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HUMPHREY

Vice President Hubert Humphrey speeding across the Pacific tonight -- on the last leg of his journey to Saigon. There to tackle his White House-assigned task -- that of sparking "a social revolution" in South Vietnam.

The Vice President accompanied by South Vietnamese Premier Ky and Chief of State Thieu -- also a number of top American officials, who joined the flight -- ~~with~~ during a brief stop-over at Honolulu.

On departing Hawaii -- <sup>Vice Pres.</sup> ~~Hubert~~ Humphrey <sup>said:</sup> ~~asserting~~

"We shall make ~~it~~ clear to all the world -- the desire of the American and Vietnamese people -- to be partners in peace and progress as well as partners in war."

WASHINGTON - FOLLO HUMPHELY

Back in Washington -- Congressional Committees  
move quickly today. To give President Johnson the money  
he needs -- to carry out the American military and economic  
budgets. -- of that "Declaration of Honolulu."

The House Foreign Affairs Committee approving an  
emergency request -- for two hundred and seventy-five  
million in additional economic aid for South Vietnam, while  
in the Senate -- the Armed Services Committee approved the  
military authorization bill, calling for expenditures of  
nearly five billion dollars -- for new and improved military  
hardware.

## VIETNAM FOLLOW WASHINGTON

Meanwhile a report from Saigon today tells of stepped up casualties on both sides -- in Vietnam war.

Communist losses in battles last week -- set at some one thousand-five-hundred dead, two hundred and five captured. The costliest week for the Viet Cong in some months.

During the same period -- eighty-nine Americans killed in action. Again -- the heaviest U.S. toll -- in eleven weeks.

Sharpest new fighting -- reported today just south of Saigon, where government troops are said to have killed about seventy Communists -- in a running battle the last two days.

In Saigon itself -- government officials say they intend to try to hold two coastal areas -- about three hundred miles -- north of the capital, wrested from long-time Communist control -- by Allied drives over the last ten days.

## PEACE

Speaking of Vietnam -- this next from Bay village, near Cleveland, Ohio. Discouraging news today of a temporary set-back -- in a one-girl campaign to end that war in Southeast Asia.

The drive launched by eleven-year-old Karen Dillon -- who wrote a personal letter to President Ho Chi Minh of North Vietnam, expressing her sorrow at all the death and destruction in Vietnam -- and asking: "Please -- may we have peace?"

Unfortunately -- her letter came back today. It was stamped: "Return to sender" -- It was never delivered. Try again, Karen, and send it via someone in Hong Kong.

## DOMINICAN

An anti-American rally in Santo Domingo burst suddenly today into a full-scale riot, ~~When~~ Dominican police fired into a crowd of student demonstrators -- killing two ~~of them~~ and wounding at least three others.

After fleeing the shooting scene -- the students virtually ~~took~~ <sup>took</sup> over the downtown area, ~~Putting~~ up barricades -- hurling rocks at police -- and burning a number of cars. ~~Held~~ <sup>Finally</sup> in check ~~but just barely~~ by units of the Inter-American Peace-Keeping Force.

## ETNA

Europe's most in famous volcano -- which burst into angry life last month -- today put on a rare and spectacular fireworks display. ~~Sicily's~~ Mt. Etna throwing up a fiery double of itself -- what looked like a "volcano in the sky," of volcano ash, dense black gases and red molten rocks. Hurling to a height of about one thousand six hundred feet -- by explosions deep in the mountain; and at the rate -- of one every two seconds.

The resulting airborne elusion -- or so-called "volcano in the sky" -- hanging suspended there for about fifteen minutes -- created by "unusual thermic and wind factors."

A scientist -- who watched the phenomenon from a laboratory on the slopes below, said the elusion was so real that "at first glance he thought he saw two Mt. Etnas -- one on top of the other.

## HINDUSTAN

Another ~~great~~ step today toward permanent peace -- on that vast sub-continent of Hindustan. The <sup>heads</sup>~~leadership~~ of India's ruling Congress party -- under the guidance of Madame Indira ~~the~~ Gandhi -- today adopting a resolution by unanimous vote, ~~Renouncing~~ the use of force -- in future dealings with Pakistan.

The resolution -- re-affirming the principles of the late Prime Minister Shastri -- as embodied in that recent Tashkent ~~agreement~~ agreement. The new move aimed -- ~~to~~ said the Congress party -- at building "a future of friendship and mutual cooperation" with Pakistan.

## CHANGE

Banks throughout Australia -- closed today,  
Police leaves cancelled -- across the country, The entire  
nation -- in a virtual state of emergency. All caused by  
the start of a four-day change-over, -- marking a switch  
to decimal currency, The culmination of three years --  
of national planning.

When banks re-open on Monday -- or "C-day" for  
"Conversion" -- the basic monetary unit in Australia --  
will be the dollar instead of the pound. Thereafter,  
currency "Down Under" -- roughly <sup>to</sup> ~~corresponding~~ to our own  
American currency, *and Canada's.*

Why all the fuss? Because the banks closed --  
to revise their accounting systems -- business, industry and  
even every-day citizens are stuck with billions of pounds  
in cold cash. *They say this could bring on*  
~~Raising the threat -- of~~ a national crime wave,  
Although police are hopeful -- they can head it off.



## BIRTHDAY

Birthday congratulations in order once again, today -- for the Duckworth twins of Ventura, California. Sarah and Mattie Duckworth -- the world's oldest living twins, who are being joined by their friends at the Bard Convalescent Home -- in celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of their birth. Warren shall we say happy birthday, girls; and may you have many more?

CENTURY'

While we're on the subject -- another gentlemen of the same age departed today from Redruth, England -- one-hundred year-old Albert Wedlake -- en route to a new life in the United States accompanied by an American daughter-in-law -- Mrs. James Wedlake -- with whom he will live right here in Detroit.

Did I say a new life? Well, that's the idea. Hundred year-old Mr. Wedlake's relatives -- trying to get him to take up permanent residence here in the States. The old gentlemen not so sure himself.

"I want to see a lot of American-- but I don't plan to stay" -- said he. Adding: "I only have a four-year visa." And from WJR -- one of the great radio stations of America -- solong until tomorrow.