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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.

SHANGHAI

*Britain and Red China - against 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,

~~is~~ drawing the United States still closer to the fray.

Communist terrorists tonight planting a bomb - on a ledge

of the U S Information Service building, ~~in Central Hong~~

~~Kong.~~

Although

~~No one has~~ the bomb defused by British

experts, ~~this~~ ^{is} ~~is~~ 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 ~~for~~ 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.



ADD VATICAN

A later report: The Vatican tonight declaring:

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

~~Report "not cancer"~~

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~~ ^{that} High Himalaya ~~Pass,~~ ^{Pass,} ~~that Pass~~ more than fourteen thousand feet high - separating the Indian protectorate of Sikkim from Chinese-occupied Tibet.

With the long-range battle again on - the ^{young ruler} ~~Maharaja~~ of Sikkim quickly ordering evacuation of all civilians. Expressing his hope - nevertheless - that the shelling will remain a local incident. "At present" - ^{king, or choogal} said the ~~Maharaja~~ -- "the nature of the fighting is purely a border clash; ~~there is~~ ^{with} 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.

VIETNAM

Stepped-up ground war in Vietnam - marked today by a series of coordinated Viet Cong attacks; against a ~~an~~ 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 ⁱⁿ 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", ~~authorized~~ ^{announced} last week - by Defense Secretary ~~Robert~~ 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 ~~was~~ 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 ~~that~~ the trip had ~~more~~ 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~~ 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 ~~industry~~ industry agreeing to put up 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 ~~of~~ of America. Further voicing his hope - that other lenders will soon follow suit.

LONDON

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 Forty- the stamp drawing a ~~pr~~ 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.

How's 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 million~~ for a penny stamp saved to sell for 1/2 a million - incredible! 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 diaphragm -- calling for corrective surgery just below her - ah - just below her chest.

At that - it could have been worse ^{say the} ~~thought~~.
Doctors, ^{adding that she had been} ~~just thankful she wasn't~~ dancing the hula she ^{Tahitian} might have strained everything!