

PENTAGON

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The big story tonight - a chilling report from the Pentagon. Defense Secretary Robert McNamara disclosing that Russia is developing - what appears to be a new space weapon. One that could place nuclear warheads in earth orbit - and bring them down on any target at a given command.

Robert McNamara calling the technique - that of a fractional orbital bombardment system - or "fobs".

Asserting that recent Russian space probes - may have been aimed at perfecting this "fobs". Chief advantage of the "possible" Soviet system - said McNamara - the fact that it might circumvent the present U S ballistic missile early warning system.

The Secretary saying though that U S counter-measures are already in the works - to guard against such attack from space. It's not a "terror" weapon - said he; adding - in effect - it only sounds like it. And that it does!

VIETNAM

On the war front in Vietnam - a sixth straight day of battle today -- for the provincial capital of Loc Ninh. This time - the Viet Cong using civilians as living shields, in another desperate attempt to break through American defenses.

But again - no dice. The Americans waiting till the last minute -- when they fired into the air; whereupon the hostages dropped to the ground - and the battle was on in earnest. The enemy losing twenty eight men - ~~on~~ our side ~~against~~ three ~~for the~~ Americans; ~~and~~ ^{and our men} also managed to rescue a number of the ~~amateur~~ civilians.

At the same time - ~~as~~ a report today that thousands of enemy troops - have just infiltrated the Central Highlands and the central plains; raising the threat of still another major outbreak of fighting - at almost any moment.

MOSCOW

Today in Moscow - official opening of the Soviet Union's golden anniversary celebration. With the ~~greatest~~ ^{largest} gathering of Communist leaders in history - ^{all} on hand at the Kremlin for the big send-off.

Soviet Communist party leader Brezhnev - first up for the keynote ~~address~~ address, ~~Telling~~ his comrades that Red China is undermining the World Communist movement -- that there must be a world Communist Congress to deal with Peking. Whereupon there was an exit by two Red Chinese diplomats - who apparently came for no other reason than to walk out.

Brezhnev next ~~is~~ accusing the United States - of threatening world nuclear war. Also pledging to back Hanoi - "until the American imperialists get out of Vietnam." But there was no walkout - by U.S. Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson. Aware of the coming blast - he had stayed home.

Meanwhile, Soviet Space Scientists today were launching their seventh ~~max~~ unmanned Sputnik -- in the brief span of ten days. Also telling of a plan to build a series of orbital space stations - to speed the Russian Cosmonauts on their way to the Moon.

KUALA LUMPUR

For touring Vice President Hubert Humphrey -

another typical non-stop day today in Malaysia. Including

a round of golf with Malaysian leaders. - ~~believes it is not~~ ^{Scots and Englishmen}
have taken golf all over the world. Hubert Humphrey
~~Ending with a banquet~~ ^{also} hosted ^{a banquet} at the U S Embassy in

Kuala Lumpur; with Malaysian Prime Minister Tengku

Abdul Rahman - as guest of honor.

Vice Pres.

~~Hubert~~ Humphrey there toasting the progress that

Malaysia has made - since winning its own twelve year

battle with Communism. Telling the people of Malaysia;

"you wanted freedom - you fought for it and won it - just

as the people of the Republic of Vietnam are going to win

theirs."

ADD ~~FILE~~ K. L.

Along the way - the Vice President also chatted for fifteen minutes by ham radio - with a U.S. sailor stationed ^{far away} on Guam. Seaman Gregory Travers of Salt Lake City 4 stunned at first to hear from "the real Vice President" as he put it. But later - talking more than Hubert Humphrey; which is a neat trick - even by radio.

WASHINGTON

Turning to the domestic front - President Johnson officiated personally today at the inauguration of that new Washington, D. C. City Council. Immediately urging the new administrators; to clean up the "crime situation" in the nation's capital; to make Washington the "safest city" ever - a model to the rest of the nation and the world.

The President also referring to the current high crime rate ^{right} ~~else~~ across the country; Refusing to lay the blame - as others have - on the nation's courts - on ignorance - or disease. Whoever ^{is} responsible - said LBJ - it's time for every American to "rise up in revolt" against lawbreakers. To do it - said he - by each of us vowing "to do what is right." Noble words!

WIESBADEN FOLLOW WASHINGTON

More on the same - from Wiesbaden, West Germany, where police today launched Germany's first nationwide dragnet ~~4~~ since the days of the Third Reich.

Chief target in the ~~the~~ ^{old} ~~old~~ ^{er} days; political foes of Der Feuhrer - real or imagined. Now - more than a hundred thousand ^{West German} police in a special nationwide task force ^{are} out to get an estimated fifty thousand known criminals - ~~ps~~ plus another forty thousand missing persons; many of the latter scheduled as prosecution witnesses -- when they just disappeared.

The giant manhunt - further ~~was~~ reflecting a sharp increase in Germany's post-war crime rate; which has grown three times faster than the population - over the past decade. And ~~the~~ in a country where half of all crimes are never solved.

PEKING

Latest from Red China -- news today that a fourth "R" has just advanced to the head of the class in Chinese colleges. Part of a drastic revision of the nation's educational system -- making it, henceforth, reading, writing, and 'rithmetic; ~~but above all~~ *— and the all-important 4th R* revolution!

This to be accomplished by placing the thoughts of Chairman Mao Tse-Tung -- first and foremost in college curriculums. While doing away with entrance exams -- abolishing classroom tests -- reducing the standard college course to three years; and giving students a virtual veto power -- over the running of their schools.

From now on -- said Peking -- the student who wants to get ahead must be more than merely intelligent; *Warren;* he must be an extremely well-Red man -- spelled R-E-D.

NEW YORK

A possible new giant step in the advancement of air safety ~~was~~ unveiled for the first time today by two New York inventors. A device for preventing stricken aircraft - from crashing to the ground; a device so simple - you wonder why nobody ever thought of it before. It's called - a parachute.

But it's a special parachute, ~~to be sure~~ ^{with a} canopy measuring sixty-four feet across - built for push-button firing - and calling for certain reinforcements in plane construction. But it works on the same principle - as any other parachute; works so well, in fact, that the Navy has agreed to let them test it next week under actual flight conditions, at the ~~tax~~ Lakehurst Naval Air station in New Jersey.

Veteran test pilot Tommy Walker - planning to fly the test plane to an altitude of six/thousand feet; where pre-set explosions -- will blast off the wings. After that, happy landings Tommy Walker! and A-L-U-M-A-N.