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SENATE

On Capitol Hill - final congressional approval tonight of that record seventy billion dollar defense money bill; biggest single appropriation in the nation's entire history; including some twenty billion - for the war in Vietnam.

The Senate - voting two to one for the measure; in the process, adding its endorsement of an earlier house approved "buy American" amendment - that could upset a big arms deal with Britain.

Britain and Red China - again at the diplomatic brink tonight. The result of an oriental variation - on "a eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth."

First blow - by the British in Hong Kong,

Where five Communist newspaper reporters were sentenced
to jail today - for agitation against the local government,

The jail terms in defiance of a warning from Peking - about

"grave consequences."

The Chinese - for their part - quickly responding in Shanghai. Confiscating the British diplomatic headquarters there - charging it had been used as a "base of aggression" against China - for more than a hundred years.

A similar incident last month - remember?

The Chinese sacking Britain's Embassy in Peking -- after the jailing of a group of Communist newspaper editors in Hong Kong. What next? We can only wait and see.

HONG KONG FOLLOW SHANGHAI

Meanwhile, a related development in Hong Kong, the transfer drawing the United States still closer to the frey.

Communist terrorists tonight planting a bomb - on a ledge of the U S Information Service building, in Control Bong.

where the bomb defused by British experts, This nevertheless, the first time that Hong Kong terrorists have openly threatened a U.S. facility.

VATICAN

At the Vatican, in Rome - word today that Pope

Paul is suffering from a painful urinary tract infection.

This said to be the finding - of three prominent medical specialists, who reportedly feel it may be necessary eventually to resort to surgery - to bring about a "complete and definite cure."

In the meantime - the sixty-nine year old

Pontiff is receiving anti-biotics. Also carrying on with

Church business - despite his illness. The Pope conferring

at length today with Archbishop Agostino Casaroli - on

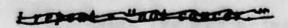
matters of Vatican diplomacy.

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A later report: The Vatican tonight declaring:

"The Pope's trouble - most definitely is not cancer."

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A brief truce at the Roof of the World suddenly shattered today by the sound of renewed cannon
fire. Indian and Red Chinese artillery dueling for a third
straight day - across Nathula, the High Himalaya

That Pass more than fourteen thousand feet high separating the Indian protectorate of Sikkim from Chineseoccupied Tibet.

With the long-range battle again on - the

Young rule?

Notation of Sikkim quickly ordering evacuation of all

civilians. Expressing his hope - nevertheless- that the

shelling will remain a local incident. "At present"
said the shelling is purely

a border clash; the site nothing to suggest that either side

- wants it to develop into a major offensive."

Be that as it may - the fighting has already claimed more than a hundred and thirty killed or wounded.

And no end -- yet it sight.

Stepped-up ground war in Vietnam - marked today
by a series of coordinated Viet Cong attacks; against a
string of U S Marine and South Vietnamese outposts on the edge of that pseudo-demilitarized zone.

The marine fort at Con Thien - once more the major target. Enemy troops charging the Leatherneck compound - shouting "die American dogs!" But it turned out mainly - the other way around. A Marine officer later reporting: "They were fanatics - they just charged - and we cut them down." American bombers pursuing the survivors and pounding them again - back at their bases in the D.M.Z.

Why the sudden increase the Viet Cong hit and run raids? An American spokesman saying the enemy is apparently trying to hamper construction - on that new "strip of death", putherized last week - by Defense Secretary Actor McNamara.

MIDDLE EAST

In the Middle East - another of those almost daily shooting incidents today; demonstrating again the shaky nature of the so-called ceasefire -- in that part of the world.

According to Israel - Egyptian forces opening fire on an Israeli patrol; moving along the East Bank of the Suez Canal - near El Qantara - where both sides battled for two hours yesterday. Luckily though - the firing lasted but a few minutes. First reports -indicating -- no one hurt.

Meanwhile, in Tel Aviv - a report that Israeli

Premier Eshkol -- is again at odds with his outspoken

Defense Minister - General Moshe Dayan. The Premier

said to have blasted General Dayan - for recent statements

to the British press about the Arab refugee problem;

With the result that Dayan today told would-be interviewers

-- to make their appointments, henceforth, through the Premier's office.

PARIS

Much the same as we when he returned from Canada - French President DeGaulle was hard at work today - in Paris, trying to make it appear that his long weekend in Poland - was really a grand and glorious success.

To get the ball rolling - DeGaulle telling a

Cabinet meeting **he* the trip had **nee* exceeded all his

expectations. Later sending Information Minister George

Gorse - to tell reporters how badly they had misconstrued

his conduct.

Contrary to widespread criticism - said Gorse "France did not renege on her friendship with Soviet

Russia" In urging the Poles to adopt their own foreign

policy; "nor her friendship with West Germany" - by

endorsing Poland's claim to once-German territory; "nor

her friendship with the United States - by wanting Europe

to be its own master - by deploring the Vietnamese war."

What DeGaulle did do - said Gorse - was "to bring to light and renew in the most impressive conditions - the basic friendship between France and Poland."

WHITE HOUSE

Plans for a massive "investment in America" were announced for the first time today at the White House.

The Life Insurance in the today at the White House,
one billion - in mortgage money for ghetto housing; housing
normally rated too risky - for mortgage loans at
conventional rates.

President Johnson immediately calling the

plan - an "historic contribution" to the welfare to of

America. Further voicing his hope - that other lenders

will soon follow suit.

Talk about inflation! Here's a story from

London -- about the upcoming auction of an Eighteen
Fifty-Six British Guiana. According to experts - the

rarest and most valuable stamp in the world.

The British Guiana - a one-inch square of smudged black and magenta; originally sold for one penny - more than a century ago.

When it last changed hands in Nineteen Fortythe stamp drawing a pt price of forty-two thousand dollars.

And this time around - the bidding expected to top half
a million bucks. Or roughly fifty million times - what it
cost in the first place. Howe that for a penny stamp.
A penny saved is a penny earned, they say. But
for a penny stamp saved to sell for 1/2 a will
investibled warren.

GEORGETOWN

From Georgetown University in Washington comes the story today of a young coed - victim of the dance.

The way they tell it- the young lady was dancing to "Zorba the Greek" when she was carried away by it all.

Throwing her heart and soul into the throbbing rhythm - along with a few other portions of her anatomy. To the point where she tore a hole in her diaphrgn -- calling for corrective surgery just below her - ah - just below her chest.

At that - it could have been worse, though.

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might have strained everything.