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UNITED NATIONS

The possibility of confrontation today - between the United States and the U-S-S-R. The Russians threatening to send troops into the Middle East - in an attempt to enforce the Arab-Israeli "cease-fire." The U.S. responding with a worldwide alert - of all its military forces. And so on apparent showdown - finally resolved at the United Nations.

This by means of a resolution approved in advance - and later passed unanimously by the U.N. Security Council. It calls for the U.N. to send an emergency peacekeeping force into the Middle East - but excludes participation by any of the "Big Five" powers. The final vote following a statement of acceptance - from Soviet Ambassador Yacob Malik.

The Russians would have preferred - he said - that the U.S. and Russia both send troops - as earlier requested by Egypt's President Sadat. "But we have studied the new version of this draft resolution" - he continued - "and

*taking into account the position of the non-aligned powers
and Egypt - our delegation will not insist on participation."*

KISSINGER FOLLOW UNITED NATIONS

The Russian concession in the wake of a dramatic appearance by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger - at a ~~NEWS~~ conference in Washington. Dr. Kissinger saying: "We do not consider ourselves in confrontation." Nevertheless, calling it "incredible" - that the Russians should suggest a joint U.S. and Russian peace-keeping force. Further declaring: "The United States is even more opposed to the unilateral introduction of military forces in the Middle East - by any great power - in whatever guise."

Dr. Kissinger going on to say: "The United States and the Soviet Union are, of course - ideological and to some extent political adversaries; but the United States and Russia - also ~~human beings~~ have a very special responsibility." "We possess, each of us" - he said - "nuclear arsenals capable of annihilating humanity;" and therefore "we both of us have a special duty - to see that confrontations are held within bounds that do not threaten civilized life."

IMPEACH FOLLOW KISSINGER

Along the way, a number of questions suggesting that President Nixon - may have contrived the present crisis. This - in order to divert attention from his Watergate problems. But ^{Dr.} Kissinger ~~has~~ denied - that such was the case; further calling the mere suggestion - "a symptom of what is happening in our country."

"We are attempting to conduct the foreign policy of the United States" - he said - "with regard not just to the electorate but to future generations." "It is up to you ladies and gentlemen" - he continued - "whether there will be at this time - a crisis of confidence in foreign policy as well." "But there has to be a minimum of confidence" - he stressed - "that the senior officials of the American government - are not playing with the lives of the American people."

Dr. Kissinger was also asked about the timing of the Russian move - in relation to the President's domestic difficulties. He replied that "speculation about motives is

is always dangerous - but one cannot have crises of authority in a society for a period of months - without paying a price somewhere along the line."

MIDDLE EAST FOLLOW IMPEACH

Meanwhile, Egypt was charging Israel with another attack today - on Suez City at the southern end of the Suez Canal. The Israelis also accused of cutting a main highway - between Suez City and Cairo.

Reverse side - an Israeli observation that the cease-fire appears to be taking hold. "No artillery - no shelling" - said Tel Aviv; "just sporadic light arms fire" - from inside Suez City. So insignificant - said an Israeli spokesman - "we are not even returning fire."

BONN

A related item - from Bonn. West Germany today disclosing an attempt to ban arms shipments to Israel - from U.S. bases in Germany. Bonn added, however - the U.S. has apparently ignored this embargo; citing as evidence the alleged loading of Israeli ships - at Bremerhaven.

MOSCOW

Ironically, while all this was going on - two hundred U.S. lawyers were arriving today in Moscow. Their mission - that of contacting Soviet government officials, lawyers and trade representatives; a massive effort to build a legal foundation - for the expansion of future trade between the U.S. and Russia. An American spokesman saying: "This is the first time American lawyers have made a thrust for international trade promotion - in the same way that businessmen have been doing."

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW MOSCOW

Here at home again - that Presidential news conference scheduled for nine tonight - was one of the casualties of the day's events. It ~~may~~ now be held - we are told - sometime tomorrow.

LONDONDERRY

At Londonderry in Northern Ireland - a series of bombings today in a Roman Catholic neighborhood; including one that exploded outside a Christian Brothers school - injuring the principal and a janitor.

The bombings were followed by Roman Catholic riots. The rampaging crowds burning cars and buses - and then barricading a number of streets with debris.

SALISBURY

Almost unnoticed here in the States - racial violence is continuing unabated in Rhodesia. The latest from Salisbury - telling of an armed clash somewhere in the bush. Rhodesian security forces killing thirteen guerillas - while losing only one of their own men.

Guerilla losses for the year - now set at one hundred and sixty-four; with an equal number - captured. Government losses for the same period - twenty-six.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "NASHVILLE"

*And now it's time again for Lowell Thomas - checking
in tonight from South of the Border. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ .*

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BROOKLYN

From Brooklyn's Prospect Park Zoo - the story of Lucky Strike, a zebra, who lost his mate about a year ago. Lucky Strike pining away - to the point where he was finally moved in with Jenny, a donkey. "For company" -or so it was thought.

Nature has a way of taking its course though. Now comes word that Jenny - is expecting. Zoo officials calling it "all very unusual" - but they've already decided on a name. The offspring of Lucky Strike, the zebra, and Jenny, the donkie - to be called a "zonkie."