

MIDDLE EAST

Wed. June 7, 1967

— ~~soon~~ —
Will there be peace ~~or continued war~~ in the

Middle East? While the world ~~waits~~ ^{the} answer to

~~that question~~ ^{at the moment seems to rest} ~~apparently rests solely tonight~~ with the

Arab world. That is, the UN,

~~The United Nations~~ Security Council ~~to~~ already is
on record, ~~at~~ ^{Federence Today} Soviet insistence - ~~demanding~~ a cease-fire
on all fronts - as of ~~8 o'clock Greenwich time - 3 hrs~~
~~ago - N.Y. time~~ ^{ago - N.Y. time}, This appears to have been
~~time~~ ^{time} A call quickly accepted "unequivocally" by Israeli

Foreign Minister Abba Eban - ~~that is~~ ^{were to} providing the Arabs agree.

The government of Jordan ~~had quickly~~ ^{ed} accepting the U N proposal.

However, ~~that~~ ^{ed} deadline ~~passed~~ ^{ed} with no word

from either Egypt or Syria - the two other major

combatants. And in the absence of a truce - Jordan's

^{was with his army} King Hussein personally spurring his troops ^{on in their} fight ~~on~~

against Israel. "With your arms - your hands" - and

"your nails and teeth," if necessary - said he.

there seems agreement as to
In the meantime ~~no question at all~~ who's winning
on the battlefield. ~~According to all reports~~ *The* Israelis are
reported
~~for~~ scoring a series of smashing victories, *on* this -
the third day of hostilities

With
~~To the West~~ an Israeli spearhead reportedly
across Sinai all the way
sweeping ~~clear~~ to the Suez Canal. To the ~~south~~ south -
Israeli troops capturing that Egyptian fortress at Sharm
El Sheikh, *and thus* ~~to~~ break *ing* the blockade of the Gulf of Akaba.

To the *Ea*st -- Israeli forces securing the entire city
the Holy Sepulchre, the Mosque of Omar, the
of Jerusalem; driving on - to capture Jericho; ~~and~~ now

holding most of Hashemite Jordan - ~~now~~ West of the Jordan
River.

At day's end - Israeli General Moshe Dayan
at
~~calling~~ a dramatic news conference, ~~claiming~~ claiming
total victory -- over the "main body" of the Egyptian
army. *This* Before addressing himself - to neighboring Arab
states.

*Waiting Hall
along the wall*

"At this crucial hour" - said he - "we earnestly
stretch our hands to our Arab brethren in peace. ^{"But" said he, "we} ~~But we~~
have returned to Jerusalem" - ~~he added -~~ "never to part
from her again."

JERUSALEM

Earlier, a tremendously emotional moment today - in Jerusalem. When Israeli soldiers finally ~~streamed~~ ^{— thru the old walls —} streamed through the Mandelbaum Gate, into the ancient city of David; ^{putting an end to} ~~with the end of last~~ Arab resistance in Jordan's old section of the Holy City.

A bearded Rabbi in paratrooper's uniform - sounding the call of triumph on a shofar - or ram's horn. An officer wearing a Hebrew skull cap - hoisted a blue and white Israeli flag over the ~~the~~ sacred Wailing Wall, ^{I believed} ~~att~~ ^{to be about all} that remains - of the second Temple of Solomon.

Guns at the ready - but tears streaming down their cheeks - the soldiers then joining in prayer. For the first time in twenty years - no one to stop them! The devout chanting over and over - that ^{this} holy place would remain forever ^apart of Israel.

All about - the cry ringing out "Jerusalem is ours." Others soon picking up the tempo - adding - "On to Cairo."

PRESIDENT

Looking to the future - President Johnson today announced creation of a new special White House Committee. Purpose - said he - "to help build a new peace"- in the Middle East -- after present hostilities have ceased.

"The road forward to real peace and progress - will not be easy" - said the President. "Still" - he went on [^]"there is now a real chance for all - to turn from the frustrations of the past to the hope of a peaceful future."

The new panel -- to be headed by former presidential aide McGeorge Bundy; who will take a temporary leave from his present job - as President of the Ford Foundation.

VIETNAM

A brief lull in ground war in Vietnam -- suddenly shattered today near the phony demilitarized zone, With a force of Viet Cong attempting to take Hill Nine Hundred - overlooking a key American outpost at Khe Sanh.

U S Marines - holding doggedly to fixed positions throughout the day. However, pulling back from the Hill early tonight - presumably to permit an all-out air and artillery barrage against enemy positions. The battle - far from finished.

To the south though - still comparative quiet. A U. S. military spokesman at Saigon - reporting "no significant contact" - with the Viet Cong over the past twenty-four hours.

MOSCOW

On the literary front - a writers' uprising is reported today from Moscow. Some eighty prominent Soviet writers jointly demanding an open discussion - of the pros and cons of Russian literary censorship.

This the direct result of an open letter last month ^{by} author Alexander Solzhenytsin. Protesting alleged -- ~~from famous Russian~~ suppression of manuscripts -- by so-called bureaucratic censors.

The recent Soviet writers Congress ^{is} refusing even to acknowledge the letter. However, the writers in today's action -- say ~~that~~ it is - "impossible to pretend the letter does not exist." Adding that "open discussion and wide publicity" on the subject -- are "the sole guarantee of the healthy future" of Russian literature.

LONDON

After thirty years of waiting - the Duchess of Windsor was finally welcomed formally todayⁱⁿ to Britain's Royal family. A radiant Queen Elizabeth stepping forward to greet the Duke and Duchess - on their arrival at Marlborough House in London. Other members of the Royal Family -- quickly joining in the reception, To the cheers of about a thousand Britons - on hand for the occasion.

According to British observers - the Duchess at first was much like any other wife ~~and~~ meeting her in-laws for the first time. Meaning - nervous. However, a smile from the Queen - a few warm words of conversation -- and the spell~~was~~ broken. The Duke - beaming his approval.

The British now speculating that Queen Elizabeth may next ~~be~~ grant the Duchess - her rightful title of "Royal Highness." A rank - commensurate with that of her husband. If so - the Duke will be able to end at last - his long, self-imposed exile from his native land.

PLYMOUTH

Sir Francis Chichester - Britain's famed lone yachtsman - admitted to a hospital today in Plymouth, England. The sixty-five year old round the world navigator suffering from a bleeding ulcer.

Doctors prescribing a blood transfusion - but later listing his condition as satisfactory. No cause for alarm - they say.

Even so - Sir Francis ^{is} expected to be under medical care - ~~for~~ for at least a month. Forcing postponement of that ^{dramatic} ceremony originally set for next week -- at which he would have been formally dubbed -- a Knight of the British Empire; with Sir Francis Drake's sword, too.

SENATE

In the House Banking Committee - approval today of a bill that would ban the sale of lottery tickets - in any bank chartered or insured by the Federal Government. The bill - as presently written - one that could cripple the New York State lottery - also the New Hampshire sweepstakes.

Elsewhere, on Capitol Hill - a demand today from Senator Williams of Delaware -- for a full investigation of charges against Senator Long of Missouri; who stands accused in the press - of rigging a Senate investigation in favor of Teamster President Jimmy Hoffa. Said Senator Williams: "These charges are of such a nature that in fairness to the junior Senator from Missouri and the United States Senate - they should not be ignored or left unanswered."

GETTYSBURG

Former President Eisenhower -- who founded the "People to people" idea in foreign relations - busy practicing his philosophy today at Gettysburg. Ike extending a personal greeting - to "caravan America". An auto caravan made up of twenty British families & touring America from coast to coast.

Looking exceptionally fit for a man just out of the hospital -- the General flashing his famous grin - telling his guests -- "we have our own nationalistic viewpoints -- but deep down the British and American people feel a deep kinship."

Ike adding: "If you go through my little home town of Abilene - I assure you they will ~~be~~ welcome yo^u"

Here we come dear
~~are you listening~~ Abilene?

NEW YORK

One of America's most famous ^{women} writers - dead

today in New York. Dorothy Parker passing away at age
seventy-four. Perhaps her most quoted line --

"men seldom make passes - at girls who wear glasses."

Or did Ogden Nash say that?

SYDNEY

From Sydney, Australia - a post-script today
to the story of Linda McGill; the "Down Under" swimmer
who requested permission to swim the English Channel --
wearing only the bottom half of her bikini.

As you may ~~have~~ have heard -- Linda drew an ~~affixent~~
official ruling from the Chairman of the Channel Swimming
Association; to wit: "As far as we are concerned - she can
swim the channel stark ^dnake_A."

^{says she just may do that--}
So now - Linda taking the cue - ~~asserting~~ she may
~~also~~ dispense with the bottom half of her bikini - because,
in her own words, "it's much freer that way." ^{Much freer,}
^{than today's skimpy bikini's -- huh,}
Nevertheless, the blonde beauty ^{does} assert ~~flatly~~ flatly -
she ^{I'll} ~~would~~ never swim the Channel completely nude. "I'll
definitely be wearing - a bathing cap and goggles" --
said ~~she~~ Linda from Down Under.

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AFTER DAYS OF FRUITLESS TALK - A THRILL OF EXCITEMENT
TODAY AT THE UNITED NATIONS. THE U N SECURITY COUNCIL - SUMMONED
TO HEAR AN AMERICAN PLEA FOR ARAB ACCEPTANCE OF AN IMMEDIATE TRUCE --
WHEN U N SECRETARY GENERAL U THANT - AROSE TO ADDRESS THE ASSEMBLED
DELEGATES.

U THANT READING A MESSAGE FROM MOHAMMED AWAD EL KONY --
EGYPT'S AMBASSADOR TO THE U N -- AS FOLLOWS: " I HAVE THE HONOR" -
SAID THE NOTE - "TO INFORM YOU UPON INSTRUCTIONS OF MY GOVERNMENT -
THAT THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC HAS DECIDED TO ACCEPT THE CEASE-FIRE
CALL - AS PRESCRIBED IN TWO RESOLUTIONS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

Nasser's Egypt
~~THUS THE MAJOR POWER~~ JOINING JORDAN AND ISRAEL

IN AGREEING TO THE U N PEACE BID. SYRIA, KUWAIT, ALGERIA AND
OTHERS IN THE ARAB BLOC - HOPEFULLY SOON TO FOLLOW SUIT. THE FLAME
OF WAR - FAST FADING IN THE MIDDLE EAST. - ~~WE HOPE~~. So it seems,

SINAI

WHAT MAY WELL HAVE BEEN THE LAST MAJOR ENGAGEMENT *of one*
shortest of Wars --
OF THE ~~WAR~~ ~~PERHAPS EVEN THE FINAL STRAW~~ AN EGYPTIAN COUNTERATTACK
TODAY IN THE SINAI DESERT. ACCORDING TO ISRAELI SOURCES - EGYPTIAN
ARMOR STRIKING "IN FORCE" ON ~~THREE~~ *out* FRONTS. EGYPTIAN TANKS ATTEMPTING
TO FIGHT THEIR WAY ~~CLEAR~~ OF THE SINAI PENINSULA -- BEFORE THEY WERE
TRAPPED AND DESTROYED.

BUT ONCE AGAIN - COMBINED ISRAELI LAND AND *air* STRENGTH
Egyptians.
APPARENTLY TOO MUCH FOR THE ~~ARAB~~ *ATTACKERS* ISRAELI FORCES
QUICKLY BLUNTING THE DRIVE *and* -- IN THE PROCESS, KNOCKING OUT NEARLY
TWO HUNDRED EGYPTIAN TANKS. AT DAY'S END -- ISRAEL CLAIMING
COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE *great Sinai Desert* ~~WESTERN SHORES~~ OF SINAI -- RIGHT UP
TO THE SUEZ CANAL. WITH ONLY ONE REMAINING POCKET OF EGYPTIAN
TROOPS -- SAID TO BE OFFERING ANY RESISTANCE.

ISRAELI CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL ISHAK RABIN - SUMMING
IT ~~ALL~~ UP IN ONE BRIEF SENTENCE. SAID HE: "TODAY -- WE ARE
ACTUALLY WITNESSING THE TOTAL DESTRUCTION - OF THE EGYPTIAN FORCES
IN THE SINAI."

Came
SHORTLY AFTER ~~THE~~ EGYPT'S DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE
U N -- ACCEPTING A CEASE-FIRE.

MEDITERRANEAN

EARLIER -- A TRAGIC ACCIDENT IN THE EASTERN
MEDITERRANEAN. FOR THE FIRST TIME -- PLACING AMERICANS IN
THE DIRECT LINE OF FIRE IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT.

We are told
~~AS BEST CAN BE DETERMINED~~ THE U S COMMUNICATIONS
SHIP LIBERTY ^{was} ~~λ~~ CRUISING PEACEFULLY TODAY ABOUT FIFTEEN MILES
OFF THE SINAI PENINSULA; WHEN SUDDENLY -SOMEHOW - IT WAS MISTAKEN
FOR AN ARAB VESSEL. ISRAELI AIRCRAFT AND ^{motor} ~~ONE OR MORE~~ TORPEDO
BOATS - RACING TO THE ATTACK. KILLING AT LEAST TEN AMERICAN ~~WERE~~
SAILORS AND WOUNDING ^{about a hundred} ~~SOME SEVENTY~~ MORE -- BEFORE THEY REALIZED
THEIR MISTAKE.

THE INCIDENT -- SETTING OFF A BRIEF FLURRY OF
EXCITEMENT IN WASHINGTON. RUMORS CIRCULATING THROUGHOUT THE
CAPITAL - THAT AN AMERICAN WARSHIP HAD BEEN ~~SINK~~ SUNK. HOWEVER,
THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL - QUICKLY APOLOGIZ^{ed.} ~~ING FOR THE ACCIDENT.~~
~~And~~ ^{is} THE LIBERTY ~~REMAINING~~ STEAMING TONIGHT - TOWARD A SAFE HAVEN
WITH THE U S SIXTH FLEET.

VIETNAM

~~HALFWAY ROUND THE WORLD,~~ ANOTHER MAJOR AMERICAN
LANDING TODAY - NEAR THE NORTHERNMOST CITY OF SOUTH VIETNAM.
U.S. MARINES STORMING ASHORE FROM ~~THE~~ SOUTH CHINA SEA -- TO BEGIN
A SWEEP ~~OF THE AREA SURROUNDING~~ ^{around} THE ANCIENT IMPERIAL CAPITAL OF HUE.

~~THIS OPERATION COLGATE. THE MARINES~~ ATTEMPTING TO
PUT A WEDGE BETWEEN NORTH VIETNAMESE TO THE NORTH -- AND VIET CONG
TO THE SOUTH. HOPING TO PUT AN END TO ENEMY PRESSURE ON HUE - ALSO
TO STOP ENEMY HARRASSMENT OF ~~THAT~~ ^{the} BIG MARINE BASE AT DA NANG .

IN THE AIR WAR -- AMERICAN JETS ^{were} DESTROYING OR DAMAGING
FIVE MIGS ⁹ in A STRIKE AT A KEY ENEMY AIR BASE ⁴ ABOUT THIRTY MILES
NORTH OF HANOI. RETURNING PILOTS -- REPORTING HEAVY ANTI-AIRCRAFT
FIRE. BUT THE MIGS THEY HIT - NEVER GETTING OFF THE GROUND.

RICKOVER

is speaking his mind again. The Vice Admiral Hyman Rickover *λ* - so-called father

of the Atomic submarine *often does* ~~a man who generally speaks~~

this time - ~~his mind~~ As ~~proved again~~ today - in testimony ~~made~~ before

~~public~~ by a House sub-committee. This time it's his

alma mater, The U S Naval Academy at Annapolis *that is the* *λ* target

of the Admiral's latest barrage. "In effect" - said

Rickover - "the Naval Academy is run like a boy's

military preparatory school," training a man for "permanent

adolescence" - as he put it - rather than a command in the

Navy.

Reason - said Rickover - because midshipmen never

"see life as it is." Too often - he concluded - the Annapolis

graduate -- "somebody who will be a grown-up child for the

rest of his life."

Admiral - some West Pointers
may cheer you, but I wonder what your
fellow Admirals will say?