

GENEVA

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The big story tonight - from that Geneva disarmament contest. ~~Telling of~~ Real hope at last - for achieving <sup>an</sup> ~~effective~~ effective nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

Still a long way to go - but the major hurdle overcome today; with the United States and Russia reaching full agreement - on the draft of a treaty to halt the spread of nuclear weapons. A draft presented to the full conference - amid high hopes for speedy adoption.

At that - the two super powers leaving one article blank. The space reserved for a clause - dealing with control and inspection. Urging other nations to leave with the United States and Russia - future negotiations on this delicate area.

Even ~~spxx~~ so -- President Johnson, for one, calling the draft treaty - "a great gift to those who follow us." A chance to prove - said the President - "that despite ~~his~~ all his problems, quarrels and distractions -

*Man still retains a capacity to design his fate -- rather than be engulfed by it."*

CALCUTTA

*The great Indian city of Calcutta - population five million - a virtual ghost town today. Streets empty - stores closed - trains and planes idle; and none of the normal services - except for water and electricity.*

*Reason: A paralyzing twenty-four hour general strike - called by the Communist-dominated government of West Bengal. ~~STATE~~ An official protest - said State officials - against hoarders, black marketeers and smugglers."*

*Also "to expose the Ruling Congress Party" - as well as other "reactionaries."*

*The protest marked by a few scuffles - mainly between strikers and would-be non-strikers. For the most part though - nothing. Even government ministers - taking the day off.*

GANDHI FOLLOW CALCUTTA

More trouble for India's Madame Indira Gandhi - in a report today from Ranchi, summer capital of Bihar, ~~state,~~ telling of two days of Hindu-Moslem rioting - leaving at least seventeen dead.

It all started with a parade of Hindus - protesting government plans to make Urdu the second official language of Bihar State. This Hindu demonstration drawing a mob of Moslems - who speak mainly Urdu; and pretty soon - a battle royal. Police finally calling for help from Army troops - to quell the violence.

## VIETNAM

News from Saigon tells today - of a fourth straight day of U S aerial assault ~~against~~<sup>on</sup> the Hanoi area. Again concentrating chiefly on bridges and highways - on the North Vietnamese lifeline to Red China.

Along the way - a young Air Force pilot from Tennessee becoming the first American pilot - to bag two enemy planes in a single engagement. Lieutenant David Waldrop of Nashville - ~~pickings up~~<sup>downing</sup> a pair of Migs -- after completing a bombing run over the vital Yen Vien rail yard - a few miles northeast of the Red capital.

## TUNIS

A welcome war-related item - comes from Tunis in North Africa; where Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba today became one of the few world leaders - to voice unqualified support of U S ~~pac~~ policy in Vietnam.

Bourguiba asserting that "Chinese expansionism - has become a menace threatening all countries, whatever their ideologies." This especially true - said he - "in Vietnam" - where "world peace is in a precarious balance - where "the United States is making great sacrifices to safeguard it."

Bourguiba further challenging<sup>g</sup><sub>^</sub> vague, anti-American slogans -- calling for a world "fight against imperialism." Those who shout the loudest - said he - frequently<sup>are</sup><sub>^</sub> those who are trying hardest to get western financial aid.

## HDNG KONG

Violence flared anew today - on that tense border between Hong Kong and Red China. With a mob of Chinese workers and peasants ~~storming~~ <sup>it</sup> across the frontier in defiance of Chinese border guards. Once across - attacking a Hong Kong immigration center with stones and Molotov cocktails. Leaving the building in flames - when they were finally ~~driven~~ driven back by ~~British~~ <sup>the</sup> Gurkas.

This at Lowu - on the western end of that seventeen mile frontier. With a second border clash reported at Man Kam - and a third at Sha'tau'kok.

Meanwhile, ~~back~~ in Hong Kong proper - ~~Communists~~ ~~terrorism at its worst.~~ With a band of marauders - stopping the car of one Lam Bun; a local radio personality - widely known for his anti-Communist jokes. Pouring gasoline on Lam Bun -- also his brother - and setting them afire. At last ~~report~~ report -- both men in critical condition.

## KHARTOUM

Peace in Yemen - so elusive ~~of late~~ - perhaps soon to be, ~~an accomplished fact~~. At any rate, that's the burden of a report today from Khartoum in the Sudan; to the effect that Egypt's ~~Colonel~~ Nasser has accepted in toto - a Sudanese plan for ending the five year old Yemeni civil war; <sup>a</sup> war <sup>run</sup> ~~supported principally~~ by Egypt on one side - and Saudi Arabia on the other.

Terms of the peace plan - not disclosed, as yet. However, Sudanese Premier Mohammed Ahmen Mahgoub quoted as saying he hopes to work out final details - in a three-cornered meeting next week ~~at~~ between himself, Nasser and King Faisal of Saudi Arabia.

All this ~~is~~ in the name of Arab solidarity, ~~apparently~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~clearing~~ the way - for the ~~the~~ Arab summit meeting set next week in Khartoum; ~~Where~~ the Arabs hope finally to achieve unity of action against their common foe; namely - Israel.



## WASHINGTON

Here on our own shores - the fabled Sha~~h~~ of Sh~~ahs~~ - the Shah of Iran - was winding up a two-day visit to Washington. Climaxed today by a U.S. announcement - that Iran is buying a second squadron of America's newest, most sophisticated jet fighter-bombers.

~~This a total of~~ sixteen F-four D Phantom Jets - priced at forty million, <sup>to</sup> fly side by side with similar number of the planes - purchased by Iran a year ago last September. With financing - in both cases - through the U S Export-Import Bank.

At the same time - the Shah issuing a joint communique with President Johnson, <sup>a</sup> Stressing ~~the~~ "determination to sustain adequate modern defense forces - to ensure Iran's national security."

## FORT ORD

Fort Ord, California - a post-script today to the story of the U S Army's shortest soldier.

Remember, ~~Not~~ private Robert Daly - formerly of Denver, Colorado, ~~Only~~ four feet, ten inches tall - but granted special permission last winter to join the Army? ~~His goal to become a tunnel rat in Vietnam~~

Turns out - Private Daly just wasn't meant to be a foot-soldier after all. Strong enough - yes - having been a wrestling champion in high school. But those long hikes - too much for his comparatively short legs - his tiny feet. All of which led to his transfer today - from Fort Ord to Fort Benning in Georgia, for,

~~Gutsy little Robert Daly - taking his aching feet~~  
into paratrooper training. Hoping to become airborne - -  
~~instead of chairborne - in a job much more fitting to his~~  
easier on the feet!

etc.

## WHITE HOUSE

*This next - a reminder from the White House press corps; that President Johnson will celebrate another birthday this Sunday -- his fifty-ninth. Which immediately raises the question in the minds of many people: How does he do it? How does he manage to face crisis after crisis - and never seem to wilt; in fact, seems to thrive on it?*

*The answer today - from the President himself.*

*Quoted as saying - sure, it's a tough job; tough for any man - who has ever held the presidency. But there are compensations. L B J ~~ta~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~not~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~ing~~ -- in his ~~own~~ own words:*

*"I have my health and a wonderful family - I have no worries about money - my taxes are paid - I don't owe a soul -- and many of the everyday chores which the average man faces - are done for me."*

*In short - says the President: "This means I can*

devote almost all of my time and energy - to what I  
believe is the most important job in the world." ~~And by~~  
~~God" he concludes "that's just what I'm doing."~~

NEW YORK

*Turning to fashion - a personal observation*

*today from New York, where hemlines have been creeping up all summer -- to the point where women of all ages have been wearing so-called mini-skirts; now, suddenly, cool fall weather is causing New York women to drop hemlines, two, three, four inches - even more, <sup>warren,</sup> ~~down~~*

*Mini-skirts over night seem on the way out, ~~six~~ instead of up.*