

NICOSIA

Wed, Nov. 29-67.

From Nicosia - a report today that ~~the~~ neutral mediators have finally defused that week-old Cyprus crisis; with Greece and Turkey said to be agreed on a new truce - withdrawing both from the brink of war.

Formal approval from Archbishop Makarios - President of Cyprus - apparently all that's needed to make it official. Toward that end - U.S. trouble shooter Cyrus Vance ^{flew} ~~flying~~ to Cyprus today, ^{to} ~~there~~ conferring with Archbishop Makarios -- and also ^{with} Turkish Cypriot leaders.

VIETNAM

On the war front in Vietnam - a sudden resurgence of ground fighting today; with enemy troops overrunning one of two interconnected compounds - at allied headquarters in Bo Duc; holding on ^{there} for a time - until allied ~~air~~ planes helped turn the tide of battle.

This the third Viet Cong assault in a month - in that same general Cambodian border area. ^{This} Drawing a quick ~~pro~~ protest - from General ~~William~~ Westmoreland, ~~he~~ ^{he} said that "with ~~with~~ ~~our~~, or without the consent" of Cambodian authorities ~~said he~~ the Viet Cong are clearly "taking advantage of the eastern border ~~so~~ area of Cambodia."

Ironically, the General's charge coming even as Cambodia denied once more - the existence of a Communist sanctuary in that country. ~~indeed, no~~ Phnom Penh, ^{actually} charging today ^{that} ~~it is really~~ U.S. commandos ^{are the ones} who are violating the border.

WHITE HOUSE

~~Here at home, the plot thickened today in the~~
~~Affair McNamara. With~~ The White House ^{today} ~~rejecting~~ ^{ed} as sheer
"nonsense" -- reports of a rift between President Johnson
and his ~~highly respected~~ Defense Chief; ^{The report} ~~according to some~~
^{this had been} ~~in Washington~~ the deciding factor in ~~Robert~~ ^{the} McNamara's
~~pending~~ transfer to The World Bank.

~~However,~~ White House Press Secretary George
Christian ^{did admit} ~~refusing any further comment~~ -- "~~on the matter~~
~~of the World Bank~~" as he called it. ~~On the grounds, said~~
~~said he~~ "there has been no ~~any~~ official action" as yet
"involving Secretary McNamara." All this leaving still
unanswered the major question - of why ^{he} ~~McNamara~~
is leaving the ~~President's~~ cabinet.

Meanwhile, directors of the World Bank were ~~also~~
meeting today in Washington -- just a few blocks from
the White House; presumably to confirm ^{the} McNamara's
nomination - as their new President. ~~But a spokesman~~
^{may be} ~~conceding only~~ - there may be an official announcement
"within a few ~~for~~ days."

MIAMI FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

The latest - a report that Labor Secretary Willard

Wirtz - is also planning to resign from the ~~President's~~

cabinet. ~~However,~~ Wirtz himself, ⁱⁿ ~~replying from~~ Miami -

says that's all
~~it's nothing but~~ "poison poppycock."

CALCUTTA

India's teeming, ~~and~~ huge state of West Bengal, which includes India's largest city, Calcutta - on the verge of anarchy today; following an uproar and then a battle royal in the State Assembly - they say the worst ever in any legislative body in modern India.

The trouble this time starting when newly-appointed Chief Minister P. C. Ghosh, tried to win a vote of confidence for his new anti-Communist ~~or~~ government. The speaker of the House - a member of the ousted leftist regime - promptly declaring Ghosh's appointment "unconstitutional", then adjourning the session and stalking out.

When Ghosh persisted in trying to address the legislators - he was struck in the head by an object thrown from the floor. Then another missile - and another; with some of the legislators taking off their shoes - and hurling them. In no time at all the legislators were in a wild melee.

The fight spilling over into the street outside - with

*Communist rioters later beaten back by riot police using
metal-tipped clubs and tear gas.*

LONDON

*Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer James Callaghan
- for three years the man who led the fight to save the
pound. Fighting against devaluation to the very end --
which came last ~~week~~ week, as you know. And now James
Callaghan pays the price of his failure.*

*By order of Prime Minister Harold Wilson -
Callaghan shifting today to the job of Home Secretary -
roughly comparable to our own Secretary of the Interior.
There replacing Roy Jenkins - who steps up to become
Britain's new Chancellor of the Exchequer. →*

ADD LONDON

→ Jenkins - ~~for his part~~ - the son of a Welsh coal
miner - also a graduate of Oxford, ^{and} At forty-seven --
~~generally~~ considered a "comer" in the Labor Party.

DAMASCUS

Latest from the Middle East; a sabre-rattling speech today - by Syrian President Atassi; who told cheering thousands in Damascus - that Syria will never accept the current U N peace plan. Atassi adding there can be only one solution to the Arab-Israeli impasse - another war.

At the same time - Syrian Premier Zayyen was ~~not~~ arriving today in Moscow. His goal - we hear - to try to persuade the Russians to take a stronger line in the Middle East. If so ^{will he get a cool} ~~he can expect a cool~~ reception?

Only two days ago - the official Soviet Press bitterly ^{ed} ~~attacking~~ those it called "hotheads in some Arab capitals."

~~A later report - from London - Sir Harold Beoley~~

~~returning to Cairo in two weeks to resume his post as~~

~~British Ambassador to Egypt. A portent of better things~~

~~to come? We hope so.~~

IKE

From former President Eisenhower - a gift today to the nation. The announcement - from the White House - disclosing that General Ike has just donated his Gettysburg farm - as a national historic site.

Under terms of the historic sites act - the Eisenhowers will continue to occupy the farm just as long as ~~ts~~ they like. However, the government even now - proceeding with plans for development of future visitor facilities; to accommodate the expected thousands - who will want to pay tribute to the former President ~~sn~~ and his lady.

MORRIS

Something new in the way of student demonstrations -- is reported today from the University of Minnesota -- Morris, Minnesota. It's called -- a literary read-in. Participating male students planning to read on and on - for seventeen days in all, ^{This} they say, as a form of positive protest -- against all the anti demonstrations of late.

If you ask ~~and~~ what are they reading these days -- ~~Minnesota~~ ~~out~~ in Morris, Minnesota, ^{Warren?} The answer is: ~~Early selections including~~ ~~Magazine. Members of the group called themselves~~ ~~the "fine American boys"~~ -- also chapters from the Bible - from Plato. - ~~from Playboy~~

AID

Amid the wars, threats of war and seemingly

boundless trouble in modern life - ~~the next stands out~~ ^{here's a}

~~like a beacon.~~ The story of a brief ceremony today at the

White House - marking an era of magnificent progress.

After fifteen years of ~~stretches endeavor and~~

~~matchless leadership~~ ^{struggle}, ^{— Persia —} the Kingdom of Iran, finally

standing on its own; ~~two feet.~~ Cutting all ties with U S

foreign aid - as of midnight tonight. With the U S aid

program to Iran -- ending officially, ~~at the same time.~~

This a ^{great moment} ~~"great success"~~ in Iran's history - said

President Johnson. Adding: "We are celebrating an

achievement - not an ending." Secretary of State Dean

Rusk going to say; "there is every reason to believe that

Iran's forward march will continue" - that Iran need never

again be beholden to anyone.

^{So 3 cheers for the Shah who}
~~As such - a shining example of enlightened self~~

~~interest~~ did so much to bring this about.