

LOWELL THOMAS, TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1966

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Another massive Red Chinese youth rally today -- biggest ever -- outside the Soviet Embassy in Peking. An estimated half-million demonstrators -- led by the youthful so-called "Red Guards" -- again protesting Russia's so-called "revisionist" policies.

Today's rally similar to the one held yesterday -- in that the demonstrators were held in check by the Army. With the Russian Embassy locked and shuttered -- just in case.

LONDON FOLLOW CHINA

A later, perhaps related, report -- from London. Diplomatic sources in the British capital -- reporting that Russia now has Seventeen Army Divisions -- fully equipped and ready for action -- along its borders with Communist China. This in addition to a Hundred and Twenty submarines -- and a large segment of the Soviet strategic air force -- now said to be stationed in the Far East.

According to Kremlinologists -- the reinforcements are a direct result of growing friction -- between Moscow and Peking. ~~As such~~ ^{And} a precaution against possible Chinese claims -- on disputed border territory *in Asia.*

VIET NAM

~~The terrible and unpredictable~~ ^{The} nature of ^{that} war in Viet Nam ^{is} driven home once again today; by this next ~~dispatch~~ -- from Saigon.

^A American officers reporting that the Communists have now put prices -- on the heads of key U.S. and South Vietnamese officials -- both civilian and military. In addition -- the ^{are} Reds ^A said to have assigned special assassination squads -- to kill or capture the wanted men.

Disclosure of the new tactic -- following ^S the recent abduction of two American advisers; assigned to the headquarters of a force of government troops -- stationed near Hue. An American spokesman saying that personal bodyguards of high-ranking officials -- have since been doubled and in some cases tripled -- to fight the bounty offer.

GENEVA FOLLOW VIET NAM

At Geneva -- the International Red Cross today frankly admitted -- it's up against a stone wall in Viet Nam. Red Cross officials asserting they have sent appeals to both North and South Viet Nam -- asking for an end to cruelty toward prisoners of war. Appeals -- that have gone for naught. As for the Communist Viet Cong in South Viet Nam -- they're said to have rejected even the remotest contact with the Red Cross.

Too bad -- said the Red Cross; because application of the Geneva War Conventions -- could alleviate a great deal of "the suffering endured by the Vietnamese population." "And thus" -- said the Red Cross -- "contribute to a certain extent -- toward creating favorable conditions -- for the establishment of peace."

PRESIDENT FOLLOW GENEVA

Here at home -- President Johnson today declared that the United States -- "will, in time, end this trial of aggression" in Viet Nam. But ^{he} added that even so -- we will face new Communist-inspired military crises -- unless we can put an end to worldwide poverty.

The President's remarks -- in a speech to the Forty-Eighth annual American Legion convention, ~~one~~ in which he urged a new definition -- of American patriotism, ~~A~~ definition combining love of country -- with "imagination and compassion" -- to help those less wealthy than ourselves.

"The poor nations are on a road -- mined with potential trouble" -- said the President. "Poverty -- and the hatred of poverty -- can detonate those mines" -- he went on. And in so doing -- "bring on the reality of chaos." "Unless" -- said the President -- [←] unless we prevent it."

DeGAULLE

~~President Charles~~ DeGaulle ~~of France~~ arrived today at Phnom Penh in Cambodia. Immediately voicing an appeal for peace in Asia -- and around the world.

Toward that end -- said DeGaulle -- his immediate mission will be that of trying to end the war in Viet Nam. His plan of action calling for early talks -- with representatives of the Hanoi regime.

DeGaulle is scheduled for a major policy speech -- later this week. Observers predicting he will then urge a negotiated peace in Viet Nam -- predicated on immediate withdrawal of American troops.

BROTHERS

In Communist Hungary -- two young American tourists today learned the price of a practical joke -- against the local Red regime. John Savko, Twenty-Five, and his brother Michael, Twenty-three -- both from Van Nuys, California --sentenced to three months' imprisonment and eventual expulsion from the country, ~~After~~ both were found guilty by a Budapest court -- on charges of public incitement.

Said charges arising from the Savkos' admitted alterations -- ^{of a} ~~on a~~ Communist poster depicting an American plane dropping bombs on Viet Nam. What they did -- they changed the markings on the bomber -- from a U.S. insignia -- to a Soviet star.

POPE

At the Vatican in Rome -- an announcement today that Pope Paul will pay homage this week -- to the only Pope who ever resigned his post. The Pope, planning a pilgrimage Thursday -- from his summer residence at Castel Gandolfo -- to Monte Fulmore Castle south of Rome. Final home of Pope Celestine the Fifth -- later canonized as St. Peter Celestine.

Pope Celestine ^{was} a Benedictine hermit monk -- before his election in Twelve-Ninety-Four -- to the highest office in the Roman Catholic Church; ~~At~~ ^{An} office he officially abdicated a few years later -- in defiance of the Sacred College of Cardinals -- in hopes of returning to the simple life of a hermit.

Unfortunately -- his wish was never granted. Pope Boniface the Eighth -- who succeeded Pope Celestine -- ordering him held at Monte Fulmore Castle -- to prevent a schism in the church. And there he remained -- a prisoner till death.

GREEK

In Athens -- a Greek military court today commuted the sentence of Christos Kazanis; a Twenty-Two-year-old Jehovah's Witness -- originally sentenced to death for refusing compulsory military service. Kazanis' new sentence -- Four-and-a-half years in prison. The court apparently acting on appeals from many different religions -- throughout the world.

nevertheless considered money well spent. In effect -- an insurance premium against a war of miscalculation -- a war that nobody wants.

CHICKEN

From Robbins, North Carolina -- the grim story today of how three young men were crushed to death. Apparently the result of a deadly game -- on a darkened highway.

The three youths -- ranging in age from Fifteen-to-Twenty; lying side-by-side on the ~~highway~~^{road} -- when the night shift let out at a nearby factory. One car swerving to avoid the youngsters -- but two others unable to see them until it was too late.

Police reporting that the victims -- apparently made no effort to get out of the way. Nor were there any signs of injuries -- before they were hit by the cars.

The only explanation -- said a state trooper -- that the three young men were playing a game of "chicken." Seeing who could stay there longest -- in the face of the approaching

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WEATHER

By order of weather officials at Miami -- Project Storm Fury was officially postponed today. Government scientists calling off plans to "seed" Hurricane Faith -- in a test effort to tame her fury. Stated reason: Because the storm is now at the same spot -- from which the great Atlantic hurricane of Nineteen-Forty-Four started its ~~terrible~~ rampage.

The postponement calling back several planes -- already en route to the storm area. These earlier ordered to bomb the hurricane -- with silver iodide crystals. "Statistically -- said a government spokesman -- "it might have been a bad risk. Since no one knows exactly -- what effect "seeding" will have.

The hurricane itself -- about Five Hundred miles due east of Fort Pierce, Florida, at last report. Gradually picking up speed -- on a course roughly north-by-northeast.

QUESTION

The question: If it were up to you -- how would you mold a better world; making a happier, fuller life -- for all its inhabitants? The answers -- from contestants in the annual search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow -- announced today in New York.

Suggested stepping stones to a better world -- including greater educational opportunities -- better understanding of international problems -- more tolerance -- greater reliance on religion -- or simply taking some time for contemplation.

But the best answer -- and the oldest -- from Mrs. Arvin Lovaas of Rochester, New York. For a life truly rich and fruitful -- said Mrs. Lovaas -- "love thy neighbor as thyself."

ITALIAN

For what they're worth -- a series of findings offered up today in Rome; by the Doxa Institute -- Italy's answer to the Gallup Poll.

Results of a nationwide survey showing -- among other things: That one in every ten Italian men -- wears a mustache. That one in every three Italians -- has seriously longed for death at one time or another. That, nevertheless, Forty per cent of all Italians -- admit to waking up happy. And, finally, that fully Ninety per cent of all Italians -- believe that good looks are more important to success than brains.

And after that -- what is there left to say but that here's Allan Burns -- and So Long Until Tomorrow.