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UNITED NATIONS

A tale of suspense and international terror was played out today in New York - in the very shadow of the United Nations building. The Police Bomb Squad-tipped off to a threat against the life of Cuban revolutionary leader Che Guevara. And even as police scoured the U.N. area - a loud explosion in the East River - ^{less} than a hundred feet from the press wing of the U.N. sending up a geyser of water. Even shaking the great building which itself, as if by an earthquake. And at the same time 75 anti-Castro pickets - racing across the U.N. plaza in what seemed to be an attempt to storm the building. One woman, screaming in Spanish and waving a long knife - getting almost to the entrance before police subdued her. Finally the police drove the demonstrators back across the street.

Inside, in the General Assembly - the blast was heard only as a dull thud, with Guevara already in the midst of his speech, evidently not even aware of the incident.

As Cuba's number two communist - was branding Americans as the assassins of freedom, New Yorks "finest" - work in a pitched battle, to protect Guevera from assassination by his countrymen.

But what of that explosion? It wasn't a bomb at all - it was a mortar shell. Police finding an army-type mortar mounted on an isolated railroad spur in Queens. The shell lobbed directly across the East River b within a 100 feet of the U.N. A near miss!

NATO

THE HIGH LEVEL TALKS NOW GOING ON IN LONDON * MAY CAUSE A DRASTIC REVISION IN NATO STRATEGY. PRIME MINISTER WILSON, CONFERRING WITH THE WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER. ATTEMPTING TO CONVERT HIM TO THE BASIC BRITISH CONCEPT OF A BROAD INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FORCE.

WILSON BROUGHT THE SAME PLAN TO WASHINGTON, AND OFFERED IT AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE AMERICAN PROPOSAL FOR A MULTI NATIONAL NUCLEAR FLOTILLA. THE PRIME MINISTER URGING THE PRESIDENT TO AGREE TO THE INCLUSION OF MISSILE SUBMARINES AND NUCLEAR BOMBERS. ALL OF WHICH BRITAIN HAS TO CONTRIBUTE.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON GAVE A QUALIFIED "YES". A PROMISE TO GO ALONG IF WILSON CAN CONVINCe THE OTHER NATO ALLIES. HENCE THE SPECIAL IMPORTANCE OF THE LONDON CONFERENCE. THE PRIME MINISTER OUT TO ACHIEVE A DIPLOMATIC BREAK THROUGH BY GAINING THE SUPPORT OF THE WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER.

KENYA

Less than two hours ago a new nation was brought forth upon the continent of Africa, a nation conceived in violence and dedicated to the propositions of Uhuru.

That's the African word for freedom. It's the Republic of Kenya, - scene of the bloody Mau Mau uprisings of 1953. Today - Africa's newest nation. Born amid the pomp of crack British troops in full dress parade, along with the savage beat of native drums. Black Africans dancing in the street to ancient tribal chants. Others joined in the common prayer of the Anglican and Catholic priests and the Mullahs of Islam, the holy men of the Moslem faith. Jomo Kenyatta, returned from a British prison to become the first President of Kenya. Eight million people now embarked at last on the course of Uhuru.

PARIS

French labor unions are claiming a major victory over the government. Evidence, the solidarity of the workers in their strike. A twenty-four^{hour} walk out involving almost three million employees in the public services.

Lights out, heating off, trains halted, communication dead, business, hit so hard that many French decided to call it a holiday, and give their hired hands the day off.'

The issue, wages. The strikers, demanding wage scales to fit the higher cost of living. But DeGaulle says "no" on the ground that a pay hike would be inflationary.

So, the life of Paris tonight has slowed down to a crawl. The city of light rather dark this evening.

ALPS

The Swiss have a name for - Nineteen Sixty-Five "The Year of the Alps". All this week festivities at St. Moritz - with visitors on hand from most of the western nations. Representing the U.S.A. - Olympic ski champion Gretchen Fraser. Gretchen knows St. Moritz - and the nearby Alpine ski trails - about as well as any American, for she was the first American ever to win a gold medal in the Winter Olympics - at St. Moritz in 1948.

But - what's it all about? Exactly a century ago St. Moritz began its fabulous career - as a winter resort. Until then, tourists came - only in the summer. Then hotelkeeper Johann Badrutt offered some English guests free accommodations - to spend the winter at St. Moritz. They did, liked it - and started the trend toward winter sports, the trend that has grown - into such a massive industry.

There's another reason for calling Nineteen

Sixty-Five - "The Year of the Alps" - it marks the hundredth anniversary of - the conquest of the Matterhorn. One of the unforgettable moments in the history of mountaineering - that I recounted in my new book on the High Mountains of the world.

Unforgettable because it involved - both triumph and tragedy. Edward Whymper and his six companions, reaching the summit of the world's most famous mountain that towers over Zermatt. But on the way down, the rope broke - and four of them plunged thousands of feet onto the glacier below.

Wherever mountaineers gather in 1965 they will talk about - eighteen sixty-five, about the rise - of St. Moritz, - and of triumph and tragedy - on the Matterhorn. 1965 - the "Year of the Alps."

ANIMALS

A number of animal stories - in the news tonight.

At Martinsville, Indiana - this one is an old story: - three dogs are the heirs to an estate. A Mrs. Myrtle Pool, making Judy, Dotty, and Smokie - her chief beneficiaries. Bequeathing to her nieces and nephews - so many dollars each.

Our second animal story also hoosier. Otto Funkhouser celebrating a fortieth birthday.. of Dixie his horse. The point being, that a forty year old horse that's the equivalent of a human being of one hundred and twenty. Dixie of Bloomington, a real Methusaleh of the equine species

Our third animal story takes us from Massachusetts to Texas. You'll recall the three Smith coeds the other day who chipped in and bought a hippotamus. Two of the girls with names reminiscent of classical New England literature:- Emerson and Longfellow. Ellen Emerson, - and Ann Longfellow. The third, Nancy Horner. As you might suppose

the girls were a trifle taken aback when they became the proud, but puzzled possessors of that hippo. What could they do with it? At Smith? Fortunately, they don't have to find an answer. Wilson Fry of Harlingen, Texas is willing to take the huge animal for his zoological garden. Price four hundred dollars, exactly what the Smith coeds paid - Dick - before they realized that they didn't want that hippo after all.

MARINER

If you have ever been caught in a shower of hail you know what happened to Mariner-4 today. Our Mars probe running into a shower of meteors. Bombarded by bits of metal and rock, two million miles from the earth. Not enough to damage the space traveler - or knock it off course. But a warning - that there are hazards out there in space. Asteroids - for example. Some asteroids have a diameter of - seven miles. Which could be disastrous - if one should hit Mariner Four, which the astronomers consider most unlikely.