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President Johnson is overwhelmed by the most dramatic display of hospitality he has ever witnessed as he arrived in Mexico City. Standing beside President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz at Mexico City's International Airport, the President declared that his "wish for today" would be to see the warring nations of the world living in the kind of harmony that links the United States and Mexico."

Law enforcement and health officials decide to ask the New York State Legislature to pass strong laws to curtail black-market sales of LSD-25, the dangerous hallucinatory drug. A state law went into effect last July makes the manufacture, sale, distribution and possession of LSD, a misdemeanor, punishable by a year in prison and a \$500 fine.

Volkswagen of America disputes a charge by Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D-Conn.) that the small, German-made car "happens to be one of the most unsafe cars in the world." Ralph Nader made similar charges: "I think it is hard to find a more dangerous car than the Volkswagen." Both base their charges on reports that Volkswagen doors tend to fly open in accidents, that the cars are unstable at high speeds and in sharp turns and that the rear axle design tends to make the rear wheels tuck under and cause over steering.



The United States, Britain and West Germany set up a joint working group in Bonn to coordinate strategy on dealing with President Charles de Gaulle's declared intention of withdrawing French troops stationed on German soil from the integrated NATO command.

President and Mrs. Johnson are shoved and jostled by thousands of women admirers who turned a White House reception into a mob scene. No one was injured.

Claims that bomb shortages are hampering U.S. air attacks in Vietnam are "baloney, and only that," according to defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara. "You can't have a bomb shortage when you have 61,000 tons of bombs in the inventory."

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The Mattachine Society, the first gay organization in Washington, lead a homosexual picket at the White House. (The very first of its kind).

At the 36th Annual Oscar Awards this week - some winners:

Best Picture - "The Sound of Music" Robert Wise, producer.

Best Actor - Lee Marvin - "Cat Ballou"

Best Actress - Julie Christie - "Darling"

Best Supporting Actor - Martin Balsam - "A Thousand Clowns"

Best Supporting Actress - Shelley Winters - "A Patch of Blue"

Best Director - Robert Wise - "The Sound of Music."

Best Song - "The Shadow of Your Smile" from "The Sandpiper." Music by Johnny Mandel. Lyrics by Paul Francis Webster.



Britain's leading pathologist publishes letters believed to have been written by Jack the Ripper, the notorious killer of London prostitutes in the 1880's. One letter was addressed "from hell:" - "The next job I do I shall clip the layd's (sic) ears off and send them to the police, just for jolly, wouldn't you." Ripper was never caught.

Also in England - a subterranean cult of young teenagers is found living in deep caves around the Matlock, in central England. Known as "Troggs," from troglodyte, they hide away because they feel society is against them. About 50 are permanent residents and an estimated 1,000 come on weekends. Some are drug addicts and a 14-year-old prostitute has been found among them. Girls of 12 and 13 have admitted sleeping with boys there. They have become a social problem for the nearby town because of their begging. Signs can be seen - "No Troggs Allowed" in some cafe windows.

Sports - The Boston Celtics, in an unprecedented move, name their center, Bill Russell, as coach to succeed Red Auerbach, who is retiring.

At the Apollo Theater in Harlem - Gloria Lynn, Richard Pryor, Flamingos, Lou Rawls, Willie Bobo.

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Gossip - Conjecture about Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy remarrying is hot. The talk includes mention of magazine editor **George Plimpton** (37), son of former U.S. Ambassador Francis Plimpton and attorney Michael Forrestal (38), son of the late secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal.

Mrs. Kennedy denies reports she plans to be married to Spanish diplomat Don Antonio Garrigues y Diaz Canabate. Mrs. Kennedy is visiting in Spain.

Playing in Las Vegas:

Jackie Mason, Three Jeers and "Jet Set Revue -Aladdin

Hello, America - Desert Inn

Wayne Newton/Jackie Kahane - Flamingo

Hello, Dolly! - Riviera

Donald O'Connor/Anna Maria Alberghetti - Sahara

Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Joey Bishop - Sands

Lido de Paris - Stardust

C'est la Femme - Thunderbird

Folies Bergere – Tropicana

Hollywood news – A motion picture version of "Get Smart" is squashed. Seems that Columbia Pictures and TA (Talent Associates – producers of the TV series) couldn't agree on a budget and there was a problem with star Don Adams. TA had planned to film the feature this summer during the production hiatus, but Don Adams had a commitment in Atlantic City and since he doesn't fly, it would have meant so much time away from Hollywood.

Television news - the cast of Perry Mason film their final episode - #271 this week. "The Case of the Final Fadeout" will air in May. Everyone from the make-up artists to the sound technicians will appear in bit parts. Dick Clark appears in the episode as well as the author of Perry Mason - Earl Stanley Gardner, who plays the judge.

Actor Raymond Burr was asked if he thought playing Perry Mason would restrict his future as an actor: "I don't think so. I did 90 movies before the series, maybe 100 television shows, some 200 plays and 1,000 radio programs. I'm sure there is room for me someplace."



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Author Earl Stanley Gardner says he has derived much pleasure from the TV version of his world-famous attorney's exploits and adventures. "Perry Mason held on all these years because of several factors. It appealed to your sense of justice. It made people feel the underdog has his day. And primarily, it was a damn good show. It had good acting, directing and cutting. The fans never felt they were looking at a television show. They felt they were working through a window." Gardner lives in Temecula, California.



Recently in New York, Robert Vaughn was mobbed by hundreds of fans. Characteristically he commented: "Are they mobbing me or Napoleon Solo? I may portray him, but I'm sure not like him!"

Danny Thomas and Aaron Spelling form a company to produce one-hour dramatic shows, feature films and comedy series for television. Thomas has a long-standing partnership with Sheldon Leonard in T&L Productions and Spelling has a motion picture arrangement with United Artists.

Westinghouse is launching the "John Bartholomew Tucker Show" – a talk-variety show much on the order of its "Merv Griffin" and "Mike Douglas" shows. Bartholomew is with Baltimore's WJZ-TV. Will he end-up at San Francisco's KPIX-TV?

A new Rhythm and Blues television show is being launched out of... Nashville! "The !!!! Beat," will be the first full-color TV series designed to afford national exposure to big-name Negro entertainers will be launched in 12 major markets May 7. The show will be hosted by R&B deejay Bill (Hoss) Allen, who has been spinning R&B discs on WLAC (1510) since the early 1950's.

Friday Night Television -

CBS - CBS Evening News With Walter Cronkite, Wild, Wild West, Hogan's Heroes, Gomer Pyle, Smothers Brothers show, Trials of O'Brien

NBC - Huntley/Brinkley Report, Camp Runamuck, Sammy Davis Show, Mister Roberts, Man From UNCLE

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ABC - Peter Jennings With The News, The Flintstones, Tammy, Addams Family, The Big Guy, Court Martial

Wild, Wild West - Dr. Loveless devises a plot to drive agent West insane. Robert Conrad and Ross Martin star. Michael Dunn guest stars.



Tammy - Uncle Lucious gets into a high stakes game with a man he charged \$20 to pass a road block. **Debbie Watson** stars.

Sammy Davis Show - with Art Carney, Kaye Stevens, Sergio Franchi, Adam Wade

Gomer Pyle - Gomer becomes a hero when Sgt. Carter foils a cafe holdup and talks his private into taking the credit in order to provide Carter with an alibi.

Smothers Brothers Show - Angel Tom is assigned to prevent brother Dick from marrying the beautiful daughter of a wealthy sheik.

Trials of O'Brien - A comic in burlesque becomes involved in murder. Stars Peter Falk. Milton Berle is the comic.

Man From UNCLE - "Indian Affairs Affair." Solo and Illya, aided by a good-guy Indians thwart THRUSH's plan to assemble a hydrogen bomb.

Court Martial - Maj. Whittaker defends a sergeant accused of striking an officer. Stars **Bradford Dillman**, Peter Graves.

Tonight show - Dick Cavett, James Garner join Johnny Carson

Merv Griffin Show (syndicated) - Rosanno Brazzi, Godfrey Cambridge, Ralph Nader.



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At the movies -

Born Free - Virginia McKenna, Bill Travers, Geoffrey Keen

The Spy With My Face - Robert Vaughn, Senat Berger, David McCallum

To Trap A Spy - Robert Vaughn, David McCallum

Promise Her Anything - Warren Beatty, Leslie Caron, Keenan Wynn, Hermione Gingold, Lionel Stander, Bob Cummings

The Ghost and Mr. Chicken - Don Knotts, Joan Staley, Liam Redmond, Dick Sargent

The Spy Who Came In From The Cold - Richard Burton, Claire Bloom, Oskar Werner

Ghost in the Invisible Bikini - Tommy Kirk, Deborah Walley, Aron Kincaid, Harvey Lembeck, Jesse White, Claudia Martin (daughter of Dean Martin), Nancy Sinatra, Basil Rathbone, Patsy Kelly, Susan Hart, Boris Karloff.

Thunderball - Sean Connery

Doctor Zhivago

A Patch of Blue - Sidney Poitier, Shelley Winters, Elizabeth Hartman

Harper - Paul Newman, Lauren Bacall

Stop The World I Want To Get Off - Tony Tanner, Millicent Martin

The Chase - Marlon Brando, Jane Fonda, Robert Redford

The Silencers - Dean Martin as Matt Helm

Walt Disney's Bambi

Dracula Prince of Darkness - Christopher Lee, Barbara Shelley, Andrew Keir

The Plague of the Zombies - Andre Morell, Diane Clare, John Carson

The Oscar - Stephen Boyd, Elke Sommer, Milton Berle

The Singing Nun - Ricardo Montalban, Agnes Moorehead, Chad Everett, Katharine Ross, Ed Sullivan, Greer Garson

The Agony and the Ecstasy - Charlton Heston, Rex Harrison

The Rare Breed - James Stewart, Maureen O'Hara

Cloportes - Lino Ventura, Charles Aznavour

Comedian Lenny Bruce is given a one-year suspended sentence, fined \$250 and put on two years' probation as the result of a 1963 heroin conviction in Los Angeles.

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Radio news - WWRL (1600), the leading soul/rhythm and blues station in the country, is adding some "white" acts to its play list, on a limited basis. Says general manager Frank Ward - "We're trying to give our Negro audience the best music performed on records, even though it's not necessarily performed by a Negro." The station had been playing blue-eyed soul artists such as the Righteous Brothers in recent months, but the new programming policy allows for even the non-soul sound. WWRL just added, on a limited basis, such tunes as "Monday, Monday," "Kicks," "Bang Bang," "Secret Agent Man," "Sloop John B." "Paint It Black," "Rainy Day Women" and "Time Won't Let Me.

Righteous Brothers had soul programmers fooled at first - Rocky G (Grosse), program director of WWRL, New York, says he couldn't believe the duo was white. It was Georgie Woods, DJ at WDAS, Philadelphia, who came up with the term "blue-eyed" soul to cover these white artists, who sound "soulful."

Rick Sklar, program director of WABC, New York, says that established top-40 stations such as WABC "can't help having a rosy future because more than half the population is under 25 years old. I feel there's going to be a profusion of stations in all different kinds of formats. Very few radio stations will be in trouble." **Sklar believes that auto stereo cartridges would limit the growth of FM stereo stations.**

Arbitron radio audience measurement in and around New York City says that FM radio stations are nosing out AM stations in audience increases. For January and February, Arbitron shows FM listening was hiked by 597,000 people. AM listening increased by 564,000 in the same comparison. Top FM stations in New York are WQXR, WOR, WPIX, WPAT, WNEW, WTFM, WABC, WRFM, WCBS and WVNJ. FM still has a long way to go.

Also New York - It's been a year and looks like all-news WINS is going to make it. The station is finishing its first year in the black and the ratings are up substantially. The "news at any time" concept is felt to attract not only listeners, but also newsmakers desirous to immediate access to the airwaves. This is a disappointment to those who believed music would someday return to the station.

More radio - the new KILT/San Francisco DJ line-up - Ed Mitchel, Mike Phillips and Steve O'Shea, Bobby Dale and Royce Johnson. Tom Rounds, formerly of KPOI, Honolulu, is the program director. Bill Drake just took over programming.

Top-40 wars in Memphis - WMPS (680) Vs. WHBQ (560). Turn the dial and hear

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these DJ's - Charlie Watson, John Froland, Paul White, Harry Chapman, Jay Cook, George Klein and Bob Edwards.



Soul radio in Memphis - WDIA (1070) Vs. WLOK (1390). Turn the dial and hear these DJ's - **Rufus Thomas**, A.C. (Moohah) Williams, Bill Terrell, Avery Davis, B.J. Jones, Robert (Honey Boy) Thomas and Randy (Baby) Warren.

Pop Record news - George Goldner buys out the interest of Jerry Lieber and Mike Stoller in Red Bird and Blue Cat Records. The move was made to allow Lieber and Stoller to devote more time to writing and publishing and to work on film and

Broadway show properties.

Music - Peter & Gordon are in the U.S. for an eight-week coast-to-coast tour coinciding with the hit single - "Women." It's their eighth American visit since 1964.

Bob Dylan is on his first around-the-world tour. He played Honolulu and Australia last week. He's set for Scandinavia, Dublin and other appearances in the United Kingdom next month. Look for him in Paris, May 24.

San Francisco sound attracts national label - Warner Brothers Records signs **The Beau Brummels**, The Mojo Men and the Vegetables - all from the Bay area.

Rock keeps expanding. Recently "psychedelic" and "raga-rock" were added as new adjectives to describe certain types of rock. Now there's a new one - "barunk."

Barunk combines baroque and funk or soul sounds, in combinations of guitars and harmonicas. The only one playing "barunk so far is the Barry Goldberg Blues Band, from their new single "Blowing My Mind."



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KRLA DJ Bob Eubanks is banking the Beatles once again. He promoted the Beatles two previous Hollywood Bowl appearances and he's going to do it again this year – this time, at Dodger Stadium. He'll pay a \$100,000 guarantee against 65% of gate. Tickets should go between \$3 and \$7. 50,000 are expected, far more than the Hollywood Bowl's 17,000. Eubanks expects to gross \$290,000. Top-40 KRLA serves the LA area at 1110 on the AM dial.

Liverpool's famous Cavern Club, original home to the Beatles and other UK groups, which closed three weeks ago, is keeping its name going over the airwaves. The two Cavern Club directors, Peter

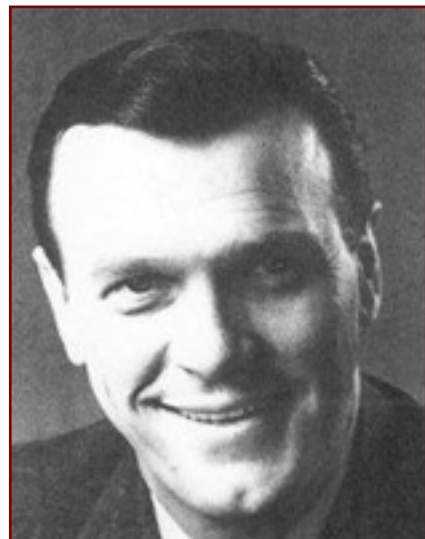
Hepworth and Nigel Greenberg, moved to extensive studios close to the Cavern and are now producing a series of one-hour radio spectaculars with an eye on the U.S. The idea originated in the Cavern Club when Hepworth and Greenberg met Radio Caroline DJ and producer John Wilde.

Country music star Buck Owens becomes the new president of Thunderbird Broadcasting Corp of Bakersfield Calif, owner and operator of country-formatted KUZZ (970).

Reprise Records signs Deanna Martin, 17-year-old daughter of Dean Martin, to a contract. Also on the label, her brother Dino with "Dino, Desi & Billy."

Country favorites -

- I Want to Go With You - **Eddy Arnold**
- Waitin' In Your Welfare Line - Buck Owens
- Tippy Toeing - Harden Trio
- Ballad of the Green Berets - S/Sgt. Barry Sadler
- The One On The Right is On the Left - Johnny Cash
- Skid Row Joe - Porter Wagoner
- Snowflake - Jim Reeves
- Husbands and Wives - Roger Miller
- Nobody But A Fool - Connie Smith
- Golden Guitar - Bill Anderson



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Favorite Albums -

Going Places - **Herb Alpert & His Tijuana Brass**

Ballads of the Green Berets - S/Sgt. Barry Sadler

Just Like us! - Paul Revere & The Raiders

Boots - Nancy Sinatra

The Sound of Music - soundtrack

The Best of the Animals

I Hear A Symphony - Supremes

The Dave Clark Five's Greatest Hits

September of My Years - Frank Sinatra

Tijuana Brass - Herb Alpert & The Tijuana Brass

Hang On Ramsey! - Ramsey Lewis Trio

My Name is Barbra, Two - Barbra Streisand

Spanish Eyes - Al Martino

South of the Border - Herb Alpert's Tijuana Brass

Rubber Soul - Beatles

Music- A Part of Me - David McCallum

Montovani Magic - Mantovani & His Orchestra

Chet Atkins Picks On The Beatles

When You're In Love, The Whole World is

Jewish - Various artists

Otis Blue/Otis Redding Sings Soul

Daydream - Lovin' Spoonful

Wednesday Morning, 3AM - Simon & Garfunkel



R & B Favorites -

Get Ready - Temptations

634-5789 - Wilson Pickett

Satisfaction - Otis Redding

The Love You Save - **Joe Tex**

Baby, Scratch My Back - Slim Harpo

This Old Heart of Mine - Isley Brothers

She Blew & Good Thing - Poets



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Ain't That A Groove - James Brown
Helpless - Kim Weston

Love Makes The World Go Round -
Deon Jackson
Shake Me, Wake Me (When It's Over) -
Four Tops
Darling Baby - **Elgins**
My Baby Loves Me - Martha & The
Vandellas

