

MEETING

L.T. - Reich, Fisher. Monday, Jan. 10, 1966.  
( before Viet Nam)

This latest today from the White House -

on that American peace offensive. A cryptic announcement  
to the effect that American and <sup>Communist</sup> North Vietnamese officials  
== have ~~been~~ conferred on the war in Viet Nam.

White=House Press Secretary Bill Moyers - who made the  
disclosure - refusing, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ however,  
to divulge any further details.

THAILAND FOLLOW VIET NAM

GROMYKO

*And he has*

*arrived in Bangkok, in*

From the Vatican -- a report today that Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko will visit Italy next month. And that he will call on Pope Paul -- to discuss the Pontiff's plea for peace in Viet Nam. If so, he would be the first top Soviet official ever to visit the Throne of St. Peter.

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Also have Word

~~A related item today~~ from Bangkok, in  
neighboring Thailand, <sup>where</sup> ~~where~~ America - is said to be  
quietly ~~but rapidly~~ <sup>Siam's</sup> building ~~its~~ armed strength, Against  
the possibility of a full-scale war in Viet Nam - that could  
spread to all of southeast Asia.

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## VIETNAM

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While next door -- Communist guerrillas today successfully evaded two major American offensives in Viet Nam; operations aimed at trapping and destroying the Viet Cong -- in their jungle lair.

The only major force of Communists -- sighted across the Cambodian border by men of the U.S. First Air Cavalry, who are said to have deliberately exposed themselves in order to invite a Communist attack. The guerrillas refusing, however to accept the bait.

Better luck -- in the Central Highlands; where the first brigade of South Korea's famed "Tiger Division" trapped and battered regiment of Viet Cong; killing nearly two hundred of the Communists, and capturing more than eight hundred.

CONGRESS

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SHASTRI

Death wrote a final <sup>tragic</sup> postscript tonight - to that momentous meeting at Tashkent, in ~~the~~ Soviet <sup>Central Asia.</sup> ~~Union~~ Indian Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri - successor to Nehru - dead of a heart attack at age sixty-one. Barely twelve hours after he signed an historic document - renouncing the use of force between India and Pakistan.

Until his death - the agreement <sup>was</sup> considered a milestone toward peace in Hindustan. India and Pakistan both agreeing to pull ~~us~~ back troops - from the front lines of disputed Kashmir. Also to exchange prisoners and to continue peaceful relations - aimed at an eventual permanent solution of their eighteen year old feud over Kashmir.

<sup>This in a way</sup> ~~is~~ a major ~~dipl~~ diplomatic triumph for Soviet Premier Kosygin, ~~who~~ engineered the accord in his and Russia's first attempt - at playing peace-maker between ~~us~~ non-Communist countries. ~~But~~ But with Shastri's

SHASTRI--2

The African state of Burundi - today ordered  
passing -- the air of jubilation at Tashkent -- has been  
replaced by one of confusing and despair. Shastri the  
little man who had the extremely difficult role -- wearing  
the mantle of a man whom the people of India almost  
worshipped -- Jawaharlal Nehru. The burden must have been  
heavy -- and Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri is gone.

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Burundi's notice of expulsion - was "too vague" to permit  
an informed reply adding, however, that -- "appropriate  
action is being considered."

## BURUNDI

*The African State of Burundi - today ordered the ouster of American Ambassador Donald Dumont and two other U S diplomats. On charges that they were suspected "rightly or wrongly" - as Burundi put it - of having contacted alleged anti-government "conspirators," Presumably those who took part in an abortive coup last October -- against Burundi's king - Mwami Mwambutsa the Fourth.*

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## CAIRO

Eleven Egyptians went on trial today in Cairo -- charged with plotting the assassination of President Nasser. The prosecution further asserting in its opening remarks -- that the defendants also considered an attempt on the life of American Ambassador Lucius Battle. All part of an alleged plot by pro-Peking Communists -- to embitter relations between Washington and Cairo.

## STRIKE

On this side of the globe New York was beset today by the grand-daddy of all traffic jams. Some eight hundred and seventy thousand cars -- nearly half again as many as normal, pouring into the city *g* from every direction, to create the worst traffic crush so far in the ten day old subway and bus strike. With no end in sight.

At last report -- labor and management more than ten million dollars apart. The outlook made more grim -- by a Union statement today to the effect that there will be no new contract -- until Mike Quill and eight other union officials are released from jail.

## TRIP FOLLOW STRIKE

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## DIRKSEN

Senator Dirksen of Illinois -- guest of honor today at a birthday ceremony at the Capitol Building; commemorating his seventieth.

Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine presented Dirksen with a red rose -- also a "Fountain of Youth" floral bouquet on behalf of "the American public" said she -- in honor of his "eternal youth."

The gentleman from Illinois responding with a kiss for Mrs. Smith -- for the benefit of photographers and then another -- because he just felt like it.

As for Transit Workers CHRISTIAN MIKE QUILL -- a long-time associate -- this (Tom Neany): "I have the feeling" -- said he -- "the Transit Workers Union feels it's some advantage -- to have Mike in jail."