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RACE

Under mounting pressure from the President - from local and State officials - from top Negro leaders - a semblance of sanity returned today to the land. In Detroit and a dozen other U.S. cities - police and soldiers ^{today were} enforcing the peace with an iron hand. Citizens of every race and creed - hoping, praying the worst is over.

^{And} Well it may be. ^{But there was} ~~And~~ sporadic violence today in a dozen ~~other~~ cities, including - ominously - the deep South; up to now - spared the current outbreak of racial strife. Memphis, Tennessee, calling for and getting four thousand National Guardsmen - in the face of threatened disorder. Knoxville, also a hot bed of unrest, -- following the fatal shooting of a Negro by a gang of whites.

Meanwhile, back in Washington - a stepped-up search today for causes - and, ^{possible} ~~hopeful~~ cures - to ^{all} the racial strife.

President Johnson following up his national call for peace and brotherhood - by summoning a special meeting tomorrow of the

high level commission assigned to solve the racial problem.

The President asserting that "no task is of greater concern to our people." Adding that - the apostles of violence - must know they are headed for disaster; ^{that} ~~and~~ every man who really wants progress or justice or equality - must stand ^{those to blame} against ~~them~~ and their miserable virus of hate.

DE GAULLE

Repercussions from De Gaulle's aborted visit to Canada - still the talk of Paris today. A French Deputy, for one, demanding a special session of the National Assembly - to ^{we} ~~censor~~ the French President. A member of the French Academy - one of the "Immortals" - calling De Gaulle a "sinner." Saying le grande Charles had suffered an "extraordinary and humiliating mishap - through his own fault." Newspaper after Newspaper - also joining in the flood of criticism.

All this prompting an unprecedented statement tonight from the French government - defending De Gaulle's conduct in Canada. A government spokesman asserting that Canada "persisted" in inviting De Gaulle - when it "well knew something would happen" in Quebec. And that something - said he - was a welcome that "Surpassed all expectations;" a welcome showing clearly - "the existence of a French Canadian reality."

To sum up - said the spokesman: "there is no problem with De Gaulle - only a problem with Canada."

RED CHINA

Chaos in Red China. Reports reaching Hongkong - telling today of a paralyzing nation-wide rail strike. Leading to a series of bloody battles - between Red army troops and anti-Maoist strikers.

On another front - Peking today claiming victory in the rebel city of Wuhan. Saying government troops had finally "isolated" a handful of so-called "bad leaders" - accused of misleading the masses.

However, travelers from China today ^{were} describing the great city of Canton - as a "dead city," ^{one of the world's largest - the} in the wake of ^{the} recent riots ~~there~~ leaving hundreds dead - countless injured.

VIET NAM

News from Saigon tells today of a second U.S. invasion - of that so-called "Demilitarized Zone" between North and South Viet Nam. American Marines swarming across the no-man's-land - in search of enemy mortar and artillery positions. Batteries that have been pounding Marine positions night and day - along the Southern fringe of the DMZ.

Today's attack following a series of B-fifty-two raids - that somehow failed to silence the enemy's big guns. A Marine officer adding: "we are also going to try to find out - just what the blazes the communists are trying to do in there."

In the air war - a brief dog fight today between two MIG twenty-ones and a pair of U.S. phantom jets. One of the phantoms scoring a probable "kill" - as the MIG's turned tail for friendly cloud cover.

BANGKOK

At Bangkok and neighboring Thailand - something of a setback today; for the President's two special envoys to Southeast Asia - General Maxwell Taylor and Clark Clifford. After two days of talks with Thai officials - the Americans apparently failing to win support on two key proposals.

The first - U.S. plans for a new Asian summit conference. Thai Foreign Minister Thanat Khoman - saying he saw no reason to call such a meeting now. The second - a U.S. request that Thailand send additional troops to Viet Nam. Thanat saying that more men - is one way to end the war more quickly; but it ~~isn't~~ the only way - said he. Leaving both matters - still up in the air.

PENTAGON FOLLOW BANGKOK

Here at home - the word is "go" today, from a committee assigned to study whether the battleship New Jersey - should be reactivated for duty in Viet Nam.

Sources at the Pentagon saying the committee has found it will cost considerably less than expected - to return the ship to service. Naval officers further noting that the New Jersey's sixteen inch guns - have twice the range of U.S. cruisers now operating off Viet Nam. Predicting she could probably hit eighty-five percent of all targets - currently under fire from U.S. bombers in both North and South Viet Nam.

Be that as it may - a final verdict rests with Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, who has promised so far - only that he will rule ~~soon~~ on the matter, soon.

MOSCOW

Latest on the Middle East crisis - comes today from Moscow. The Kremlin reportedly trying hard to persuade Egypt's Colonel Nasser - to reopen the Suez canal.

Main reason - some eighteen hundred Soviet ships - that pass through the canal in a normal year, ships now forced to sail thousands of miles out of their way - around the Cape of Good Hope - to reach Asian and African ports.

As for Nasser - he is also said to be anxious to reopen the canal, since - with it closed - he is losing more than half a million a day in foreign currency earnings.

The only trouble: Israel - whose troops now control the East bank of the canal. Heretofore barred from the Suez - the Israelis insist now that if anyone uses the canal - they will too.

JERUSALEM FOLLOW MOSCOW

A related item - from Jerusalem. Where Israeli Chief of Staff General Yitzhak Rabin - today warned his countrymen of over confidence in their dealings with the Arabs.

General Rabin telling a group of Israeli editors - he "would be wary" of too hasty an assessment - of what now appears to be a total Israeli victory. For, in truth, said he - "the fight is not over yet."

SINGAPORE

Prime Minister Lee Kuan Uyew of Singapore - coming to the United States this fall. The announcement today - in Singapore. Uyew's government saying he will spend about ten days here - meeting with President Johnson October seventeenth and eighteenth. The Prime Minister's plan to visit - apparently wiping out the last vestige of his two year feud with the U.S. government.

LONDON

From London comes news today - of an intriguing experiment. Gerontologist Franz Stampfl trying to prove that competent athletes - can go on and on and on. ^{That is,} With proper training - maintaining championship form well into their thirties, forties and beyond.

To prove it - Stampfl has enlisted the services of thirty year old British track star Ron Clarke, ^{hoping} to show that Clarke - by staying in shape and competing regularly - can still be setting track records ten years from now.

Stampfl's theory is based on the idea that man's loss of athletic ability - with the passing years - is largely a cultural phenomenon, ^{simply} due to the general belief that a man past forty is incapable of holding his own with younger athletes.

In other words - it's all in the head, ^{And that's what I keep telling} myself out here in the giant redwoods on The Russian River.

Gen. Jimmy Doolittle is with us, and he takes 12 mi every morning thru the forest and over the hills. The General seems to do this as easily at age 70 as he did 10 yrs. ago. So why not all of us, Warren. G/S-l-4 Mar.