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VIET NAM FOLLOW WILSON

In Viet Nam itself -- the biggest air strike of the war. A massive armada of two hundred and thirty American planes -- pouring more than two million pounds of bombs -- on a Communist Viet Cong stronghold. The attack carried out by a combined force of U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine bombers -- in a dawn-to-dusk bombardment. The Viet Cong jungle stronghold -- only sixty-five miles west of Saigon. Fortunately, the raid completed - without the loss of a single American plane.

Meantime, in the city of Da Nang -- a

Communist terrorist was executed by a firing squad -- for trying to bomb an American billet. The execution carried out -- in a soccer stadium. Civilians barred from the arena -- but some two thousand men, women and children -- clambering into trees and onto rooftops to witness the execution. The death of the terrorist -- marked only by a ripple of applause.

SPLIT

Yesterday we heard of the widening split between Russia and Red China--with Communist North Viet Nam the chief bone of contention.

Today--a footnote to that story--in a dispatch from London. Russian shipments of arms and material--said to be piling up at the borders of North Viet Nam. With the Chinese refusing to let them pass into the hands of the North Vietnamese--pending minor adjustments.

These adjustments--a form of Communist "oneupmanship" Chinese border guards carefully obliterating all markings--that designate the supplies as--"made in Russia". When they reach North Viet Nam--the Soviet goods arrive marked--"Made in China."

INDONESIA

That American peace mission to Jakarta -- aimed at healing the rift in American and Indonesian relations -- apparently a complete bust.

American trouble-shooter Ellsworth Bunker -- today joining President Suharno -- in a joint communique ending their two weeks of talk. The two men acknowledging -- "certain tensions", as they put it -- between the U.S. and Indonesia. But proposing no solutions. Instead, calling for an end to Indonesian operations - of the American Peace Corps. Also suggesting that U.S. aid to Indonesia -- should be "reviewed and revised". Nothing more.

President Suharno later joining Kim Il Sung -- the visiting Premier of Communist North Korea -- in a second joint communique. A sort of post-script -- ending in an exclamation point. This one demanding the withdrawal of all U.S. troops -- from all of Asia.

FLOOD

The twin cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis -- watched and waited today -- as the flood-waters of the Mississippi inched higher and higher. The river expected to crest tomorrow or Saturday -- at twenty-seven feet -- a record high. Both cities in a state of emergency. But the big dikes through the heart of St. Paul -- still holding. And engineers tonight confident -- that they will stand the test.

QUAKE

The still of a quiet afternoon in Southern California -- shattered today by a long^{and} rolling earthquake. The tremor registering four-point-five on the Richter scale -- potentially dangerous. Thequake centered - in Rêverside and Bernadino Counties. But luckily no immediate reports -- of any serious damage.

KHRUSHCHEV

Six months ago today -- Nikita Khrushchev was ousted as supreme ruler of the Soviet Union. The colorful Khrushchev -- replaced by two men equally colorless -- Leonid Brezhnev and Alexei Kosygin.

And now -- from Moscow -- a progress report on the new state of the Soviet Union. Kremlinologists asserting flatly today that -- "the more it changes, the more it remains the same".

Domestically -- the new leaders quietly streamlining the Communist party -- in a game of "musical chairs". But with few and relatively minor exceptions -- the men in power remain those formerly identified as "Khrushchev men".

In foreign affairs -- Khrushchev's policy of "peaceful coexistence" -- remains the cornerstone of Soviet diplomacy. In short, the new Soviet leaders ^{and} said to be practicing a form of "Khrushchevism -- without Khrushchev".

Indeed, Khrushchev himself -- the forgotten man -- a virtual recluse. His name stricken from Soviet text books -- from government records. The man designated officially -- an "unperson".

His works go on. But Nikita Khrushchev -- once the most powerful single man on the face of the earth -- ^{- Dick -} now simply "the little man who wasn't there".

Cohen: As we've already heard, to pay his taxes this year-- even President Johnson had to borrow some money.

TAXES

Today's the day when millions of Americans join in saying--"ouch!" The day of reckoning a la form Ten-forty. With the government issuing this last-minute reminder: any returns postmarked later than midnight--will be subject to a fine of five per cent. That's five per cent a month--up to a total of twenty-five per cent of the total amount owed. Also, this consolation from tax chief Sheldon Cohen: As we've already heard, to pay his taxes this year--even President Johnson had to borrow some money.