# THE WORLD TODAY

#### Genoa Students and Workers Battle

ROME (UPI) - More than 1,000 students and workers tought a pitched battle in the heart of Genoa Tuesday as continuing unrest kept the pressure on Premier designate Mariano Rumor's efforts to complete formation of a new center left coalition.

At least 11 persons were injured in the Genoa fighting, police said. Another 15 persons were taken into custody.

The outbreak in the port city was the most serious incident in another day of industrial student agitation, strikes and sit-in demonstrations. Police seized a variety of makeshift weapons, including stones, nail-studded clubs and long sticks, after intervening to separate students and workers who met after staging rival marches. They began fighting after exchanging angry shouts.

Elsewhere, more than 1,000 strikers on Sardinia blocked roads during a daylong strike and students in a dozen cities staged sit-ins and marched through streets.

#### Rogers 'Good Bet' For Secretary

WASHINGTON (UPI) - William P. Rogers, attorney general during the Eisenhower administration, is a "good bet" to become President elect Richard M. Nixon's secretary of state, a source close to Nixon said Tuesday.

Rogers is now practicing law in Washington. He and Nixon are

Although the source for the Rogers' report declined to be identified, Rep. Ross Adair of Indiana, ranking Republican on the House foreign affairs committee, said he had heard Rogers name mentioned as a possible secretary of state. But he said he could not confirm this.

Another Republican congressman, who asked not to be quoted, said meanhile, he had learned that Gov. Walter J. Hickel of Alaska would be named secretary of interior in the Nixon administration.

Rogers, 56, served as attorney general in President Dwight D. Eisenhower's second term in 1957-61 and was a close friend of

#### FBI Joins Hunt For Panther Cleaver

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)-The FBI Tuesday joined the hunt for Black Panther leader Eldridge Cleaver, who is being sought as a parole violator.

Cleaver's failure Nov. 27 to return voluntarily to custody was made a federal case by the filing of a complaint charging the Negro writer with unlawful flight to escape prosecution.

U.S. atty. Cecil Poole, also a Negro, said new evidence developed indicating that Cleaver, the Peace and Freedom Party's 1968 presidential candidate, had crossed state or national borders.

The FBI presented an affidavit saying Cleaver's wife, Kathleen, recently withdrew \$33,000 from her bank account and flew last Sunday to New York.

"It appears she has transported funds which are the fugitive's property for delivery and probably use outside the state," the FBI

Cleaver, 33, is believed to lave earned substantial sums of money from sale of his book, "Soul on Ice," which recounted his crimes of rape, assault and attempted murder.

Cleaver was paroled in 1966 after serving nine years of a 13 year sentence on assault and rape charges.

#### **US Cavairymen Overrun Rocket Site**

SAIGON (UPI) U.S. air cavalrymen backed by bombers and helicopter gunships overran and captured a Communist rocket site morth of Saigon, military spokesmen said Wednesday. Other fighting pushed American dead in the Vietnam War to over the 30,000 mark.

Three Americans were killed and seven wounded in the attack Tuesday upon the rocket site 60 miles morth of Saigon, the spokesmen said. The Americans captured two multiple launchers for long range rockets and killed 14 Communist soldiers.

As the new fighting flaced, U.S. military sources in Saigon said fighting along the Cambodian frontier and the South China Sea coast had brought American battle deaths above 30,000 and closer to the total for the Korean War.

In other action Tuesday, American infantrymen patrolling in the central highlands killed 10 more Red troops while suffering one wounded. And U.S. B52 bombers flew raids against Communist positions in the mountains west of An Hoa in South Vietnam's northern quarter and 30 and 60 miles northwest of Saigon.

#### Four Unions Form Transport Alliance

CHICAGO (UPI)-The presidents of four major railroad workers' unions said Tuesday their unions will merge to form the largest AFL CIO transportation workers alliance in the country, with a combined membership of 280,000.

The new union, the first alliance of operating railroad labor since 1886, will be called the United Transportation Union, UTU.

The merger will fuse the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, BRT, the Order of Railway Conductors and Brakemen, ORCB, the Switchmen's Union of North American, SUMA, and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Hinginemen, BLFE. The combined unions voted 97,708 for the merger and 17,067 against.

# Senate Approves Report

The Student Senate last night approved a report from the special committee probing the role of the Senate but 1 ok no action because of the small number of senators present. In other action, the Senate approved appropriations totaling \$4650 among three groups

The most important point of the report was the recommendation that all matters to be considered by the SLC originate in the Student Senate. Committee Chairman Fred Dedrick suggested that this would give the students the most important stance in establishing procedures governing their lives.

Since the Senate took no action concering the report it will still have to entertain legislation to implement the suggestions presented. Then the SLC will have to determine itself

whether to follow the recommendations of the Senate.

The report also attempted to define the role of the Senate. The duties of the Senate described by the report were: 1) to make recommendations to the SLC; 2) consideration and approval of the Student Government Budget; and 3) consideration of proposals which need the support of the Senate in order to be effectively circulated and publicized (e.g., the Biafra petition and the Lyons Hall parietal hours bill).

Other suggestions of the committee were a need for a more seious approach to the business of the Senate. He stated that lack of work by these committees is one of the reasons that the senators have been unprepared for consideration of many bills. Student Body

President Richard Rossie suggested that the weekly senate meetings be changed to bi-weekly sessions alternating with mandatory attendance at standing committee meetings to alleviate this problem.

Rossic and Holy Cross Senator Mike Mead became engaged in a debate over what actually constituted "matters directly concerning the students." Mead argued that in considering many national issues, the Senate was becoming a debating society and not an organ serving student needs.

However, Rossie replied that there is "a practical problem in defining limits of student concern." He reasoned that it is impossible to constitutionally state definite areas of concern without emasculating the perogative of the Senate.

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## Lists Recommendations

Union is publishing a grievance and recommendation report, the Observer learned yesterday. The ISU, composed of the ISO, the Pan American Club, the Chinese Association, and the India Association, lists seven grievances, together with six concrete recommendations. The emphasis is decidedly on the recommendations. The report states in part:

"We believe that it is the easy way out to criticize. Constructive suggestions are not frequently given in lists of student gripes, but we feel that the real 'heart' of our report is the list of recommendations for improvement."

The first point concerns the immdiate appointment of a competent, interested, and trained full-time adviser for international students.

The report goes on to ask for an investigation into the problems of housing for international graduate students. In an appendix, the report notes, "At times the international student faces prejudice because of his race. These students often have to be satisfied with sub-standard housing, poorly heated and badly furnished, for which they are charged exhorbitant rates."

The third point asks for special and immediate attention to the admissions policy of the university in recruiting international students. The report emphasizes that a quota system is not asked, but only "a more realistic policy."

The fourth concern is the immediate establishment of

The International Students scholarships for needy undergraduate international students. "Scholarship money should not be taken away from American students, but the University should cut spending in some other area.'

The fifth point asks for the creation of a new and realistic International Students Room.

The report also calls on the Administration to invite the investigating governmental agency on International Student Life at American Universities to come to Notre Dame and study the situation in greater detail. . in the very near future."

the report is set in the summary: be heard and acted upon."

"This report is not meant to be an attack on the Administration or Notre Dame. but rather, our way of trying to face problems and solve them. These are problems which directly affect a very few of us, but indirectly affect each and every person associated with Notre Dame.

"We have faith in Notre Dame ... in you. We are not setting a deadline for our requests. We do not plan any demonstrations or walkouts. We expect to see how members of a 'Great University' confront and solve problems in a "We expect to see such action rational manner. We expect immediate action and we have The emphasis and the tone of confidence that our requests will

## **Blacks Set Agenda**

Committee for Afro-American committee as a whole for further Students held its first formal meeting last night, primarily to establish committees and set up an agenda for future regular meetings.

Present at the meeting were the six faculty members and the six permanent black student members, who were appointed by Afro-American Society President Arthur MacFarland. These members, in addition to MacFarland, are Derrick Ames, Robert Cann, Dave Krashna, John Sepolen, and Walter Williams.

The committees established will, according to MacFarland, do homework in each of the areas covered by the list of Black demands which prompted the establishment of the group. Then the sub-committee will

The newly formed University report its findings to the consideration.

> Also discussed at last night's meeting was the establishment of a Black Seminar course se cond semester. MacFarland said the seminar will tentatively cover subjects such as Black art and literature, and Afro-American music.

> MacFarland said that the student members of the committee were appointed "to see that this just isn't a token organization set up by Father Hesburgh." He noted that the committee is in full agreement with the demands and favors their implementation.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, with regular weekly meetings to follow.

# Revolution Discussed

In a talk "Revolution In Cuba--Ten Years After," Dr. Samuel Shapiro informed a small audience in the library auditorium last night of the present social and political situation of that nation.

Initially, he gave general results of the revolution of 1959, noting that a new generation has developed completely under Castro influence; that Cuba has become a totally socialist state; and most importantly, that there is a need in Cuba for Russian assistance. "Without Soviet backing, Cuba would not last two weeks . . . It costs Russia one hundred million dollars a day to keep the revolution going." He added, "The Russians are spending a lot of money and not getting a lot in return."

The body of his address included a discussion of the successes and failures of the revolution. He said, "I think perhaps the most striking of failures is the number of people fleeing the country. I don't think I have ever seen as many refugees as a result of a revolution. There are 500,000 Cubans that have left the island

out." Shapiro had more to say of the successes of the Castro regime. "In 1958, prior to the revolution, you had a great deal of inequality in the Cuban society. People at the bottom of the social scale profited from the revolution. There has been a great increase in the standard of living for hundreds of thousands of people."

Of post-revolution 'There has been a big increase in the amount of spending on public health." He noted that there is no polio in Cuba as a result of a government planned inoculation program. He also virtual eleimination of infectious diseases like malaria.

Castro has also effected a "tremendous increase in the number of Cubans going to school.

Concluding, the speaker stressed that government in Cuba is not beginning to be satisfactory. As he put it, "The tragic thing about Cuba is that there is no machinery for

since 1959 . . . The only thing I government self-correction. It is can say in defense of Castro is very ludicrous to see Castro that he has let these people blaming everybody else for his own faults . . . There are still 500,000 people on the island who want to get out."

### News In Brief: **Bomb Threat**

A bomb threat call to the Notre Dame Security Office triggered a search of the Administration Building yesterday morning.

The caller, who refused to iimprovements he also said, dentify himself, said that a bomb had been placed in the building, and then hung up, according to Richard Conklin of the Public Information Office. Security Director Arthur Pears and several officers made a tour declared that there has been the of the building, asking department heads and professors to make a thorough search of their offices and rooms.

> Conklin said that no strange objects were found. It is assumed, he added, that "this was just some kook calling.'

#### Open House

The Freshman Year of Studies will sponsor a College of Science Orientation Open House at 7 pm tonight in the Law Auditorium.

#### Organ Concert

Berj Zamkochian, staff organist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, will give a concert in Sacred Heart Church at 8:15 tonight.

**Betty Doerr One Day** 



Twenty-four hour cease fire on Christmas Day. Arbitrary peace on earth One day when a mother and child are safe almost anywhere. A bombing halt.

Peace all over the world. Peace at home. My mother isn't calling me a radical or a communist. She doesn't warn me about damaging the family name. I don't feel guilty or angry about being a dependent. Being at home isn t so bad.

Seniors don't worry about graduating on time or flunking a course. Semester exams don t exist and papers aren't due after Christmas. Seniors don't think about where they are going or what they'll be doing after June. Nobody tells them they can't do anything.

Students aren't paranoid or alienated or even screwed up. The Administration isn't entirely stupid and teachers aren't necessarily sadistic. Young people can't call each other straight or weird or sick. Journalists don't describe people under twenty-five as protestors or hippies or some kind of generation. Young people don't describe people over twenty-five as fascist pigs or bourgeois. There is no rationale for the existence of the "Up With People" movement.

The OBSERVER is actually glad that nothing is happening. The night editor isn't worried about copy. Bill Luking isn't worried at all. Nobody is telling the columnists that they can't write or the editor that the news is slanted. People at Notre Dame who read my column aren't saying that I'm messed up, a bitch, meaningless, or that I can't write. The ruggers aren't calling me Sweaty Betty. It's not necessary to explain that I don't hate ruggers, the new left, the far right, freshmen, seniors, Saint Mary's girls, Notre Dame boys.

I don't have to worry about my friends in the army, our boys in Vietnam, our country. A twenty-four hour cease-fire. Arbitrary, but nonetheless real. For one day anyway. Perhaps for five minutes. Maybe not at all. But the wish is there.





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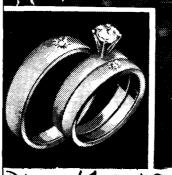


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#### Capt. Tuxbury On Chaplain's Role

Capt. Vernon W. Tuxbury of the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps will speak in the Law Auditorium today at 4:30 pm on "The Role of the Chaplain in Military life today."

The Shepherd has summoned one of our lambs (by phone) to be sacrificed for

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Mr. William Richardson

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A Permanent MYTH

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The problem of the Black students on the Notre Dame campus seems, at long last, to be coming to the surface. It is unfortunate, however, that Chris Wolfe failed to realize the depth of this problem and dismissed the real issue at hand Notre Dame is by no means attempting to solve the racist problem that exists both on this campus and in society as a whole. How does Notre Dame fail to solve this problem, and in fact, only accelerate it? The real answer to this lies in this University's insistence (conscious or unconscious) on perpetuating the status quo of society (i.e., the white middle-class value system).

Mr. Wolfe seems to envision ND as the proverbial "great white father," enrolling more Blacks as an act of charity. This has been the most basic fallacy in this University's attitude toward Blacks. They are enrolled here (as an "act of charity"), given an education (i.e., indoctrinization into the white middle-class society value system). and pushed back into society to practice these values (even though it was, and is, this same value system that keeps Blacks in poverty). It is because of this attempt on the part of ND (again, whether conscious or unconscious) to completely assimilate the Black into the White value system that the Blacks at ND have united to fight.

The Blacks know that merely increasing the enrollment will not change the predominate attitude on this campus. The Blacks know they must change both the enrollment proportion and the atmosphere if ND is to shed its attitude. And the Blacks know, as Mr. Wolfe appears to be too naive to realize, that pressure is the only way to bring about change at ND.

This university prides itself in producing "leaders," but did we ever consider what kind of "leaders" we are producing? With few exceptions, these "leaders" are one-dimensional they are the ones that are acquiescing to society's demands, and perpetuating the status quo that not only permits, but indeed encourages, racism. There is a need for a diversity of leaders at ND.

Mr. Wolfe has expressed fear that more Blacks at ND might cause this to become " 'base' for protesting conditions throughout our society." I'd like to reiterate that statement only in terms of a hope and not a fear. If this is to be a university

center of Christ-like actions, then we damn well ought to protest the amazingly inequitable conditions and blatent racism of our society.

Phil McKenna

Editor:

Before passing judgement on Black Power at Notre Dame, perhaps Chris Wolfe should test his theories with some experience and action in the black core of a Washington, Chicago, or Detroit. He'll find that the "militancy and demands" of Blacks here are

pretty tame by comparison with the inner cities, or even with what they probably should be

The problem is not that Blacks are making demands in their own interests, but that the rest of us are not making demands in the best interests of the University. We have an obligation to make the best use of the privilege of attending Notre Dame. An obligation to make this a better place, a better university.

His question of the propriety of power in the university community is a basic issue. However, it should be a question, not of particular interest group power, but of "University Power". The university should be the heart of growth in a developing society. A core of intellectual development, yes, but also an opportunity for overall personal growth and integration into society through experience and

action, and even desirably a "base' for protesting conditions throughout our society."

To achieve this we should have the best possible cross-section of people-not predominantly white, Catholic, middle-class, American males who, not denying individuality, do tend to think, feel, act, and get hung-up along congruent

We should be able to look all around us in "searching for the truth about things", and yet, because of a unique Christian orientation, seek to direct this effort toward sharing truth and more abundant life with all who share the human condition.

> Peace. Mike Karwoski

Editor:

One of the biggest threats to the progress of the black man in this country, and one of the biggest contributiors to racial tension is what I call passive

racism. The black man has been in an oppressed condition for so long that he is now in a vicious circle which blocks his self improvement, and the only way to give him "what he deserves" is to give him, for a time, more than he deserves.

Passive racists use arguments like Mr. Wolfe used in his column, "ND Black Power." These are: moving too fast will cause racial tension; giving advantages to blacks will cause 'discrimination against whit applicants"; giving them a break (at Notre Dame) will be setting up a "base' for protesting conditions throughout the country". Mr. Wolfe is even against compromise which would lead to greater demands (God forbid).

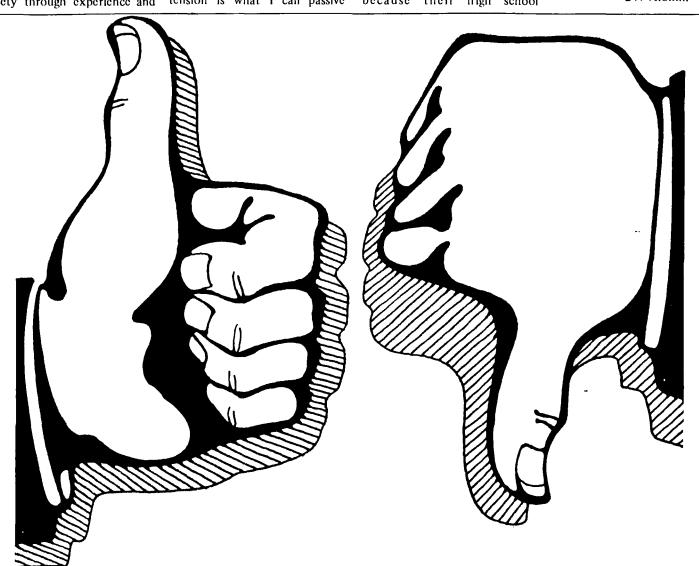
Education is a prime example of the vicious circle. Black students are not going to high class schools like Notre Dame because their high school

background is inadequate, and because they can't afford it. Yet the reason secondary education is poor for blacks, and the reason there are few blacks in the higher income brackets is because there are not enough well-educated blacks.

To take the attitude that "I never did anything against a black man", to advocate "moderate" proposals, as Mr. Wolfe does, is not the safe out it appears to be. Because this attitude directly contributes to the interminable prolongation of the, quite shameful, status quo of the black man in this country.

In the Social Commission office, one floor above the Observer office, there is a sign which reads, "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem." Mr. Wolfe is part of the problem.

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# Irish Entertain Wisconsin Tonight

UCLA and will not be led by Alcindor, but the Irish could

The competition will not be hosts the surprising Wisconsin Badgers tonight at 7:30 PM.

Coach John Powless has seen find it tough going in their his squad improve steadily second venture in the Athletic following an opening loss to and Convocation Center. Notre Nebraska. In Madison, the Dame, ranked seventh by UPI, Badgers upset the then

fourth-ranked Jayhawks of Kansas 67 62. Then Wisconsin trounced North Dakota 94-48.

Wisconsin fell behind the Jayhawks, but rallied to tie the contest 30 30 at halftime. Coming out of the lockers, the

Badgers outscored Kansas 16 7, including 10 straight points, to pull out of reach.

The Badgers' fine team shooting has improved as much as the won-lost record. On the road at Nebraska, Wisconsin managed only .303, but came back to shoot .423 against Kansas. Then North Dakota went down before a blistering .525 pace from the floor.

Leading scorer and rebounder for Wisconsin is forward James Johnson, a 6ft. 5in. senior. Johnson has garnered 61 points and 32 rebounds in three games. Joining him at the other forward post will be either Ted Voigt, 6ft. 8in. senior, or Chuck Nagle, 6ft. 5in. senior.

At 6ft. 9in., Craig Mayberry plays a lot of center for the Badgers. Mayberry is a junior college transfer from Lamar College. In the backcourt will be 6ft. 1in. sophomore Clarence Sherrod, who averaged 30.1 for the Badger frosh, and either Tom Mitchell, 6ft. 1in. senior, or Keith Burington, 6ft. 2in. senior.

The biggest adjustment for the Irish may be a psychological one. Coach Johnny Dec has pointed out the danger of a letdown from the UCLA defeat. The Irish will once again be without the services of guards Jim Derrig and Jack Meehan, while Bob Arnzen is slowed by an Achilles tendon injury.

Notre Dame hopes to improve an offense which bludgeoned, rather than finessed, out-manned King's College, and sputtered against the Bruins. From the floor, the Irish have shot .431, while at the line Notre Dame is a mediocre .571.

## **Grapplers Top Purdue**

Tom Fallon's matmen extended their season record to 2 wins, no defeats last night, as they edged archrival Purdue 16-14.

The Irish were on the short end of a 14-13 count going into the final match of the evening, but heavyweight Pat Mudron decisioned his opponent to stow away another ND triumph. Other results were: Gary Jones won by decision in 123 lb. class, Keith Giron won 130 lb. by forfeit, Mike Duell decisioned his opponent at 137, freshman Ken Ryan lost by decision in 145 lb. class, co-captain Jim Hansen was upset and lost the decision in 152, Mike Higgins lost by decision in 160, Tim Passaro was out-pointed at 167 lbs., and Bill Hasbrook wrestled to a draw at 177.

Besides two dual meet victories, the Irish grapplers have the Rochester Tournament championship to add to their laurels. They do not compete again until early February, against John Carroll University of Cleveland.

Bright spots so far have been the performances of Austin Carr and Bob Whitmore. Carr has tallied 46 points, while Whitmere has 41 and a .486 shooting percentage. Arnzen follows with 21 markers. Hobbled by his injury, Arnzen is hitting only .375, compared with his career percentage of

# **Bruins** Remain On Top

NEW YORK (UPI)-UCLA has no equal in college basketball.

That's the decision voiced today by the 35 member United Press International Coaches Board, which unanimously listed the Bruins as the top college basketball team in the nation.

UCLA, defending NCAA champion and unbeaten in three games this season, beating some of the nation's leading powers, received the maximum 350 points in the first week's balloting for games played through Sunday.

North Carolina captured second easily, taking 31 of 35 second place votes and amassing 309 points and outdistancing Davidson No. 3 by close to 140 points.

Kentucky was fourth, New Mexico was ranked fifth and Villanova was listed in sixth. Notre Dame took the No. 7 ranking, followed by Cincinnati, Purdue and Kansas.

UCLA, seemingly better than ever, rolled past Purdue, Ohio State and Notre Dame, three teams ranked in the top 20, easily in its first three games. The Bruins, with a talented array of sophomores joining awesome Lew Alcindor, back for his final collegiate campaign, had little trouble, with 11 points their lowest winning margin.

# **Cage Polls**

1. UCLA (35) 3-0	350
2. North Carolina 3-0	309
3. Davidson 3-0	173
4. Kentucky 2-1	148
5. New Mexico 3-0	121
6. Villanova 3-0	118
7. Notre Dame 1-1	114
8. Cincinnati 3-0	76
9. Purdue 2-1	59
10. Kansas 2-1	57
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1. UCLA (30) 3-0	600
2. North Carolina 3-0	540
3. Davidson 3-0	431
4. Kentucky 2-1	267
5. New Mexico 3-0	234
6. Cincinnati 3-0	211
7. Notre Dame 1-1	199
8. Villanova 3-0	174
9. Duke 3-0	160
10. St. Bonaventure 2-0	158

# Irish By Terry O'Neil, sports editor

## Ara In Washington? Never

I hadn't seen Ara Parseghian so irritated since Oct. 14, 1967. That's the day Southern Cal topped the Irish 24-7. After the game one of those infamous "dumb sportswriters" asked the coach, "Did O.J. Simpson show you everything you expected." I thought Ara was going to take a big bite out of the guy's head.

Luckily for my noggin', Ara's wrath wasn't directed at me last Wednesday when I said, "Ara, there are rumors on campus that you'll be coaching the Washington Redskins next year. In fact, a newspaper out of Chicago called Pro Football Weekly says you've already agreed to go there. Any truth to that report?"

Tirade time. "You know, this kind of thing really disturbs me," he began, vastly understating his case. "Every year at about this time you hear these stories. Do you know what happened earlier this week when we got off the plane from Southern Cal. My daughter came up to me and said, 'Daddy, how come we're going to Washington next year?' Some of her classmates at John Adams High School had told her about it.

"I don't know how these things start. Probably some sportswriters who don't like Otto (Graham, Redskin coach) sat down and decided to pick a replacement for him. I wish you'd find out for me exactly how this thing got started and who's responsible."

Sure, Ara. Be happy to.

Pro Football Weekly is the first lead. A banner headline atop the front page of its Dec. 5 issue reads, "Is Ara Parseghian new Redskins' Coach?" Story was on page eight; the whole thing was one paragraph:

"Ara Parseghian will be the new coach of the Washington Redskins. Word is that he has already met with Redskins President Edward Bennett Williams and agreed to replace Otto Graham. Washington fans have been disenchanted with Graham for some time but it was Sonny Jurgensen who blew the whistle on Otto. The Skin quarterback told Williams that if Otto was back next year, he wouldn't be. Exit Otto, who should have stayed with the Coast Guard. Enter Ara, who may wish he stayed at Notre Dame by this time next year."

There was no byline on that story, but certainly someone at the office can support it, I reasoned. A fellow named Marty Schwartz, assistant to the editor, was on the phone.

"Marty, who wrote that story?"

"Well, it was one of our staff writers, but he doesn't wish to be identified. He's a bona fide journalist, though."

"What's his source, Marty?"

"Well, he doesn't want his source identified, either."

"You mean to tell me you ran a five-column banner head on a one-paragraph story written by an unidentified reporter who got his information from an undisclosed source?"

"Yep."

Next lead came from Ted Haracz, ND's assistant sports information director. Haracz said the rumors originated in Dallas. He had received a call from Washington sportswriter Dave Brady who wanted a statement from Parseghian.

It turned out later that Brady is a Washington Post reporter and a "stringer" for Pro Football Weekly. (A "stringer" is a writer who holds down a regular 40-hour-a-week job with one publication and moonlights by filing stories for another newspaper or magazine.)

Brady claims Pro Football Weekly called him and said there were very strong rumors coming out of Chicago and Dallas about Parseghian's alleged move to Washington. Brady says he wasn't given any source. He was supposed to check it out and do a story for the Dec. 12 issue.

This time there wasn't any front-page banner, because stories about Ara Parseghian denying a rumor don't sell papers. This story was buried inside on page 12. It read:

"The Washington Daily News was first, demanding his (Graham's) scalp in a Page One editorial. . .a newly formed citizens group in the Nation's Capital proposed a plan to defray the cost of paying off Graham's contract, and, in a Saturday Evening Post article about Sonny Jurgensen, it was asserted that several Redskins were underjoyed at playing for Graham.

"On top of all that, there were reports filtering into Pro Football Weekly that the Redskins already had taken steps to feel out a possible successor to Graham, none other than Ara Parseghian of Notre Dame. Parseghian quickly shot down the report when Ted Haracz, assistant sports information director, was asked to check it out. Of course, it hardly explains the fact that Ara has refused to discuss his future at Notre Dame, as if he might be moving on.

"Ara flew into a rage," Haracz reported. "I think he had had a bad day at the practice field. He authorized me to make this statement for him: The report about the Redskins talking to me is completely unfounded, and I have given no reason or cause for such a rumor to start. I am constantly amazed at how these rumors start every year at this time."

Brady insists that sentence about Parseghian being unwilling to discuss his ND future was not written by him. "Somebody in Chicago slipped that in on me," Brady says.

Its author not withstanding, that sentence had the Armenian King disturbed.

"Now what would make him write a thing like that?" he demanded. "When have I ever refused to discuss my future?

O.K. Ara, discuss.

"When you're in this business, you learn not to use the words 'ever' or 'never.' For that reason I won't say I'll never leave Notre Dame.

"Since my days at Northwestern, I've had seven to 10 solid, substantial offers to coach pro football teams. And all of them were worth a helluva lot more money than I'm making here.

'But I like college tootball. I like the atmosphere, I like the age group of the players and I like my family to be in this kind of environment. Certainly, that could change. I know the Holy Cross Fathers come up for re-assignment every three years. What if Fr. Hesburgh and Fr. Joyce were transferred and the men who replaced them didn't like me or didn't like football? In that case, I would have to think about leaving."

So completely is Parseghian tied to ND that last week it took him a full minute to recall his specific agreement with the Administration. "Let me see," he began. "I came here in '64 on a five-year contract. Then they gave me a new one a couple years later. I think it was a six-year contract in '66. I'm not too sure."

It's a contented coach who turns down bigger money elsewhere and can't remember exactly how many years are left on his current contract.

At a luncheon in Pittsburgh last summer they asked Terry Hanratty what it would take to lure Ara Parseghian away from Notre Dame. Hanratty replied, "Oh, they'd have to give him the whole city of Green Bay."