

AUGUSTA

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today

Georgia's Governor Lester Maddox, flew to the riot-torn city of Augusta - where hundreds of blacks ~~were~~ were roaming the streets after a night of burning, looting and sniping. Six persons killed - sixty injured - and some fifty buildings destroyed in the worst violence to hit an American city since the riots in Newark and Detroit a few years back. There has long been resentment in the Negro community of Augusta over ~~the~~ lack of job opportunities. Augusta where Pres. Joe had a home on the Augusta Nat. Golf Course built by the legendary Bobb Jones ~~for himself~~ but Governor Maddox ~~is~~ bristling with anger - vowed the state would not tolerate anarchy and warned snipers "they'd better get prepared to meet their maker."

TORNADO

20 thousand injured

At least twenty are dead and property damage estimated at thirty-five-MILLION in the ~~worst~~ ^{latest} tornado to sweep Texas in nearly twenty years. *which we are told is the worst* Time and again the twister struck - bringing death and destruction last night along an eight-mile path in the West Texas city of Lubbock - population one-hundred-and-sixty-thousand - at least ten-thousand of whom are homeless tonight. "It hit us where it hurts", says city Manager Bill Blackwell - who surveyed the damage on the campus of Texas Tech - also in the Mexican-American section, among downtown skyscrapers, and in the residential areas where national guardsmen are patrolling the streets to prevent looting.

COURT

As expected, the Senate today confirmed Judge

Harry Blackmun as Supreme court justice - ending ~~the~~ *the*

~~hassle over~~ *hassle over* ~~dispute with~~ President Nixon's ~~over~~ *lasted* nominees that ~~extended~~

~~for~~ *for* nearly a year. The vote was ninety-four to zero in

As you know favor of confirmation. ~~The~~ *The* new justice has been sitting on

the Eighth Federal Court of Appeals since Nineteen-Fifty-

Nine.

INDOCHINA

In a new development, American and South Vietnamese naval units tonight are patrolling the Gulf of Siam along a fifty-mile stretch of the Cambodian coastline - to prevent supplies from reaching Communist forces on the land. The Saigon government calls it a "blockade" - but American headquarters won't use that word - saying only that Communist supply ships are being stopped. ^{while} ~~mean~~ that South Vietnamese ~~flotilla~~ ^{flotilla} which reached the capital city of Phnom Penh yesterday, is now reported to have sailed some fifty miles farther up the Mekong ~~river~~ to the provincial capital of Monpong Cham - a hundred miles from the Vietnamese border.

In Washington, Defense Secretary ~~McLain~~ Laird announced that "several thousand" American troops have already been withdrawn from Cambodia ^{with} ~~and that~~ more ^{to} ~~could~~ be pulled back later this week. He also predicts our ground force missions in Vietnam itself ^{will wind up -} ~~would~~ end by the middle of next year.

A less optimistic view was offered today by retired General James Gavin who fears what he calls, the "frustrations of Vietnam" may lead American military leaders into a fight with Communist China. Gavin - who opposes escalating the war - told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee - "There's always a military officer somewhere who wants to win a battle by taking one more hill - or dropping one more bomb. And it's up to national leaders to know when to say yes - or no - in any given tactical situation." ^{Gen.} Gavin appeared as a witness after the committee approved a resolution - aimed at stopping the expansion of military activity in Cambodia ^{— do it} by cutting off funds. The White House reportedly agrees to the resolution - provided it does not weaken the President's constitutional authority to protect American troops.

Curfews ^{were} clamped on several campuses across the nation, as student protests continued, ~~to erupt into violence and clashes with police.~~ Firebombings and fires plague

many colleges - causing heavy property damage at some -
including the University of South Carolina, Eastern Michigan^{Univ.}
~~University~~ and Ohio University at Athens, O.

NIXON

President Nixon journeyed two blocks from the White House today to attend a meeting of the A-F-L - C-I-O Executive Council ~~and~~ ^{there to} explain his policy in Indochina.

Labor leader George Meany warmly greeted him - expressing his personal support for the military move in Cambodia. But he wasn't so agreeable on another subject - the nation's economy. Meany and the others complain^{ing} ~~that~~ that the President's fight to curb inflation has boomeranged - leading the country into a recession. And they insisted that Congress should take over by imposing controls on credit, interest rates and business mergers.

MIDEAST

A heavily armed Israeli task force - supported by planes and artillery - struck across the Lebanese border before dawn in a mission against Arab guerrillas.

As a result, Lebanese, Syrian and Iraqi forces fought

back ~~with the Arab~~ ^{with the Guerilla} ~~the Arab~~ ^{ing} call it the biggest battle in

the Mideast in three years. While the fighting raged around

the foothills of Mount Hermon, the U-N Security Council

held an emergency session in New York to hear complaints

from both Israel and Lebanon. The Council demanded that

Israeli withdraw its forces immediately. And a military

spokesman in Tel Aviv says the task force is pulling back

across the border ~~at~~ ⁱⁿ completion of a fourteen-hour

operation.

CRIME

Federal authorities say three-hundred F-B-I agents have carried out "the largest Federal gambling raid in history" - against a numbers racket in the Detroit area which handled more than ninety-MILLION dollars in bets each year. At least fifty-eight persons arrested - some forty-thousand dollars in cash and fifty-seven guns seized.

The House Appropriations Committee ^{today} approved an outlay of four-hundred-eighty MILLION dollars to provide so-called "safe streets" financial aid to state and city governments. ~~This~~ was the full amount requested by the Justice Department to fight street crime, violence and drug addiction at the local level.

FRANCE

France is ordering all airlines and ships to stay out of its Pacific test grounds - while it renews nuclear testing this week. Radio Tahiti warns that the immediate danger area is a one-hundred-twenty-mile circle around the Mururoa Atolls - eight hundred miles southeast of Tahiti. The French government, going ahead with the tests despite official protests from Japan, Australia and New Zealand.

John Shafer - even if you go to the South Seas you can't get away from it all.

FOREIGN AID

For quite a few years now the United States -
through foreign aid and other programs ^{as we all know} has been trying
to stimulate economic growth in underdeveloped countries
around the world. Not all the results have been worth
writing home about, but Dick West - of U-P-I says we now
have at least one foreign aid project that looks extremely
promising. ^{RAs} ~~is~~ part of an exchange program, ~~with~~ American
^{are} coaches conducting basketball clinics in the emerging
nations. Consider the possibilities, says Dick West:- Only
recently, college player Pete Maravich of L-S-U signed
a professional basketball contract for one-and-a-half-
MILLION dollars, - and still another player, κ Spencer
Haywood κ signed for nearly two-MILLION. Either of
these contracts probably exceeds the combined national
budgets of Guinea, Niger, Togo and Mali - four countries
in which the State Department is staging basketball clinics.
~~Says correspondent West:~~ ^{Says correspondent West:} -
~~West says~~ "so why waste time trying to stimulate
industrial production in the emerging nations? What they

should be producing is basketball players - with the help
of genetic experts who can teach the natives to become seven
feet tall!"

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Back in Saigon, the U.S. command announced
today the death of Major General John Billings, sixth
American general to be killed in action in Vietnam
History.