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It was like a fiesta in El Paso - when the two presidents met. Mexicans, Americans of Mexican descent - American of every descent - crowding the streets by the tens of thousands. Waving the flage - of both nations. Joining together in their anthems. "Viva!" "Viva Johnson" - "Viva Lopez" !

Actually, all that didn't last long. The presidents met, embraced, shook hands - and presided over the ceremonies of the new Chamizal border. Chamizal - the tract of land left when the Rio Grande shifted its bed. It was returned to Mexico - during the Kennedy administration. The change in the border, now formalized - by Lyndon Johnson and Adolfo Lopez Mateos.

JOHNSON

President Johnson is willing to go to - in Winston Churchill's famous phrase - "a parley at the summit." Meaning - a summit conference with Nikita Khrushchev. That's the implication of Mr. Johnson's words - "go anywhere, talk to anyone, discuss any subject." In the past, such language has always preceded - summit conferences.

But this time the President set it in a context - never heard before. A context of some optimism with regard to the confrontation of the Communist bloc - and the Free World. L.B.J. pointing out - that the Reds are losing power beyond their borders, and are suffering repeated crises - at home. Internal economic problems in Russia and Red China - plus all the developing hostility - between the two Red giants.

The moral of the Johnson speech - is that we now are dealing from a position of strength. Hence, no reason - why we should not negotiate with the Kremlin.

Khrushchev? With all his problems - may feel the need for an accommodation with the West. If so - Lyndon Johnson is ready to discuss the international situation with him. Face to face - at the summit.

GOLDWATER

Barry Goldwater aimed much of his campaign oratory today - at members of his own party. The New York Republicans who admit to being less than enthusiastic - about the G.O.P. ticket. Their leader, of course - Governor Rockefeller, who tried but didn't win the nomination.

Goldwater made a vigorous unity statement - in Albany in which he predicted that if the unity of the Republican Party is achieved - said he: - "we can do the impossible." That from the Arizonan who is challenging a Texan for the Presidency.

Nelson Rockefeller responded - with some warm words for Barry Goldwater. Words like - "dedicated, hard-working, courageous." After which the Republican nominee himself went back - to castigating the Administration.

APPALACHIA

[The Senate had something on its mind - when it passed the Appalachia Bill. Something more than economic aid - for a depressed area of the country. Adjournment - is coming up. Probably - next Saturday. And the lawmakers are anxious - to get away from their desks.

But I don't want to give the impression that that's why the Appalachia Bill passed. It had - a strong majority. Forty-five - to thirteen.

If the House goes along - one billion dollars will be made available to the states by the Federal government. A program to last - five years. To help countries - from Ohio to South Carolina. Appalachia.]

GENERAL MOTORS

There's one common feeling - in Detroit. Both labor and management agree - that this ^{present} strike is a misfortune, ^{for} the auto industry - and for the nation.

Walter Reuther ^{today} announced ^a ~~the~~ ^{as he said} walkout - "with a sense of sadness." ~~and~~ ^{ing} Explained his position to a news conference - in the G.M. building, ^{he said} ~~telling his~~ audience ~~that~~ the issues - are "non-economic." The basic point being, according to Reuther - "a feeling at G.M. that they own the worker's soul."

Speaking for the company, Vice President Louis Seaton - ^{ing} ~~rejected~~ the Reuther charges, pointed out that the U.A.W. could have a contract comparable to those - with other auto companies. And termed the strike - "unnecessary, unjustified."

Anyway, two hundred and sixty thousand workers - ^{and} eighty-nine plants - are now idle; And the national economy will begin to feel the pinch - if the strike lasts any length of time.

MR. ONE MILLION

If you were making a guess, how many people would you say there are in the State of Utah? As of today, that spectacular western state has exactly one million citizens. My colleagues at KSL Radio in Salt Lake have just sent me the word about the arrival of Mr. One Million.

Utah, first settled in eighteen forty-seven, in area covers fifty-four million, three hundred forty-six, two hundred and forty acres. One million people! That means fifty-four acres per person. At least eight million of those acres are in national forest, where Mr. One Million can hunt, fish, loaf, or ski, as I so often do in Utah.

Utah officials were waiting yesterday for the arrival of Mr. One Million. However, there was no advance announcement, because they were waiting for him with presents, and didn't want the one millionth to be someone eager to get the loot, and then vamoos.

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As a citizen of Utah who is Mr. One Million?

He's Morris Arnold, a man in his forties, from Menlo Park, California, now to make his home in Ogden, Utah.

DECORATION

An American Army officer in South Viet Nam - has just been awarded the Silver Star. And thereby hangs a tale - with some semantic overtones.

You see the Silver Star has always been - a wartime decoration. And technically - we are not at war in South Viet Nam. We are merely giving aid and advice - to a nation struggling to remain free.

But, the Silver Star carries the citation - "for conspicuous gallantry in action." And no technicality will get around the fact - that our soldiers are indeed "in action," with ^{a lot of opportunity} ~~the chance~~ to show - "conspicuous gallantry."

As did Captain Desmond Flanigan - of the Bronx in New York, ~~City~~. The Captain, regrouping ^{ed} a platoon of Vietnamese Rangers - when they had been driven back, leading them into a bamboo thicket - where two other platoons were pinned down. Then organizing the three

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platoons into a unit - that turned defeat into victory.

The first Silver Star ever awarded in peacetime -- to Captain Desmond Flanagan of the Bronx.

Dick, how's Flanagan for a good fighting name?

VETERAN

How's this for will power? Warren Winchenbach of Waldsboro, Maine, is a World War Veteran who has two legs paralyzed. So it looked bad when Warren Winchenbach's car shot down a riverbank - into the water. But the veteran didn't wait for help. He pulled himself - out of the car. Then dragged his wheelchair - up a thirty-foot slope. And went tooling down the road -- back to the hospital. Did it -- in the rain. How's that?

So, here's to Warren Winchenbach of Waldsboro, Maine, and s - l - u - Monday.