to be overrun by force from the outside."

It was understood, however, the United States regarded Peter's statements as no new advance toward peace talks, but some words from Hanoi as to what the North Viet Nam response would be—perhaps withdrawal of the 25th North Vietnamese Division from South Viet Nam.

Peter was those of North Viet Nam. The United States has never ruled out another cessation of bombing of North Viet Nam similar to that which lasted for about two weeks last May. However, the United States was not sure what Hanoi had as to what the North Viet Nam response would be—perhaps withdrawal of the 25th North Vietnamese Division from South Viet Nam.

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## Twins Win 2nd Straight Over L.A. Dodgers, 5 To 1

MINNEAPOLIS (UPI)—The suddenly mighty Minnesota Twins beat golden-armed Sandy Koufax, baseball's premier pitcher, and bowled over the stumbling, fumbling Los Angeles Dodgers, 5-1, Thursday for their second straight World Series triumph.

Nasty, tan-boned Jim Kaat, a six-foot-four, 26-year-old left-hander set down the Dodgers on seven scattered singles in out-dueling the mighty Koufax in a contest where the usual surfer-fingered Dodgers easily caused themselves by committing three errors.

Zolo Versalles, the chunky little hero of Minnesota's opening 3-2 victory, had an important hand in this game's outcome, too, by scoring the first run of the contest and later contributing a triple.

Husky Harmon Killebrew, who chipped in with two of the Twins' nine hits on this damp, overcast day and left-fielder Bob Allison, who started in the defensive end of the series in the fifth inning, also were key men for the onslaught. "Series League champions."

But in the final analysis, the Dodgers actually beat themselves as they first missed a glorious opportunity to tie the score in the seventh and then helped their own downfall further by loose handling of the ball in the bottom of the seventh and the eighth.

Kaat, an 18-game winner for the Twins during the regular season, struck out only three men, but one of them, pinch hitter Don Drysdale, proved to be the key to the outcome.

After the Dodgers had struck

## Speeches And Workshops Open Teachers' Sessions

COX CALLED TWAIN "a traitor, a deceiver and a justifier," but said he would be remembered for erring "an American language."

Speaking at Dering High School, Prof. Robert L. Arnold, director of the Peabody

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Foundation for Architecture at Phillips Andover Academy, Andover, Mass., asked whether the New England Coast is sinking five feet every 1,000 years, or whether the sea is rising five feet every 1,000 years.

Arnold said science has established that people were living in the Boston area some 5,000 years before the birth of Christ, and Nova Scotia was inhabited 8,025 years before Christ.

Prof. Deborah Stone of the

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## Luna-7 Believed Destroyed By Crashing Into Moon

JODRELL BANK, England (AP)—The director of Britain's big radio telescope observatory said Friday that the signals indicated the Soviet Union's Luna-7 rocket had destroyed itself on hitting the moon.

Dr. Bernard Lovell, the director, said radio signals from the moon rocket ceased at 10:04:23 p.m. GMT on Thursday.

"It is impossible to do more than guess at what, if anything, has gone wrong. But our assumption was that the Russians intended to make a soft landing of instruments on the lunar surface," he said.

"On that assumption the final stages of firing the retro-rockets were only partially successful."

Sir Bernard added:

"It is interesting to note that the schedules known in America for soft landings is that retro-rockets firing takes place within a few minutes before landing. There was no indication of that here."

He pointed out that they had no information on the Soviet intentions beyond press agency announcements from Tass, but that "we can only make estimates of what might conceivably have happened. We would be surprised if Tass announced that there was anything but a crash landing."

Lovell said the possibilities that there might be a package on the moon which survived the crash could not be excluded—"but at the moment, if there should be, we have received no signal from it."

The giant radio telescope registered a crash in Luna-7's signals at 10:04 p.m. GMT—2:58 p.m. EST—indicating that retro-rockets had been fired to change the moon shot's velocity. Shortly afterwards, the signals stopped, he then came back loud and clear.

They ceased altogether at 5:08:29 p.m. EST—the time the Russians had said the vehicle was scheduled to hit the moon.

The United States plans to make its first attempt to soft-land on the moon in January.

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Checking On The Children

Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Smith of Presque Isle, take time out from the 63rd annual Maine Teachers Association convention here to check on their four children back home. Smith is a teacher at Cunningham Junior High School.

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