

For the first time since Nineteen-Sixty-Seven - Israeli jets struck today at Egypt, Jordan and Syria - all at one and the same time. Military sources in Tel Aviv - conceding that this was an obvious escalation of the current undeclared war in the Middle East. However, they blame it on the fact that Egypt - has also greatly stepped up its air activity during the past week. And that - we are told - in combination with Arab guerilla raids - from both Jordan and Syria.

A later development: Two Israeli newspapers reporting tonight - an apparent slip in the Israeli cabinet on possible peace moves. Foreign Minister Abba Eban said to favor a more flexible policy - such as that recently suggested by U. S. trouble shooter Joseph Sisco; whereas Premier Golda Meir is said to insist - no concessions!

SAIGON

In Southeast Asia - the focus of political pressure turned today to Saigon; where a mob of students stormed the Cambodian embassy - protecting the alleged massacre of Vietnamese civilians living in Cambodia. Police using tear gas - to break it up.

and the floating there - "travel to consider" a deal may - said he. Adding, however, the President still has not decided whether to grant Cambodia's request for U.S. military assistance.

WHITE HOUSE-FOLLOW SAIGON

Here at home - President Nixon was said to be "seriously concerned" - about the presence of an estimated forty-thousand North Vietnamese troops in Cambodia. White House press secretary Ron Zeigler further asserting that Cambodia - is clearly the victim of a "foreign invasion" and the fighting there - "cannot be considered" a civil war - said he. Adding, however, the President still has not decided whether to grant Cambodia's request for U.S. military assistance.

SOVIET FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

More on the same - from Moscow; where the Soviet Union charged today - that the U.S. is attempting to extend its "provocations," so-called, throughout Indochina. The Soviets adding that such action could have "most serious consequences - for the cause of peace and security in Southeast Asia."

SENATE

Two of the three crewmen of the ill-fated Apollo Thirteen - the guests of honor today at a meeting of the Senate Aeronautics and Space Sciences Committee. Jim Lovell and Jack Swigert - telling once again the story of their struggle for survival. In response to one question - Swigert observing that he "never felt" he was "ever put to any unnecessary risk." "If you were to ask me right now" - he added - "would I go back and fly that service module - I certainly would."

U. S. space chief Thomas Paine - also present. Disclosing that a preliminary investigation tends to pin-point as the cause of that explosion aboard the space-craft - "a relatively simply component" in the ship's number two oxygen tank; in which case - said he - "corrective action should not prove to be a major task." And he added that this might mean - the next moon flight would still be launched on schedule.

Nationlist China's Vice Premier - Chiang Ching-Kuo - who is also the eldest son and heir apparent to Chiang Kai-Shek - the target of an attempted assassination today in New York. A would-be killer firing one shot at the visiting Chinese dignitary - as he passed through the revolving door of a Manhattan hotel. The bullet shattering a pane of glass - but, luckily, that's all. Police promptly seizing the gunman - also, an alleged accomplice. Both of them ~~said to be connected~~ ^{Suspected of having connections --} with an organization called "World United Formosans for Independence."

Meanwhile, the intended victim - carrying on as planned. Chiang Ching-Kuo appearing cool, calm and collected - we are told - as he later addressed a group of U.S. businessmen.

CAGLIARI

Pope Paul's historic visit to the Island of Sardinia - was somewhat marred today by a band of self-styled anarchists; about twenty young men and women hurling rocks at the Pope's auto procession as it passed through the streets of Cagliari.

The Pontiff escaping injury. The rocks missing his open limousine - by as much as seventy-five feet. However, the windows of a police bus directly behind - shattered; whereupon the police - moved in quickly.

MOSCOW

While we here in the U.S. A. were observing "Earth Day" this week - the Russians were also taking account of their own natural resources, so we hear from a report from the Kremlin, announcing the dismissal and forced retirement of Vasili Rubtsov; a man who has served for years and years - as Russia's Minister of Forestry.

By way of explanation - the Kremlin citing "numerous cases of mismanagement" in Russia's forestry industries. Adding that the Central Forestry Ministry - under Rubtsov's direction - did "not even try to stop this obvious waste of the nation's wealth." Exit - Comrade vacillating Vasili Rubtsov.

HOLLYWOOD

Coming up shortly in Hollywood - an auction sale of movie memorabilia reflecting the Golden Age of films; props and costumes once used by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer - in movies starring Clark Gable, Spencer Tracy, Gary Cooper, Greta Garbo and so on.

Items offered including: Spears, guns, swords, shields - in fact, enough weaponry to outfit a small army; also, spurs, branding irons, saddles and covered wagons - that the cowboys left behind when they rode off into the sunset; in addition, a fleet of antique cars - ranging from ^{an} Eighteen-Ninety-Nine "D" Dion Buton Roadster to a Nineteen - Ten Stanley Steamer - all in excellent condition; not to mention a fleet of boats - ranging from a miniature "H.M.S. Bounty" to a full-sized "Showboat" from the movie of the same name; and then there's ^a chariot from "Ben-Hur" - a Papal Throne from "The Shoes of the Fisherman" - even a chaise lounge that played a prominent role in "Camille", "Marie Antionette" and "DuBarry Was A Lady."

Perhaps of greatest interest, the sale will also include - some three hundred and fifty thousand costumes; of which two, at least - have already drawn a flood of inquiries. The first - a checked gingham dress worn by Judy Garland - in the film classic, "The Wizard of Oz." And the second - a loin cloth worn by Johnny Weissmuller - in his first "Tarzan" film. I'll take the chaise longue! Which of these do you want Warren?

ROME

Here's one - from Rome - a weird one; the story of a young fellow by the name of Claudio Fabiani who walked into a police station a few days ago - confession the murder of a young girl in one of the caves on nearby Pincio Hill.

He even gave her name - Signorian Maria Tedeschi Chantal.

Only trouble - police just couldn't seem to find the body. Three days they searched - coming up with nothing; and then at last - the Signorina herself turned up alive and well in Milan.

It seems that Fabiani - a hippie-type - had merely "hallucinated" the killing. Thus he was cleared of a murder charge - but he still remains behind the bars facing up to three years on a new charge - a charge that the Italians call officially "self-slander."