

VIET NAM

That U.S. - Communist collision in Viet Nam is rapidly approaching a new peak of intensity.

The latest crisis touched off by the Viet Cong terrorist bombing - of a U.S. Army billet. As predicted U.S. and South Vietnamese planes responded today with a mighty air strike on key Communist military installations inside North Viet Nam. In all, one hundred and fifty planes participating in the attack - third and largest of U.S. air strikes against North Viet Nam since Sunday.

And here is response from the Communist world: North Viet Nam calls today's air raids the equivalent - of an act of war. North Korea urges Russia to join in a united world-wide Communist struggle - against the United States. Finally, the Soviet Union warns tonight that if the U.S. thinks it can get away with the retaliatory raids without provoking "the entire Socialist camp" - it is "deeply mistaken". That from the Kremlin.

Then this terse announcement from Langley Air Force Base in Virginia. "In view of the recent developments in Southwest Asia, units of the Tactical Air Command are placed on an increased alert."

ORBIT

A new Air Force Titan Three-A Rocket lifted off Cape Kennedy today in perfect flight - bearing a sixty-nine pound radio laboratory. The ^{Titan} ~~rocket~~ quickly assumed its projected orbit around the earth - and was then launched into a series of space acrobatics. The ^{mission} ~~primary goal~~ - to show that the third stage of the rocket could start up and stop three times in space, and switch orbits twice. Something the U. S. has never done before - in space.

INDIA

In India more rioting. Frenzied students attacking and burning trains in Madras and three other States of South India, in protest against the imposition of Hindi as the official language for all India. Units of the Indian Army quickly knocked to the ground and arrested. Later identified finally called in. At least ten more students dead; - a total of some forty killed in two days.

At New Delhi - two Ministers in the Shastri Cabinet are demanding that the Constitution be amended to recognize English as an official language. English now second only to the common tongue of Tamil, in Madras and most of southern India.

Their demands rejected the two Ministers have resigned and a third is reported ready to join them; - throwing New Delhi government into a constitutional crisis.

Shastri finally forced to take to the radio to assure the people of south India that English will continue in use as the official language of the Central Government for the time being.

QUEEN

Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain - the target of a thrown tomato today in Khartoum, in the Sudan. Fortunately, it missed - and the young man who threw it-- quickly knocked to the ground and arrested. Later identified as a student - not from the Sudan but from Egypt, the University of Cairo.

Opposition newspapers today were demanding the resignation of Premier Khalifa - amid speculation that there may be an attempt to overthrow the government - as soon as the Queen departs.

DOCTORS

*In Great Britain today - a crisis in Socialized
Medicine. A committee of the British Medical Association
urging British doctors - to quit the health service unless
they get more money. The committee called into emergency
session - at the insistence of a growing number of family
physicians. The doctors threatening to resign from their
own medical association -- unless supported in their drive
for revised pay schedules. ^{and} That support -- they now have.*

DEATH

A tragic and futile death today at Innsbruck, Austria -- scene of the Nineteen Sixty Four Winter Olympics. An Austrian army sergeant volunteering to serve as a human guinea pig -- during the training of an avalanche rescue team.

However, a foul-up in the training mission -- and as a result, the sergeant buried under tons of snow. His comrades unable to find him for about forty minutes, and by that time it was too late.

I have one more tape that I made in Kenya. So for a moment let's drop back to East Africa.

BLIZZARDS

Meanwhile, here at home, have you heard about that new blizzard that swept out of the Rockies today and across the mid-western plains? Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa the hardest hit, with snow falling in depths up to twenty inches. In Omaha, traffic paralyzed—schools and businesses shut down.

The blizzard heading eastward tonight - with the Weather Bureau warning that it is potentially the most dangerous storm of the winter. Wonder when it will hit New York and New England, Quebec and Pennsylvania, Dick?