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LEAD

Tonight President Johnson will go on radio and television for a live broadcast with a statement on the situation in southeast Asia. This after a series of White House conferences with the national security counsel, his Cabinet, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and sixteen Congressional leaders of both parties.

Another attack by Red torpedo boats - on American destroyers off the coast of North Viet Nam. Some six enemy craft, dashing out from the shore at midnight - far Pacific time, attempting to sink the "Maddox" - which was attacked on Sunday. And, the newly arrived - "Turner Joy".

The guns of the destroyers, and planes from the carrier "Ticonderoga" - went into action. Driving off the Red torpedo boats. Sinking - two of them.

The attack a failure -- no American casualties -- no damage to the American warships. This second attack comes as an American protest about the first attack -- is on the way to North Viet Nam. President Johnson and his top advisors are now considering a next move.

NUCLEAR FOLLOW COMMUNISM

The feud between Russia and Red China may worsen - before the end of the year. Word from behind the Bamboo Curtain has it - that Mao's first atomic bomb is only a few months off. A prospect that worries Khrushchev.

Khrushchev's reasoning: - Mao follows - a tough, belligerent line; Mao is furious - because Khrushchev refused to help him make an atomic bomb; Mao wants - the Soviet provinces that were taken from China by the Czars. So, the familiar mushroom cloud rising over a Chinese test site - could be the signal for an earth-shaking confrontation across the border that divides Central Asia between Russia and Red China.

PROPHETESS

The prophetess of Northern Rhodesia - is now in Southern Rhodesia. ~~Alice~~ Lenshina, slipping through the brush - ahead of her pursuers. Crossing the border in to the Wankie District of the neighboring territory.

Evidently waiting - until the heat is off. Northern Rhodesia is rather a hot spot for ^{this feminine} ~~Alice~~ leader of the Lumpa sect. The government still has that price of £2000 on her head. And the sinister words are ~~to~~ still there - "dead or alive."

Meanwhile, the drive against her followers - continues. A drive to stamp out the "holy war" - that has taken more than a thousand lives. A roundup of warriors gone berserk - because of the "passports to Heaven" issued to them by ~~Alice~~ ^{the} Lusaka, ~~Alice~~ ^{damn the so-called} ~~the~~ lethal prophetess.

HARDING

The extra curricular activities of Warren Gamaliel Harding - are not going to be cloaked in silence. Not if "American Heritage" has anything to say about it. Editor Oliver Jensen considers the now-famous letters - basic historical documents - too valuable - to be suppressed.

You probably have heard about President Harding - and the letters he wrote to Mrs. Carrie Phillips. An affair that remained secret while it was going on - ~~down~~ between Nineteen Nine and Nineteen Twenty. But ~~to~~ thoroughly exposed in the Harding letters - recently discovered in Marion, Ohio.

The President's nephew is suing - to have the contents with held. But "American Heritage" wants to put them - in the public domain. ~~Those letters of Warren~~ ^{letters} G. Harding's - to Carrie Phillips.

CHANNEL

The latest citation for courage and tenacity
- goes to John Starrett of Natick, Massachusetts. ^{Altho'} The
thirty-nine year old American has had cerebral palsy
since birth; ~~But~~ he never gave way to self pity. He
struggled with his crippling ailment - and grew up to
become a state game warden.

Also, He vowed to swim across the ^{English Channel} ~~Straits of Dover~~
as an example ^{to} of his fellow sufferers. ^{And} Today - he did it,
~~just that~~ From the coast of France to Shakespeare Cliff,
England - in twelve hours and forty-five minutes.

The man from Massachusetts - the man with
cerebral palsy - swimming the ^{rough} English Channel, ^{Diab.} His
time - only two hours ~~less~~ longer than the record.

TWIST

I wonder how many of you have performed - the dance of death. Not many - you say. Well, you must be thinking of the skeleton - in the medieval pantomime.

But the founder of the Moiseyev Ballet is ~~thinking~~ thinking of - the twist. Igor Moiseyev, referring to the American fad - as a "jig of death and obsolescence," ^{the dance of} ~~reflecting~~ _^ decadent capitalism. Moiseyev, calling on Russian youth - to invent something more proletarian.

Do you think this Moscow ~~extinct~~ critic is right? ^{Shall} ~~consider~~ we dance? I mean shall we twist? ~~the same consequence~~ You just might have a skeleton ~~for a partner~~ the next time you do the dance of death. I mean ~~the twist.~~

MINERS

Champanyole

When those nine French miners of ~~Champagne~~ ~~Champagne~~ reached the surface, after eight days underground - the rescue was almost as tough on them as their ~~own~~ ordeal. One - fainted. The others collapsed - and had to be carried to the ambulance. All complained - that the light hurt their eyes. In fact, they might have been blinded - except for the dark glasses ~~that~~ their rescuers immediately slipped on.

~~The miners were~~ Trapped a week ago yesterday - when the walls of their limestone mine gave way. ~~Since~~ ~~they had been working~~ Two hundred and sixty feet down - getting to them was a difficult job. But ~~the~~ rescuers drilled a shaft two feet wide - straight down through the ceiling of the [^]underground pocket. And all nine - were hauled to safety. Champanyole ~~The lucky miners of Champagne.~~

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RACIAL

In Jersey City, Mayor Whelan is emphasizing

- that the recurrent violence is not a civil rights

*demonstration. ^{He says} It's a matter of ~~not~~ hooligans - gathering
in the streets - to commit mayhem, And - loot stores.*

*That's why the mayor ~~xxx~~ refuses to discuss the
crisis - with civil rights leaders, Until - the violence
ends. And he promises to use as much force as necessary -
to make the streets of Jersey City safe for peaceful
citizens.*

PAY

The pay bill on Capitol Hill calls for - five hundred and fifty-six ~~million~~ million dollars. And the most interesting section deals with - a pay raise for members of Congress. Interesting, because rather hazardous - in an election year. The voters, watching their ~~spk~~ spokesmen in Washington - with a somewhat jaundiced eye.

At any rate, President Johnson - wanted this bill. Because the other salary increases ~~will~~ ^{to} help ~~to keep~~ ^{attract} ~~able~~ ^{for} personnel ~~in~~ government service.

SALINGER

~~WELL~~ Pierre Salinger ^{had} said ~~that~~ he intended to
have a seat in the Senate - this year. And - he has it.

Whether the voters of California will let him stay on

Capitol Hill - is another ~~quasi~~ question. But as of now, ^{the}

^{only Poly}
~~the~~ former news secretary to President Kennedy and

President Johnson - is where he wants to be. Appointed

by Governor Brown to fill out the term of the late Clair

Engle.

As the Governor says - he didn't have a ~~hard~~

hard choice to make. Pierre Salinger is the Democratic

nominee for Senator - in the November election. Pat

Brown - is a democratic Governor. ^{So-o!}
~~Nothing in it~~
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