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By the combined actions of Washington and Peking -
~~there now seems to be a gap~~ ^{there now seems to be a gap}
~~a gaping hole today~~ in the "bamboo curtain;" ^{Could it also lead} ~~and the beginning~~
~~to what we call~~ ^{to what we call}
~~perhaps of "peaceful coexistence"~~ - right around the globe.

~~First~~ ^{Today} In Peking, ^{highly articulate} Red China's Premier Chou-En-Lai
~~said to our~~ ^{said to our} touring U.S. table tennis team: "In the past -

there were lots of American friends in China; and you" - by
 your visit here" - he ^{went on - you} ~~continued~~ "have made a new start."

Chou adding that now - American reporters "will come in
 batches;" and thereby set in motion ^{what he termed} a "renewal of friendship"
 that "will meet with the approval and support of both our
 peoples." Chou stating that, indeed, Red China is
 interested in friendly relations - with all countries."

This setting the stage - for a speedy White House
 response. President Nixon ordering a broad relaxation of
 trade restrictions more than twenty years old - ^{governing}
 commerce between the U.S. and Mainland China. Also, easing
 U.S. currency controls - to facilitate such trade. The
 President further instructing the State Department - to

expedite the approval of visas for prospective visitors from
Red China. The White House adding that Chou's remarks -
had made this an especially "appropriate time" for improving
East-West relations.

And so, ^{maybe this is} ~~the~~ the beginning - of a new beginning.

Why so? Because - said Editor Noyes - "One of the
press are allowing ourselves to be manipulated by various
interests - some for change and some against it - some
generally in support of the system and some destructively
seeking to tear it down - but all eager in the business of
playing on our weaknesses, our laziness, our superficiality,
our gullibility." With the end result - he continued - that
"the books on both sides - determine for us what constitutes
communist's goals; and the books they write - the
bigger their news."

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our readers a view of society and its problems - that even we

WASHINGTON

Washington again ^{at} a meeting of the American Society
of Newspaper Editors ^{there was} ~~the scene of~~ a bit of soul-searching
today; with the chief prober - Newbold Noyes, editor of ^{Noyes} The
Washington Star and also the group's retiring President, ~~who~~
charged that American readers are losing faith in their
newspapers, ^{and, said he,} ~~and~~ with good reason.

Why so? Because - said Editor Noyes - "we of the
press are allowing ourselves to be manipulated by various
interests - some for change and some against it - some
powerfully in support of the system and some destructively
seeking to tear it down - but all clever in the business of
playing on our weaknesses, our laziness, our superficiality,
our gullibility." With the end result - he continued - that
"the kooks on both sides - determine for us what constitutes
tomorrow's news; and the kookier their activity - the
bigger their news."

Editor Noyes going on to say: " We are thus giving
our readers a view of society and its problems - that even we
know to be false."

ADD WASHINGTON

Later ~~was~~ at the same meeting ^{can} a rare public address
by Central Intelligence Agency Director Richard Helms;
who said that the C.I.A.--is a dedicated, efficient,
unbiased, money-saving organization; ~~and~~ one that never
interferes--in domestic politics; although he added,
regrettably--~~we'll~~ have to take his word for it.

FIRE BASE SIX

On the Vietnam war front - the battle for Fire Base Six up near the Laotian border - for all practical purposes, officially ended today. The arrival of South Vietnamese relief troops in force - apparently signaling the withdrawal of North Vietnamese attackers. ~~With~~ U.S. helicopters later ~~flown~~ ^{flew} in - unopposed - ^{with} tons and tons of food, water and ammunition.

And so ~~it~~ ^{a finish at last to} - fifteen days of fierce combat. ~~Enemy~~ losses ~~amounting to an~~ estimated twenty-seven hundred men - ~~one~~ ^{with} ~~told, as against~~ South Vietnamese losses ~~only~~ ^{only put} at a hundred-and-seventy-two.

EKLUTNA GLACIER

From the icy slopes of Alaska's Eklutna Glacier - just north of Anchorage - the story of another mountain-climbing tragedy; with a sudden spring avalanche carrying to their deaths - two veteran mountaineers - Hans

Vanderlaan and Dr. Grace Hoeman - both of Anchorage.

Dr. Hoeman thus following in death - her husband - the late Vin Hoeman; who was killed in a similar accident on the slopes of Mount Dhaulagiri in the Himalayas - just two years ago.

BELFAST

At Belfast in ~~Northern Ireland~~ a continuation of
Protestant riots ^{ing} today; with the violence reaching its peak -
in an attempted Protestant invasion of East Belfast's
Ballymacarett District; forcing a number of Catholic families
- to flee their homes.

Then when ~~the area~~ the area was quickly sealed off by British
troops; ~~the soldiers were~~ the soldiers were stoned by the ~~surging~~ demonstrators.

~~All this, as you know following~~ ^{This} in the wake of ~~that~~ ^{the} wounding
~~of the~~ twelve-year-old Protestant boy last night.

PORT-AU-PRINCE

Port-Au-Prince, Haiti - a giant celebration today; starting with a Mass of Thanksgiving - followed by a big parade with marching bands - and then a cultural show. This marking the sixty-fourth birthday - of Haiti's President-for-Life - Francois Duvalier - the legendary "Papa Doc".

Just one thing missing though: The guest of honor. Who failed to make a scheduled address - from the balcony of the Presidential Palace. Leading to speculation - that he might be sick again. (But a Palace spokesman - refusing to dignify the rumors. And the reason - said he: "When the President is sick - nobody writes anything; but when he is well - everyone writes that he is sick."

VATICAN

This next - of special interest to prospective June
brides of the Catholic faith. From a Vatican commission
today - a recommendation that would ban from future wedding
services - so-called "profane" music. ^{— non-religious music.} And this - we are
told - including, among others, the traditional "Here Comes
the Bride"; - Mendelssohn's Wedding March; - even the "Ave
Maria". The Vatican observing that "these pieces - properly
belong ~~in a church~~ ^{almost anywhere - but not in} a church."

DETROIT

~~For~~ Vice President ~~Spiro~~ Agnew - ~~an appearance~~
today at the National Pollution Conference in Detroit, ~~where~~
~~he~~ said it would be wrong - to ~~think that~~ ^{call} present environmental
concern ~~is~~ merely a passing fad; and even worse - to think
~~that~~ present anti-pollution efforts are sufficient. ~~But~~
~~President~~ ^{said he} adding, ~~therefore,~~ that public concern about
pollution - must be turned into action.

~~And~~ why hasn't this already been done? Because -
said ~~Spiro~~ ^{Mr.} Agnew - "many Americans have the same attitude
toward pollution control ^{Warren} that men have toward the see-
through blouse." ~~And~~ ^{"That"} - said he: "They're great - on
someone else's wife."

SYRACUSE

And here - a birthday salute to CBS Radio affiliate

W-H-E-N - Syracuse, New York; today celebrating its

thirtieth anniversary - on the air.

And a-l-u-t-m
~~AND NOW THE NEWS~~