

HANOI

Tues. Nov. 14-67.

President Johnson's latest bid for peace in Vietnam -- turned down flat today by Hanoi. This -- in an official broadcast, ^{actually} ridiculing the President's offer to meet with North Vietnamese President Ho Chi Minh -- "on a neutral ship on a neutral sea."

The American approach to peace -- all wrong -- said Hanoi. Adding: "There is no need of going a thousand miles -- to search for peace;" for "peace will be restored immediately" -- said the broadcast -- just as soon as the Americans stop their bombing and withdraw all troops from Vietnam.

For anyone interested in studying the reasons why we are in Viet Nam and why we cannot do as Ho Chi Minh suggests, I suggest reading the current issue of U.S. News and World Report.

SAIGON FOLLOW HANOI

Meanwhile, to the South -- another deadly new weapon made its first appearance today in combat. Viet Cong attackers using heavy One Hundred and Twenty-Two millimeter rockets -- in that continuing battle for Dak To in the Central Highlands, ~~Highlands~~. American flyers -- answering back with bombs.

Earlier, a flaming helicopter crash near Hue -- claiming the life of the ^{3rd} ~~first~~ American general to be killed in ^{the war.} ~~Vietnam~~. Major General Bruno Hochmuth -- commander of twenty thousand U.S. Marines in Vietnam; ^{who was} headed for strategy talks with a South Vietnamese general -- when the crash occurred. Cause -- still unknown.

MILWAUKEE

Here on our own shores -- the political wars were heating up again today. In Milwaukee, for instance, former Governor Harold Stassen of Minnesota -- announcing himself as a "peace candidate" for President in Sixty-Eight. His decision -- said Stassen -- based on his own personal conclusion that Richard Nixon is "in error on Vietnam"; -- George Romney is "sadly confused"; -- and President Johnson is "tragically mistaken".

Reverse side -- from Washington. Where Senate Minority Leader Everett Dirksen -- apparently turned "hawk" today. *See,* Dirksen telling a convention audience -- that U.S. forces have been too long in Vietnam. Adding: "There is no substitute for victory." At which point -- he was drowned out by applause.

Elsewhere in Washington -- an Asian-eye view of recent U.S. anti-war demonstrations, *e* from U.S. Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker -- home briefly from Saigon. The morale of U.S. troops in Vietnam "never better" -- said he. Adding, however, that U.S. peace demonstrators -- are "disturbing" to the South Vietnamese." Small wonder.

ADD MILWAUKEE

More on the same a few hours later -- from Senator
McClellan of Arkansas; who said that recent civil disobedience
demonstrations -- "have taken on aspects of blackmail and
extortion." Citing especially that recent anti-war rally at
the Pentagon -- ^{- calling it} a "national disgrace." This from a man
-- who has long been the chief critic of U.S. war policy.

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ADEN

Here's a switch - reported today from Aden in the Federation of South Arabia. Where the Arab N L F or National Liberation Front - has been fighting British rule for years. Where now - the N L F has asked Britain to stay on just a few weeks longer. And the British - for their part - have agreed.

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To Saudi Arabia -- to the protection of King Feisal.

This latest - from London. The British Foreign

Office scheduling talks next week in Geneva - with top

N L F leaders, Aiming toward complete withdrawal of

British troops and full independence for South Arabia --

as of November thirty -- full independence may mean

complete chaos.

LONDON FOLLOW ADEN

At the same time -- Britain herself was saved today from financial calamity, By virtue of a Two Hundred and Eighty Million dollar loan -- from the Bank of International Settlements. The money ⁹ enabling Britain to pay off ^{AN EARLIER} loan from the International Monetary Fund -- and thus shore up the British pound sterling.

The new funds including, ironically -- some Forty Million from France. A goodwill gesture -- said Paris; going on to say though -- that the pound sterling is probably too sick to be saved anyway.

MOSCOW

The serialized confessions of American defector John Smith -- currently running in a Moscow newspaper. Today's installment from the self-styled ex-spy -- telling of a bizarre plot to get rid of the late Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

The scheme devised by the CIA -- said Smith. With the idea to replace neutralist Nehru -- with a more pro-American Indian leader. What went wrong -- why the plot failed -- he didn't say. ~~The report said Washington in reply -- because the whole story is pure poppycock.~~

WHITE HOUSE

Prime Minister Eisaku Sato of Japan -- a visitor today at the ~~White~~ ^{White} House. President Johnson ~~is~~ telling his guest in welcoming remarks -- that the destinies of Japan and the United States "are very closely linked by geography and national interest."

Sato, too, citing "common objectives" -- of both countries. Further praising the President -- as he put it -- for trying "to bring peace and stability to the world -- particularly in Asia -- particularly at this time."

TURKEYS

With the approach of Thanksgiving -- comes ^{that usual} ~~a timely~~ topic, ~~today~~. The turkey. With a ^{report} ~~reminder~~ from the National Geographic ^{Telling of} ~~about~~ some of the amazing developments in turkey breeding.

For example, the Nineteen-Sixty-Seven gobbler crop -- expected to set a record of more than a Hundred and Twenty-Five Million birds. ~~Not all, of course, destined for the Thanksgiving table.~~ ^{many of them} ~~The greater number~~ giant birds weighing up to seventy pounds apiece; who will end up in restaurants and food processing plants -- as turkey pot pies, T.V. dinners and so on.

The turkey -- ~~clearly~~ ^{and} big business, ~~Also~~ a terrific headache -- for ^{these} ~~the men~~ who raise them. ~~Turkeys these days~~ ~~gulping vitamins, antibiotics and tranquilizers~~ -- which ~~make for a bird strong enough to topple a man.~~ Yet the turkey remains -- his own worst enemy.

~~A newly hatched turkey would starve -- if there weren't
someone to teach him to eat. A young tom can hypnotize
himself merely by the movement he makes drinking water -- and,
therefore, drink himself to death. Even full grown turkeys
often catch pneumonia -- because they don't even know enough
to come in out of the rain.~~

Or as one farmer put it: "Turkeys are beautiful to look
at -- fragile as an orchid -- and stupid beyond belief."
But they do taste good -- don't they? *Ellen?*

DES MOINES

A final item -- from Des Moines. Where the Iowa Supreme Court refused today -- to end the forty-three - year marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Levick; on the grounds that Mrs. Levick waited too long --to ask for a divorce; about forty years -- too long.

The verdict based on the fact that the wife's divorce suit -- centered mainly on a number of incidents that supposedly occurred in the mid-twenties, when Levick allegedly struck his wife with a broom -- once tossed her clothes out -- and also allegedly engaged in some hanky-panky with a neighbor girl.

The court saying, in effect -- maybe so. Contending however, that divorce -- was no answer to the couple's present problems. What's needed -- said the court -- is "a little patience -- a spirit of forgiveness -- and a measure of tolerance for the frailties of human nature."