

McNAMARA

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Defense Secretary ~~Robert~~ McNamara is preparing to leave Washington tonight on a flight to Saigon - his ninth trip to the war zone in the past six years. Although the Pentagon says he will review all aspects of the war, the most serious question facing him concerns ^y how many more American troops will be needed. ~~for combat action.~~

At present, there are four hundred sixty six thousand American servicemen in Viet Nam; and General Westmoreland ~~our commander there~~ says substantial increases above that figure are required to prosecute the war. The big problem is that ^{Gen.} Westmoreland wants to increase the troop strength as soon as possible. ~~and~~ That would require calling up ~~some~~ reserves. Any buildup involving reserve forces would be ~~something~~ more than a simple military question. It becomes ~~a~~ political; ~~question of highest rank~~ - not to mention the effect a new troop buildup will have on defense spending, the national economy, and taxes which the administration says will have to be raised anyway.

TAXES

Democratic Senator ~~William~~ Proxmire of Wisconsin has taken sides with Republican Senators who argue that Congress must reduce federal spending rather than raise taxes to head off inflation. Proxmire takes issue with Gardner Ackley -- President Johnson's chief economic adviser, - ~~ackley~~ ^{Ackley} told Congress last week that a tax increase was the only real answer. He said Congress is either unwilling ~~to~~ or unable to cut federal spending any further. There is growing speculation in Washington that the President will ask Congress to increase taxes after it resumes its sessions on July Tenth.

KOREA

In Seoul, the United Nations command says that a well-armed band of Communist North Korean infiltrators wounded thirteen South Korean soldiers in a hit ^{and} run ~~box~~ attack in the demilitarized zone. ~~It was~~ the second such ~~attack~~ in the past five days, ~~giving some substance to~~ ~~reports that~~ the Communists ^{are} ~~hope to launch~~ ^{planning} a guerrilla war campaign in South Korea, similar to the one in South Viet Nam? We wonder,

TIBETANS

A member of the Kashmir Assembly - Sonam

Wangil -- says that five Tibetans have been ~~was~~ killed and four others seriously wounded by Communist Chinese land mines, planted ~~along~~ along the border between Ladakh and Tibet. He says the Tibetans were killed while trying to flee ^{from the} ~~the~~ ~~growing~~ atrocities against Tibetans, ^{the} by Chinese military ^{in Tibet} ~~personnel~~. An estimated four thousand Tibetans have ~~already~~ escaped across the border into Ladakh.

CONGO

A new civil war broke out in the Congo today when unidentified foreign mercenaries captured the airports at the provincial capitals of Kisangani and Bakavu after heavy fighting. Congolese President Joseph Mobutu declared the nation in a state of emergency, charging that the mercenaries - whose nationality he didn't disclose - had attacked loyal Congolese troops in what he termed "imperialist aggression." The outbreak of ~~fighting~~ fighting apparently came in retaliation for the kidnapping of former Premier ^{Moïse} Moïse Tshombe who is being held in Algeria pending action on a Congolese demand for his extradition. Tshombe - who had been living in exile in Spain -- is ~~under a~~ under a death sentence in the Congo on a charge of treason.

MIDEAST

U N Secretary General U Thant has called on Israeli Foreign Minister Eban to ~~fast~~ give a quick reaction to the General Assembly's resolution which would nullify Israel's annexation of the old city of Jerusalem. The Assembly approved the resolution last night by a ^Yote of ninety-nine to nothing - with the United States among the abstainers. The quickest reaction, however, came from Israel's Defense Minister - General Moshe Dayan - who said his country should keep not only Jerusalem but the Gaza Strip as well.

In Rome, the Vatican strongly criticized the annexation and demanded that the entire city be internationalized. The statement was issued as King Hussein of Jordan arrived in Rome for talks with Italian leaders on the Middle East situation; -- ~~and~~ ^{therefor} also a private audience with Pope Paul.

COLD WAVE

A mid-summer cold wave hit the entire eastern half of the nation today - sending the temperatures to record lows for this date. The reading fell to fifty in Chicago -- breaking a record low of fifty-two recorded there in Eighteen-Seventy-Two. But it was still the good ole summertime in the southwest and on the west coast where everybody was trying to get out of the extreme heat.

ROMNEY

Rhode Island Governor John Chafee - who has just returned to Providence from a Republican Governors' conference in Wyoming - says the G O P Governors favor George Romney as the party's presidential nominee next year. Romney is in New Hampshire this week, and today he told a news conference ~~that~~ he'll decide before the year's end on whether to become a presidential candidate. And if he does decide to run, the Michigan Governor says he'll enter New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation presidential primary next March.

POWDERPUFF

~~For~~ Powderpuff Derby time again - or almost - and more than sixty flying grandmothers, mothers and daughters ~~some~~ from the United States and six foreign countries are preparing their light planes for the annual trans-continental air race. The derby begins at Atlantic City ^{this} ~~on~~ Saturday morning, and will end at Torrance, California, next Tuesday. Among those in the race is a mother-daughter team from Battle Creek, Michigan, and also a pair of Australian women fliers -- Ann Carter of Sydney and her co-pilot, Carmel Brown, of New South Wales. The women fliers will compete for trophies and three thousand dollars in prize money.

GLASSBORO

At least ten residents of Glassboro, New Jersey -
and possibly as many as thirty - will visit Russia this
month on a goodwill tour. The citizens exchange corps -
a privately sponsored organization -- says McCall's
Magazine has agreed to underwrite the trip for ten Glassboro
women; ^{with} ~~and they~~ several industries ~~have~~ indicated ^{ing they} ~~an interest~~
^{May} ~~to~~ sending others.

Glassboro has been fired up over the idea of sending
"citizen diplomats" to Russia for ^{now} several days following
the recent summit conference in the town ^{where} ~~between~~ President
Johnson ^{had those 2 sessions with} ~~and~~ Premier Kosygin.

BALLOON

The Space Agency and Air Force are planning a joint high altitude experiment on July Eighteenth to determine whether instrument-carrying robots can be landed on the planet Mars by parachute. The air around Mars is very thin; ^{that} and could make parachuting a difficult maneuver. The Space Agency hopes to soft-land instruments on the planet by the year Nineteen-Seveny-Three.

WARDEN

The new President of the Georgia State-Prison-
- Wardens-Association is a former convict himself and he
doesn't care who knows it. Millard Gooding - Warden
of the Richmond County Prison for the past twelve years -
was elected President of the Wardens Association at a
recent convention in the Bahama ~~Islands~~. The records
show that Gooding, back in Nineteen Thirty-Eight, was
twice sentenced ~~to prison~~ in connection with service station
holdups in Georgia. But, he makes no secret of ^{it} ~~the fact~~ -
and says the mistakes he made have helped him show other
law-breakers how to mend their ways.

PHONES

The F C C has ordered a three percent cut in the interstate long distance telephone rates of the A T & T -- a reduction that will ~~amount~~ amount to one hundred twenty million dollars. However, the company has until September first to say how it plans to put the rate reductions into effect. Therefore, it's not known at this time exactly what changes in long distance rates might be expected.

BARNACLE

That well-known marine organism - the barnacle - can firmly attach itself to almost anything submerged in sea water. So well, in fact, the shipping industry spends more than five hundred million dollars a year to eliminate barnacles.

~~them~~ Now we hear ~~that~~ a group of research^{people}~~ers~~ at the University of Akron may convert this problem into something useful. These scientists are studying the barnacle's cement - hoping to produce a strong adhesive substance that will keep the fillings from falling out of your teeth.

It used to be -- barnacle bill the Sailor-man! now, will it be, Barnacle Bill the dentist? Warren?

and s-l-u-t-m.