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Crisis in Asia finds Red China in bitter dispute tonight - with three of her sworn enemies. In Peking - in Manchuria - on the borders of Hong Kong.

The Red capital itself - scene of another of those giant demonstrations. With an estimated hundred thousand Chinese soldiers and Red Guards - besieging the Communist Mongolian Embassy in Peking, To protest what Peking Radio called -- "the Mongolian revisionist leadership clique -- the ² running dog of the American imperialists and Russian revisionists."

Mongolia responding with a sharp note of protest - against the beating of at least three embassy employees. Also charging Peking - with "arbitrariness and gross violence." Further ~~and~~ asserting that neither Chairman Mao Tse Tung - nor any of his, quote "group of bankrupts -- have any idea of the norms of human morals."

The Soviet Union getting into the act - with a second

formal note of protest. Accusing a mob of Red Guards - of forcing their way aboard a Russian ~~skp~~ ship at Port Dairen in Manchuria. There allegedly seizing the captain - and trying to manhandle his crewmen. The Kremlin calling this a "planned provocation" - demanding immediate release of the Russian skipper.

While at Hong Kong - the most serious border incident since early July. Red Chinese Army machinegunners - opening fire at British Gurka troops and Hong Kong police; in support of a group of Chinese farmers - trying to battle their way ~~in~~ into the British Crown Colony.

British troops - later sealing the border for good. Promising to use "whatever force is necessary" to prevent ~~furth~~ further incidents.

VIETNAM FOLLOW RED CHINA

To the South ^{- the} war in Vietnam; Marked today
by the first American air strike to date - on that giant
Doumer Bridge less than two miles from the heart of
Hanoi. The key rail and highway link - on Hanoi's lifeline
to Red China.

To break it - American pilots forced to dive
through withering fire - from some two thousand anti-
aircraft guns ringing Hanoi. And that - they did. American
bombs sending the center span of the bridge - crashing
into the Red River far below.

Another success - back in Saigon. Police today
announcing the smashing of a Viet Cong terror ring - with
the ~~news~~ arrest of two leading Communist bomb experts
said to be getting ready to blow up an American military
billet - when they were ~~finally~~ apprehended.

More trouble though - on the political front.
Chief of State Thieu and Premier Ky of the ~~South~~ present

military regime - refusing today to grant campaign concessions demanded by civilian candidates. Leaving the current political race -- in a state of collapse.

Meanwhile, here at home- an angry ~~block~~ bloc of Senators were also protesting military domination of the South Vietnamese presidential race, ^{and} urging a total reassessment of the U S commitment to Vietnam -if the upcoming elections are anything but free and honest.

CAIRO

In Cairo - Yugoslav President Tito - and Egypt's Colonel Nasser conferred for two ~~two~~ hours today. Trying to hammer out terms for a possible settlement - of that continuing Arab-Israeli impasse.

At the ~~same~~ same time - a warning today from Cairo newspaper Editor Hasanain Heikal - a close friend of Nasser, who said that only "a miracle" can prevent Egypt from resuming hostilities - to free Arab territory seized by the Israelis.

Be that as it may - both sides agreed today to a one-month suspension of boat traffic on the Suez Canal. If nothing else ^{this is} a tentative first step ~~toward~~ toward defusing the present truce line.

WALTER REED

Another favorable report today -- from Walter Reed General Hospital. Former President Eisenhower -- continuing his recovery from that stomach trouble. Taking solid nourishment ~~is~~ for the first time this week.

No indication as yet -- when Ike will be able to return to Gettysburg. But ^{soon WP} ~~is~~ hope! ~~is seen.~~

BATH

A number of West Germany's top military and civilian leaders - are on hand tonight at Bath, Maine.

The occasion: christening ceremonies for a new ship - a guided missile destroyer; first of its kind - to be assigned to the post-war German Navy.

The vessel to be called - "the Admiral Leutjens." In honor of the late Admiral Gunther Luetjens - commander of the German Naval fleet during World War Two. All of which is causing quite a furore - back home in Germany.

Admiral Leutjens - you may recall - the man who took personal command of the great German battleship ~~the~~ "Bismarck", sunk by the British - with loss of nearly all hands; after it failed in an abortive attempt to break through the British fleet - to reach the open sea.

According to witnesses - Admiral Leutjens going down with his ship; shouting "Long live the Feuhrer." Now the ~~first~~ first Nazi naval officer - to have a new ship named after him. And there are many in Germany - who

think it's ^{an unwise} ~~a dreadful~~ choice.

Historian Walter Goerlitz asserting, for one -
that Leutjen's should not be honored; but rather, ^{should be} held up
as a warning- "how not to act under any circumstances."

PHILADELPHIA

~~This next is somewhat related item. About a~~

~~A rather mediocre sort of reunion - just getting underway~~

Tonight in Philadelphia ^{a reunion} ~~A meeting~~ of some four hundred veterans of World War Two - ~~the~~ American defenders of Bataan and Corregidor. All of them - survivors of Japanese prison camps. Many of them - survivors, as well, of that infamous 'death march' ⁱⁿ ~~at~~ the Philippines.

A quarter of a century later - some still suffer from nightmares. Others are still thin - having never recovered from malnutrition -- malaria - tropical disease. But for ^{all} the talk of a grim past -- it's really a "fun" meeting ^{of} for a bunch of happy guys -- grateful just to be around.

Joseph Poster of Allentown, Pennsylvania - perhaps putting it best when he said -- "the fact that I came out alive - it still surprises me."

MICHAEL

The leader of Britain's Black Muslim movement - was arrested today at his London home. Michael De Freitas - better known as Michael X -- charged with a violation of Britain's race relations act, for allegedly ~~incite~~ inciting racial hatred - in a speech last month. Michael X - quoted as referring to "white monkeys;" also urging negroes to kill any white man - seen molesting a black woman.

The accused later freed on bail - pending a hearing next month. If convicted - he would be sentenced to two years ~~in jail~~ - plus a fine of nearly three thousand-American.

MOSCOW

Two of the most famous writers behind the Iron Curtain - find themselves in ~~a~~^{now} ~~state~~ of trouble today for publicly bucking - the official Communist "establishment."

First - famed Russian Poet Andre Voznesensky, who went into hiding today in Moscow - after publication in the West of his recent open letter to the Soviet writers union, ~~about~~ A letter accusing the writers group - of "lies, lies, lack of decency, and more lies."

As he left for parts unknown - the poet telling his friends in the foreign press: "Please - let me alone.

I am a poet -- not a politician."

As for the second writer - no such pretense.

He's Ladislav Mnacko, the Hemingway of Czechoslovakia - winner of countless ~~many~~ government awards, who is now in Israel - as an act of defiance against Czechoslovakia's support of the Arabs - in the current Middle East crisis.

Mnacko leaving behind a letter - saying in part;

"I find it impossible to support a policy - even ~~then~~ through

*silence - which would lead to the extinction of a people -
and the liquidation of an entire state."*

LONDON

The mini-skirt goes to Moscow. Leading British designers ~~today~~ announcing plans ^{today} for twelve fashion shows in September -- at Moscow's indoor Lenin Palace of Sport. With mini-skirts -- expected to prove the chief attraction. At the other extreme -- maxi-skirts; of the kind worn by Julie Christie -- in the movie version of Dr. Zhivago. And in Between - a few of the more conventional styles.

Summing up -- organizer Douglas Lewis saying:

"We shall show skirts five inches above the knee -- and seven below." "But the clothes that will sell" -- said he -- "are those just above the knee." In keeping -- so to speak -- with the official "party-line."

OUAGADOUGOU

From the city of Ouagadougou in the Upper Volta -
a story today of pomp and circumstance, highlighting the
visit of a Nationalist Chinese dignitary - to one of the
newest of Africa's new countries.

The visitor -- Hsi Kun-Yang; Free China's Vice
Minister of Foreign Affairs - and a personal emissary
from Chiang Kai Shek. Presenting president Sangoule
Lamisana of Upper Volta ^{at Ouagadougou} - with a medal called "The
Grand Cordon of the Prosperous Clouds." And for each
of the President's three chief aides - a medal called -
"The Great Cordon of the Brilliant Star."

The visiting fireman ^{really} laying it on - at Ouagadougou
in ~~the~~ Upper Volta.