

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Charge and counter charge tonight in Moscow -- marking a new low in Sino-Soviet relations.

According to the Red Chinese -- Russia today violating Chinese diplomatic immunity in the Soviet Capital. A hundred and seven Russian plain clothesmen -- said to have invaded the Chinese Embassy grounds; allegedly ripping down six anti-Soviet showcases -- and severely beating thirty Chinese who supposedly tried to stop them. Chinese First Secretary Wang Chang-Yuan -- claiming, for one, that he was "beaten bloody."

However, the Kremlin -- quickly denied the charge and suggested that the Chinese themselves probably tore down the cases, in an attempt to create still another incident to poison Red China against Russia.

Be that as it may -- Russian jets were flying today

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to Peking; to evacuate Russian diplomats and their families -- who have been under constant attack from fanatic Red Guards.

The Kremlin asserting that "never before in all the history of the Soviet states -- has such an unbridled anti-Soviet campaign been conducted in any country -- even those most hostile to the Soviet Union."

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SEVEN HUNDREDS INJURED.

RED CHINA

AS FOR THAT CONTINUING POWER STRUGGLE IN RED CHINA -
A SHOWDOWN BATTLE IS REPORTED UNDER WAY TONIGHT IN SHANSI PROVINCE.
RADIO PEKING SAYING THAT ~~THE~~ TROOPS LOYAL TO CHAIRMAN MAO TSE TUNG -
ARE LOCKED IN COMBAT WITH REBEL FORCES. THE LATTER - SAID TO
INCLUDE A NUMBER OF DEFECTIONERS FROM MAO'S OWN GENERAL COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS IN THAT NORTHERN PROVINCE.

ANOTHER REPORT FROM PEKING TELLS OF A BLOODY CLASH
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PEKING

~~INCIDENTALLY~~, THERE SEEMS TO BE A TENDENCY OF LATE -
TO WRITE OFF RED CHINA AS A WORLD POWER BECAUSE OF ITS PRESENT
INTERNAL STRIFE. A TENDENCY WHICH MAY BE A BIT PREMATURE -
IN VIEW OF THIS NEXT:

A REPORT TODAY ON A ~~NEW~~ RECENT EDITORIAL - IN THE ~~PEKING~~
PEKING PEOPLES DAILY.-

THE EDITORIAL TAKING THE CHINESE PEOPLE TO TASK - BOTH
PRO AND ANTI MAO GROUPS - FOR DESTRUCTION OF STATE PROPERTY DURING
THE CURRENT CULTURAL REVOLUTION. FURTHER URGING "THE PRACTICE
OF ~~EM~~ ECONOMY IN CARRYING OUT THE REVOLUTION." FOR "IF WE DO NOT"
- SAID THE ARTICLE - "WE WILL BE UNABLE TO RESIST THE CORROSIVE
EFFECT OF A RETURN TO CAPITALISM."

ACCORDING TO CHINA WATCHERS - THE MESSAGE PERFECTLY
CLEAR: WHICH EVER RED FACTION WINS THE POWER ~~IN~~ STRUGGLE -
CHINA WILL REMAIN A MAJOR COMMUNIST POWER: AND, ^a~~THE~~
DOMINANT FORCE - IN THE FAR EAST.

VIETNAM

In Vietnam -- what appears to be a new strategy was put into effect today -- beginning with quite a bang. Giant American B-Fifty-Two's reigned tons of bombs on a suspected Viet Cong sanctuary -- within two miles of the Cambodian border. This at the same time that U.S. paratroopers were beginning a massive assault -- against a previously untouched Viet Cong stronghold -- less than thirty miles from Saigon.

The one-two punch -- said to herald intensification of the American effort in South Vietnam, through a series of major, coordinated drives -- at one and the same time in various areas of that embattled land. We are told this strategy will get a full test immediately following the lunar new year cease fire.

BANDUNG

For Sukarno of Indonesia -- a stunning set back today. Perhaps the death knell for his hopes of regaining power. And in the one place -- where he was still considered a major force in Indonesia's politics. In Bandung on West Java -- long a Sukarno strong hold -- there the Indonesian nationalist party today officially withdrew its support of "the President-for-Life." Saying that Sukarno no longer deserves support as father of the party -- "because of his Marxist leanings."

The party urging Indonesia's new military strongman -- General Suharto -- to "take measures" necessary -- do it -- now -- to relieve the country's present political crisis; oust Sukarno.

EAST BERLIN

IN EAST BERLIN - FOUR IMPRISONED AMERICANS WERE
RELEASED UNEXPECTEDLY TODAY - BY ORDER OF THE COMMUNIST EAST
GERMAN GOVERNMENT. THE QUARTET INCLUDING MISS MARY HELEN ~~WATE~~
BATTLE OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, - MOSES HERRIN OF AKRON, OHIO,
FREDERICK MATTHEWS OF ELWOOD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA, - AND WILLIAM
LOVETT OF SAN FRANCISCO.

THE FIRST THREE SERVING TERMS - FOR ALLEGEDLY HELPING
COMMUNIST ~~REF~~ REFUGEES ~~TO~~ ESCAPE ~~IN~~ TO THE WEST. THE FOURTH -
FOR ALLEGEDLY CAUSING A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT.

BEIRUT

FROM BEIRUT - NEWS ~~TEXT~~ THAT LEBANESE AUTHORITIES
HAVE JUST ARRESTED - MORE THAN EIGHTY PALESTINIAN ARABS; ALLEGED
GUERRILLA FIGHTERS ^g WHO ARE SAID TO HAVE ADMITTED CARRYING OUT
A SERIES OF RECENT TERRORIST RAIDS INSIDE ISRAEL.

THE PALESTINIANS REPORTEDLY SAYING THEY WERE TRAINED
BY A SYRIAN ARMY OFFICER = ~~HE~~ ^{at an} ARAB REFUGEE CAMP. ALSO CONFESSING
- WE ARE TOLD - THAT THEY PLANTED A ~~THE~~ NUMBER OF LAND MINES ON
THE ISRAEL FRONTIER WITH LEBANON. THE PALESTINIANS SAID TO HAVE
BEEN ~~RECENTLY~~ RETURNING FROM THEIR LATEST FORAY = WHEN THEY WERE
INTERCEPTED BY LEBANESE BORDER GUARDS.

CHARLESTON

The city of Charleston, West Virginia named winner of a distinguished service award in a national beautification contest. Which calls for an expression of civic pride -- you might think; but then -- you might be wrong.

For example, one local city council man today calling Charleston -- "the dirtiest town I've ever seen." Adding that city fathers could hardly accept a beautification award -- without blushing.

But a lady has the last word. The charilady of the local beautification committee -- justifying the award on the basis of performance against tremendous odds. In other words -- its all relative -- said she.

SKIING

If you are a non-skier you may want to tune me out.

This may turn out to be the perfect ski weekend of the year for Northeastern America. A few hours ago at Catamount, near Hillsdale, New York -- that's the home of the Toni Matt Ski School, Toni, the Babe Ruth of Skiing --

I was in a chair with another skier, a stranger. To him I put that brilliant question: "How are you doing?" To which he replied that there was too much powder. When I asked why, he said: "Oh, I can't snowplow in powder."

Whereupon I almost cried.

Sparkling sunshine, like Colorado or Utah; perfect temperature; new dry powder snow. Perfect for skiing.

I'm broadcasting tonight from WBRK, in the heart of the Berkshires. From nearby Brodie, and Otis Ridge, the report is the same. Also for all through upper New York and New England. So, Warren, get out your skies, come on North.

CLEVELAND

A story of mutiny in a symphony hall -- comes today from Cleveland telling of a brief clash of wills -- between members of the world famed Cleveland Symphony Orchestra and their equally famed conductor -- George Szell.

It seems that somebody hit a clinker -- or at least the orchestra wasn't playing the way he wanted -- so conductor Szell let fly with a few choice words. Whereupon the orchestra rose enmasse -- it's members moving to house seats and demanding an apology.

For half an hour -- nobody moved. Szell himself remaining in the wings until he finally broke the spell; walking to the podium -- to address the orchestra. Said Szell: "It was nothing personal."

Harmony restored -- rehearsal resuming "once more -- with feeling," as I head for Stowe -- and so long until Monday.