

FLOOD

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*An Army of National Guardsmen and civilian volunteers - today battled the Arkansas River inch by inch. As it lapped at the dikes - just barely protecting the town of Great Bend - in West Central Kansas.*

*At latest report - the rain-swollen river had reached a flood-stage - of nearly fourteen and a half feet. Nearly three feet above the previous all-time high-- and still climbing. With the crest expected momentarily -- local officials <sup>are</sup> saying "we hope we can hold."*

## MISSION

*The Soviet Union today formally refused to meet - with that proposed British Commonwealth Peace Mission on Viet Nam. The Kremlin asserting that only the Vietnamese -- can settle the problem in Viet Nam. Adding that Russia has not been authorized to speak for anyone in Vietnamese peace talks - and therefore does not intend to do so.*

*Russia's lone concession - an offer to intercede with the regime in North Viet Nam, ~~urging~~ <sup>urging</sup> the Communists there - to meet with the Commonwealth Peace Mission.*

*But the Russian offer <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ considered largely academic, since North Viet Nam - has already similarly rejected the Commonwealth Peace move.*

## VIET NAM FOLLOW MISSION

Meanwhile, in Viet Nam itself U S warplanes again struck deep today into the Communist North. Blasting the Son La Army Barracks - only eighty miles from Red China - for the second straight day.

Although the main weight of the American air offensive was directed today against Communist concentrations in the South, As fighting flared on the ground - from one end of South Viet Nam to the other.

In one battle alone - U S planes and government troops - <sup>in</sup> combining their firepower to kill an estimated two hundred Viet Cong. With minimal losses - of their own.

RUSK FOLLOW VIET NAM

*Nevertheless, Secretary of State Dean Rusk warned today in Washington - that American and Vietnamese losses must be expected to accelerate, As the Communists in Viet Nam - step up their summer offensive.*

*Rusk, asserted, however, that the increased Red aggression - would be "costly far beyond its worth to the ~~ag~~ aggressor". He noted that the Communist Viet Cong - have lost a total of five thousand men since April First. Nearly twice the combined total - of American and Vietnamese dead - during that same period.*

## STOCKS

The New York Stock Exchange announced today that it has launched a formal investigation - into that stock market slide of June ninth, <sup>— the one</sup> predicated on a false rumor - about the President's health.

The effect of the rumor - apparent in the day's trading; With the Dow Jones industrial average - dropping more than nine points. Also, a paper loss of nearly five billion dollars - on the total value of all stocks listed on the exchange.

The Exchange noted, however, that locating the origin of the rumor is not as easy assignment. <sup>at any rate it</sup> ~~and it~~ remains a mystery - to this date.

DOMINICAN

A possible break today - in that long, drawn-out Dominican crisis. Rebel forces accepting in principle, at least - an eight-point peace plan put forward by the organization of American States. This calling for establishment of a provisional government - with free elections to follow within six to nine months.

The O A S peace team now moves on to headquarters - of the Dominican military junta. In an effort to convince rival ~~dom~~ Dominican leaders - that the peace plan is also in their best interest, As well as that - of all concerned.

## ALGIERS

*A number of African and Asian Foreign Ministers - began arriving in Algiers today. To lay the groundwork for that Afro-Asian summit meeting - set for next week.*

*But with continuing student demonstrations - in support of ousted President Ahmed Ben Bella - the fate of the conference <sup>is</sup> still ~~very~~ much in doubt. Indeed, four nations - Tanzania, Kenya, India and Uganda - have stated flatly that they will not attend.*

INDONESIA

*In Jakarta - the Indonesian army today declared the winner - in a test of strength with Indonesia's Communist party. The case involving the fatal beating of an Army officer last May - when he attempted to remove Communist squatters from a state-owned rubber plantation. Resolved today with thirty-six Communists sentenced to ~~xpx~~ prison - for their part in the slaying. The terms ranging - from five to fifteen years apiece.*



## GANGS

*The findings of a study on the why's and wherefore's of teen-age gangs - disclosed today by a couple of Chicago sociologists, ~~With~~ with wide experience - in the field.*

*According to the study - gang members for the most part - are boys who are frustrated - socially and economically, ~~With~~ with little or no access - to ~~an~~ adult leadership, help or guidance. So through a gang - they are able to achieve a certain status - and a place in society.*

*To be sure - gang-members get into more trouble than most youngsters. But teen-age gangs <sup>are</sup> ~~λ~~ said almost never to be committed to organized crime. And in any case - the boys almost always outgrow their gangs - within a year or two.*

*One encouraging note. The sociologists found that nearly all gang-members put a high value - on the same things. And not what you might expect. What they*

wanted most out of life were good grades in school - then  
a steady job and a stable family.

PRINCESS

From The Hague - a report today that Crown Princess Beatrix of Holland - has finally won her battle to wed West German diplomat Claus Von Amsberg. With Queen Juliana expected to announce the engagement next Monday - and the royal wedding set for late in the fall.

The choice of Von Amsberg - originally touched off an avalanche of protest, ~~Over~~ the fact that the German <sup>had been</sup> ~~was~~ a member of the Nazi youth movement - and later a soldier in the crack German tank corps. Princess Beatrix ~~has~~ <sup>was even</sup> herself <sup>^</sup> threatened with loss of her right to the throne.

But she refused to give in, ~~And~~ backed by her father - German-born Prince Bernhard - she ~~was~~ has now won the grudging approval of <sup>the Hague</sup> ~~Rath~~ Parliament.

A Dutch diplomat noting today that <sup>sick-</sup> "nobody is very happy - but there is no other way." And once again - love conquers all.