

MIDDLE EAST

Fri. June 2-67.

In the midst of that war of words in the Middle East - a brief battle ^{of bullets} today, ~~with live bullets.~~ ~~Claiming~~ The first fatalities ^{in the} ~~in~~ three weeks ~~of~~ impasse.

According to Jerusalem - an Israeli patrol intercepted ~~ed a~~ ^{ed a} Syrian probe near the Sea of Galilee. Two Israeli's and one Syrian - said to have died in the resulting gunfight.

Meanwhile, British Prime Minister Harold Wilson - ^{was} ~~was~~ conferring with President Johnson today in Washington.

While U S officials were letting it be known - that Britain and the United States have won widespread support from world shipping powers. ^{This} ~~is~~ paving the way for a joint declaration designating the Gulf of Akaba an international waterway; pledging to keep it open to shipping of all nations -- including Israel.

To this - Cairo replying that any collective action to break the Egyptian blockade - would be considered an

act of war. *On the other hand there is* ~~Nevertheless~~ a later report, from London,
that ~~To the effect~~ the Kremlin has told Egypt and Syria - they
can expect no direct help from Russia; should they decide
to start a "Holy War" - to exterminate Israel.

YEMEN FOLLOW MIDDLE EAST

~~Structure in the Middle East a report yesterday's~~

report

that Egyptian troops were using poison gas in the Yemeni civil war ^{was} followed ~~today~~ ^{today} by apparent confirmation ~~today~~ from the International Red Cross.

Though it stopped short of identifying the aggressor

- the Red Cross saying its doctors had treated many poison gas victims in the northern part of ~~the country~~ ^{Yemen} where Egyptian forces ^{have been in} ~~are known to~~ ^{of} support government troops - in their battle with royalist opposition. The Red Cross also ^{saying} ~~reporting~~ that one of its own truck convoys had been attacked by aircraft - presumably Egyptian, ~~at night~~ while trying to help out - in Yemen.

Red Cross officials pointing out - they were

"extremely disturbed and concerned by these methods of warfare." Noting ^{that} they "are absolutely forbidden - ~~is~~ by international law."

CAM PHA

— you might call it that —
Out of the blue ~~so to speak~~ a sudden, jarring
shift today in the focus of world tension. Russia accusing

U S planes of deliberately bombing a Soviet merchant
vessel in North Vietnamese waters. This supposedly at
the port of Cam Pha - about fifty miles north of Haiphong.

The formal charge - in a note of protest to
Washington ~~is~~ Going on to say that two Soviet seamen -
were "badly wounded" in the attack. Adding that if it
happens again - "the Soviet Union will be compelled to
take appropriate measures - to ensure the safety of its
ships."

Reaction in Washington - one of official bafflement.
The Pentagon saying it ~~had~~ ^{has} no information - ~~which~~ ^{to} confirm
the Soviet allegation." But, ~~needless to say~~ ^{Washington is} they're
checking.

VAN DUSEN BOOK

I wonder how many have read Dag Hammarskjold's inspiring, ~~and~~ illuminating diary, the book called simply - "Markings." It's a moving account of the inner faith - that sustained Dag Hammarskjold in the midst of world crisis. And of course here we are in the midst of another world crisis - ~~and~~ ^{-- with} no Dag Hammarskjold.

If you have read the book - or even if you haven't-- there is a new book - out recently entitled "Dag Hammarskjold, ^{the} The Statesman and His Faith." It should interest readers all over this troubled world. And its far easier to read. Dr. Henry Van Dusen - famous former head of Union Theological Seminary, gives us "The Private Man", as revealed in "Markings" along with "The Public Servant" / who emerges from the pages of ^{the} Hammarskjold volume, also from his statements, speeches, ^{we get something} ~~plus the~~ courage, skill and daring he gave us when he was Secretary General of the United Nations.

Dr. Van Dusen ~~in his book~~, gives ^{NA}~~us~~ a penetrating study of the great man; his inner search for the meaning of life -- step-by-step along with the development of his career as a world figure.

Anne Morrow Lindbergh says of this book:

"it clothes in flesh that mysterious x-ray of a soul in 'Markings'." Dr. Van Dusen - the one man who could have done this - said she; "because the active and the contemplative also meet in him - as they did to a supreme degree in Dag Hammarskjold."

BRITAIN

seems to be in a bit of
Britain's Prince Philip ~~to~~ hot water again -

~~today~~ for another of his off the cuff remarks. The second
such incident this week - which is quite a record even
for him.

A couple of days ago - you may have heard - the

Prince called horses the world's most stupid animals.

Repeating what has so often been said, anyhow
the Prince ~~gave~~ ^{it drew} a heated blast - from the "horsey set." ~~now it's~~

What now? Oh,

[^] a vote of censure - from the entire British plasterers

the Queens Prince Consort in which he said
union; over a speech from ~~Philip saying~~ [^] he is "sick

and tired' of making excuses for ~~Britain's~~ British workmanship

whenever he travels abroad ~~to~~ to open new markets for

British goods.

This - according to the union - ~~is~~ [^] drivel.

What's more, in extremely poor taste - ~~said~~ [^] the plasterers;

especially from "one whose class has always led a

parasitic existence" - as they put it. *A rough*
retort from the plasterers.

LONDON

Britain's number one disease: rheumatism.

According to a report today - from the World Health Organization.

No less than fifty percent of the male population of Britain -- said to suffer from rheumatic pains; with the figure up to fifty-two percent - for British women. Coal miners, longshoremen, truck drivers, ^{- maybe plasterers too -} and housewives - bearing the brunt of the ailment.

The problem - in part - Britain's rainy, soggy climate. Also the fact that the British Ministry of Health -- virtually ignores the ailment.

The reason - explained by a British health official. Said he: "If the government accepted rheumatism under the national health scheme - every bed and every doctor in the country would be needed to deal with it."

MOSCOW

A Soviet magazine published specially for foreign readers - ~~the magazine~~ ^{comes out today with} still another Kremlin attack

~~on~~ on Stalin's daughter, Svetlana. The magazine "abroad" carrying a major article - on Svetlana's defection to the United States; under a headline saying: "CIA makes the hypocrite a millionaire." ^{Also this} ~~and~~ sub head: ~~reading~~; "on the garbage dump of history."

Farther down - Svetlana accused of leaving "her motherland and children" - to become a "God seeker after dollars." The magazine calling her a woman driven by "greed and moral instability -- ready even to slander her father." With, ^{as they put it,} ~~the result of~~ ~~that~~ "certain U. S. circles ~~are~~ using her as a weapon of their anti-Soviet campaign."

Sounds like - Svetlana really has them ^{in a sweat,} ~~worried~~

So sorry.

LETTER FOLLOW MOSCOW

Of more immediate concern in Soviet literary circles - a letter currently making the rounds of Russian writers. A fervent plea -- for abolition of censorship in the Soviet Union.

The letter -- written by Alexander^{avited} Solzhen'itsin; famed author of "one day in the life of Ivan Denisovitch." A book drawn from his person experiences - depicting the hardships of Stalin-era prison camps.

Solzhen'itsin writing now - to tell of the rigid censorship that has halted publication of his later works. Accusing ignorant ~~bure~~ bureaucrats - of suppressing his manuscripts. Further urging his colleagues to fight back - to prevent the loss of invaluable contributions to world and Soviet literature.

Whether the letter will have any practical results -- hard to say. As for ^{Alexanderavitch} Solzhen'itsin ~~is a~~ ~~person~~ ~~not~~ ~~at~~ ~~all~~ - he ~~is~~ ~~not~~ ~~at~~ ~~all~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~person~~ ~~as~~ ~~the~~ ~~one~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~Congress~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Soviet~~ ~~Writers~~ ~~Congress~~ ^{at} the Soviet Writers Congress.

PROVIDENCE

~~A final item - from~~ ^{Al} Providence, Rhode Island,

~~where~~ CBS Radio Station W E A N -- is today celebrating

its forty-fifth anniversary on the air. ^{Al set now for} ~~Happy anniversary.~~

~~W E A N~~ and here's hoping you get a big bang out of your

^{May they be even better than}
~~the next forty-five. just as you did with your first forty-five.~~

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

From South San Francisco, California -- ~~the story~~
today ^{comes} ~~of~~ a long, and ^{for years surely a} passionate love story. One that - well,
maybe it was just too good to last.

The couple in question - Beatrice and Alfred
Bernal. Who were married twenty years ago - and since
have had a total of fifteen children. The oldest - nineteen;
the youngest - six months. With all that family

~~At, but~~ ^{now} a parting of the ways. Beatrice
Bernal - filing suit for divorce. After all those years
and all those children -- ^{Her} ~~she~~ charges "incompatibility,"
loavren - + a - l - u - Monday.