

WASHINGTON-PEKING

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From the U.S. - also, Peking - a joint announcement today that Henry Kissinger will travel to Peking next week; his fourth - such visit. Purpose - we are told - for quote: "concrete consultations with Chinese leaders;" ~~and thus~~ "to further the normalization of relations - between the People's Republic of China and the U.S.; and to continue to exchange views - on issues of common interest." One of which, ^{one would} ~~no~~ ₁ ~~assumed~~ ^{assumed} would be - ~~doubt~~ - Vietnam.

MOSCOW-CALCUTTA FOLLOW WASHINGTON-PEKING

At the same time, Russia disclosed today the departure of Soviet President Podgorny - on a visit to North Vietnam. Podgorny's plane - later touching down briefly at Calcutta. The Soviet President - making one brief comment to reporters; saying the U.S. - should "cease bombing Vietnam."

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But the official purpose of his trip, if any - not disclosed. ^{Of course} ~~and~~ this ^{are} leading to widespread speculation. ~~Indeed~~ Russian sources ^{are} quoted as saying the Vietnam trip - "may be an attempt to counter Chinese action;" and thereby "bring about - a peaceful solution of the conflict."

TRADE FOLLOW MOSCOW-CALCUTTA

Peaking again - another piece to add to the puzzle.

Red China announcing today - the signing of a new credit agreement with the Soviet Union. This apparently heralding a substantial increase in trade - between the two great Communist powers; trade which once dropped to nearly nothing - but now has nearly tripled in the last year alone.

PARIS FOLLOW VIETNAM

At Paris - a sixth enemy call for renewed peace talks - drew today a sixth rejection. The U.S. and South Vietnam issuing a joint statement - telling the Communist side: "Continued North Vietnamese military activities in South Vietnam - do not indicate any intention on your part to take the path of negotiations." Adding, therefore, a ~~resumption of talks - would not be "useful."~~

VIETNAM

In Vietnam - American jets today destroyed four bridges - on the last remaining rail link between Hanoi and Red China; also, blasting four bridges - on a key rail line between Hanoi and Haiphong. This - as part of a record three hundred and forty air strikes. Additional targets destroyed - including two more bridges, eight barges, sixty-six trucks, fifty-six boats and two missile sites.

To the South - a small pocket of die-hard enemy troops - was still holed up at An Loc. But government forces there ^{were reported} - "relaxed and singing," according to at least one press visitor; who adds - "they thought the fighting would be worse."

By the way, the name An Loc - meaning "peace and wealth," ^{is} something of a misnomer - in that virtually the whole city is now in ruins. This ~~including~~ ⁽the city marketplace ⁾ a complete shambles; all but a large statue of Christ - which still stands - unscathed.

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DDT

*From the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency -
an order today virtually banning the domestic use of the
insecticide DDT. EPA Director William Ruckelshaus -
asserting that DDT is "an uncontrollable, durable chemical;"
one that "persists in aquatic and terrestrial environment" -
thereby threatening the existence of fish and wildlife.
Ruckelshaus also citing evidence - purportedly "showing
storage in man and magnification in the food chain." This -
said he - "a warning to the prudent - that man may be
exposing himself to a substance that ~~may~~ may ultimately
have a serious affect on his health."*

*(Ah, but the big battle - perhaps yet to come. The
Montrose Chemical Company of California - only U.S.
producer of DDT - immediately filing a court appeal, the
resolution of which - could take years.)*

STOCKHOLM

Stockholm - a resolution was passed today at that U.N. Environment Conference ~~and~~ calling for a ban on all nuclear testing; but it was a call - falling largely on deaf ears. Of the world's five nuclear powers - only Britain voting yes. ~~While~~ France and China - voting no; and the U.S. and Russia - both abstaining. A U.S. spokesman saying the wording of the resolution - "covered too much ground."

Earlier, the conference heard an address - from India's Madame Indira Gandhi. This including a veiled attack - against U.S. policy in Vietnam. Madame Gandhi also warning that rich nations - cannot expect to clean up the world ^{at} the expense of poor nations. (As often happens though - many of the delegates were more concerned with what the lady wore; her Indian-style costume - including a handbag that looked suspiciously like alligator, an endangered species. Madame Gandhi's defenders later insisting though - it was merely hand-tooled leather.)

MUSKIE

On the political front - Edmund Muskie was attempting to revive today ~~his~~ his flagging campaign for the Democratic Presidential nomination. Announcing plans for a ten-state political swing-- also, the appointment of a ^{campaign} ~~convention~~ director, Senator Hughes of Iowa.

KENNEDY FOLLOW MUSKIE

But the major political headlines - here in the East, at least - falling again to Senator Kennedy; who was attempting to knock down a published report that he might accept the second spot on a ticket headed by George McGovern. Not true - said Kennedy. "I am not a candidate for President - nor am I a candidate for Vice President" - he went on. Adding: "Not any circumstances I can foresee - would force me to change my mind."

NEW YORK FOLLOW KENNEDY

Meanwhile, McGovern himself was taking a brief time out today - in order to pay a visit to the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor. The Democratic front-runner - later calling the statue "an inspiration." Adding: "It's one, I think - that any Presidential candidate can profit from."

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CHICAGO

A sale on money; twenty per cent off - by a Chicago bank; which thus disposed of Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Bucks - in Hundreds, Fifties and Twenties. Bank President John Cooley observing: "It's the only thing we handle - so why shouldn't we sell cash at discount!"

The bank specifying "one to a customer;" Don - thereby enabling more than a hundred and fifty customers - to share in the bonanza.

LOS ANGELES

as you know
When man bites dog - that's news. When Snorty

bites Yorty - that's also news; hence, the following - from
Los Angeles.

L.A. Mayor Sam Yorty - presiding at the opening
of a new section at Busch Gardens. Along the way, getting
a little too close to a sea otter *with the* name of "Mayor Slim
Snorty." Quick as a flash - Snorty biting Yorty. With the
latter requiring no hospitalization - merely a tetanus shot.

And r-l-u-t-m.

~~As for Snorty he'll just have to tuck it out, I guess~~

~~and kidding, Mayor~~