

PRESIDENT

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From the White House -- some comment and clarification today -- on the role of American fighting men in Viet Nam. The President asserting in a carefully-worded statement -- that he had issued no new order -- that would widen the U.S. combat role in Viet Nam.

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The ~~President's remarks~~ -- in reference to a State Department announcement of yesterday, widely -- interpreted as a change in American policy, one that presumably would cast U.S. troops -- in a major combat role in Viet Nam.

Not so -- said the President. Adding that the U.S. commander in Viet Nam -- has long had the authority to order emergency American support -- of Vietnamese forces in combat, if and when ~~it becomes~~ necessary. If not -- said the President -- we might run the risk of "great loss of life" -- simply because of a delay in communications.

VIET NAM FOLLOW PRESIDENT

Whatever the role of American troops in Viet Nam -- there are twenty-five hundred more of them there today -- to help carry it out. The arrival of another detachment of Army combat engineers -- raising total U.S. military strength in Viet Nam -- to more than fifty-three thousand men.

In the fighting itself -- two U.S. Army military advisers were slain today. In a guerrilla raid on the South Vietnamese Army Training Center -- at Gia Bay. A Marine also killed by ~~sniper-fire~~ <sup>sniper-fire</sup> -- near the Chu Lai airstrip. Another battle reported about ninety-five miles southwest of Saigon. Government losses -- said to total about sixty men. Communist dead -- about a hundred-and-sixty-five.

Back in Saigon -- Premier Quat today appealed to South Vietnamese military leaders. Urging them to mediate the political crisis -- that now threatens to topple his government. But whether they will or not -- remains to be seen.

TOKYO

Meantime, <sup>while</sup> in Japan -- a massive demonstration protesting American involvement in Viet Nam. More than twenty-seven thousand ~~xxx~~ Leftist students -- marching on downtown Tokyo. Thirteen of them arrested in a brief clash with riot police -- in a street near the American Embassy. Nineteen policemen -- injured in the fracas. Another twenty-five hundred police -- standing guard tonight, Around the American Embassy -- and the Japanese Diet.

DOMINICAN

Back in this hemisphere --

Dominican rebels today turned loose three American soldiers -- held captive overnight in Santo Domingo; <sup>end</sup> Then had to protect them from a street mob of a thousand Dominicans -- shouting for blood. The Americans said to have appeared grim -- but showing no signs of fear, <sup>were</sup> Finally released into the custody of the Organization of American States -- which escorted them to safety.

## SPACE

From the aircraft carrier Wasp -- a weighty report today on Astronauts Ed White and Jim McDivitt. The two spacemen -- who lost a total of Twelve pounds during the flight of the Gemini-Four are said to have regained all their lost weight -- as football players do; plus -- a couple of pounds extra. The excess -- blamed on all that steak-and-potatoes -- they've been eating aboard the Wasp.

In any case -- their post-flight medical tests -- are now over with the astronauts less than a day away from being reunited with their families. And after that the big welcome.

CHOU

Red China's Premier Chou En-Lai -- dropped in unexpectedly today on Damascus, ~~En~~ route home -- from that visit to Tanzania. The Red Premier <sup>was</sup> ~~x~~ met by Syria's President Amin El Hafez, ~~who~~ apparently learned of plans for the surprise stopover -- only a few hours ahead of time.

At any rate -- Chou reiterated his support of North Viet Nam, ~~Also pledging~~ support of Syria -- against "repeated Israeli aggression" -- as he put it. President Hafez -- in turn -- expressed his "appreciation" of China's stand in Viet Nam. Adding, however, that Syria is determined to maintain a policy -- of strict non-alignment.

## IRAQ FOLLOW CHOU

In neighboring Iraq -- Kurdish rebels today claimed to have killed about eight hundred government soldiers -- so far this spring. The dead said to have been part of a force -- of forty or fifty thousand government troops in the mountains of Northern Iraq.

The rebels -- who are demanding autonomy -- set their own losses at just twenty-four men.

NAPLES

Police in Naples today reported the arrest of eleven members -- of an international crime ring, dealing in counterfeit U.S. dollars, narcotics, stolen jewelry, luxury automobiles -- and just about anything else you'd care to mention.

One a Belgian -- found in possession of a hundred and sixty thousand dollars' worth <sup>in</sup> counterfeit ~~of~~ American money. The rest -- Italians. A search of their homes -- turning up quantities of narcotics and diamonds, <sup>As</sup> well as four tons of ham -- and other stolen foodstuffs.



## AFRICA

Delegates from twenty-seven African nations -- assembled today in Lagos, Nigeria, ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> an emergency meeting -- of the Organization of African Unity. Purpose -- to decide whether to go ahead with the next regularly-scheduled meeting of the OAU ~~meeting~~ set for next September -- in Accra, Ghana.

Eleven African nations have already said they will boycott the meeting -- if ~~it is~~ held in Accra, <sup>where</sup> They claim ~~that~~ the safety of certain African leaders -- would be in great jeopardy. This part of a charge that Ghana's President ~~Kwame~~ Nkrumah -- is fomenting acts of subversion -- in neighboring African nations.

One proposed solution <sup>is a</sup> call for settlement of the dispute -- by means of a mediation committee -- composed of African neutrals, ~~just one problem~~ <sup>of which</sup> at present -- there apparently are none.

SECRET

Some secrets of the Secret Service -- disclosed today in Washington. Including a report on how the President's chief bodyguard -- posed as a man of letters in order to appear as inconspicuous as possible -- while ~~standing~~<sup>9</sup> shadowing the President at a recent college commencement.

Secret Serviceman Rufus Youngblood -- said to have looked so impressive in his cap and gown -- that an onlooker was heard to whisper: "Look! There goes Doctor Youngblood."

Then there's the story about another Secret Serviceman assigned to guard President Kennedy -- during a weekend at the beach a few years ago where he attempted to blend in -- with the crowd; in order to appear as inconspicuous as possible.

All dressed up in swim trunks -- just like all the other bathers; except for one thing: -- Dick -- he had a thirty-eight caliber revolver -- strapped to his bathing suit.

KENT

The little college town of Kent, Ohio -- not far from Cleveland -- the center of a liquor scandal today. With State Highway Patrolmen converging on the library at Kent State University -- of all places. In an attempt to wipe out -- a burgeoning traffic in false identity cards. The phony cards -- used by minors to purchase liquor in Ohio -- where the legal drinking age is twenty-one.

So what does that have to do -- with the library?

Just this. Under-age collegians -- said to be turning out phony duplicates of real identity cards -- at the library's photostatic check-out counter. *What they call* ~~A clear-out case of~~

'instant forgery.'