

HUSSEIN

Wed. June 28-67

For two hours today - an electric meeting at the White House. Jordan's tough, young King Hussein - conferring with President Johnson; trying to find some common meeting ground -- that might lead to a settlement of the current mid=east crisis.

When it was all over - the White House conceding there were no agreements. Further stating "there was not an identity of views." Adding nonetheless - "the exchange proved to be of definite value."

Earlier, the President warning Israel against what he called - any "hasty, unilateral action" with regard to the captured city of Jerusalem. Arab powers also agreeing to appeal to the U N - toward the same end.

Be that as it may - later word that Israel ~~has~~ had, indeed, annexed the old city of Jerusalem. ^{This} Drawing immediate reaction - from Washington. The move - totally unacceptable - said the State Department. Adding that the

United States "has never recognized any such unilateral
action" -- and ^{will not do so now} ~~won't now either.~~

PENTAGON

In the meantime - an official finding at last today; in that Israeli attack June Eighth - on the U S communications ship Liberty.

A Navy court of Inquiry ruling that the Liberty was, quote - "in international waters - properly marked as to her identity and nationality - and in calm, clear weather, when she suffered an unprovoked attack - by Israeli aircraft and motor torpedo boats." Killing thirty-four Americans - and wounding seventy-five.

The court further citing testimony -- suggesting the ship's flag may have been difficult to see - because the sea was so calm. The court observing, however, that the Liberty was under air surveillance no less ^{than} three separate times / in the five hours immediately preceding the attack.

Even so - the court refusing to rule on what it called - "the culpability of the attackers." Noting that "no evidence was heard - from the attacking nation."

ADEN

Violence flared anew today - in the British Crown Colony of Aden. With British troops searching for terrorists in the ~~Arab town~~ ^{adjoining Arab city} of Sheikh Othman - when they came under fire from a machine gunner in a nearby house.

The British - quickly firing ~~back~~ back. Later, rushing the house - and finding a dead Arab beside the machine gun. Also present though - another dead Arab and two wounded companions; ~~Apparently~~ ^{Apparently} earlier victims - of Aden's three-cornered war.

Elsewhere in Aden - ~~a~~ ^a Cairo-backed ~~party~~ ^{party} today threatened a bloodbath, ~~over~~ ^{over} the kidnapping of thirteen ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~their~~ ^{their} leaders last week - supposedly by rival Arab Nationalities.

All this - prompting a hurried airlift from Britain, ~~with~~ ^{with} a full battalion of crack reinforcements ~~hoping to~~ ^{with which to} clamp the lid on an ~~extremely~~ explosive situation.

A later ~~xx~~ report: Arab terrorists tonight
blowing up -- a British oil pipeline in the Aden harbor.
Starting a fire ~~clearly~~ visible for twenty-five miles.

MOSCOW

Speaking of violence - more of the same today
in Moscow. This time - self-directed.

The victim - an unidentified elderly man^g who
began haranguing a crowd ~~in~~ near Lenin's tomb in Red
Square - when suddenly he was blown to bits. Seems he
was carrying a hand grenade - and it went off in his
pocket.

~~But~~ whether the blast ~~as~~ was accidental or on
purpose - ^{seems to} nobody [^] knows ~~for a fact~~ Police learning
from witnesses - only that the man was bitterly opposed -
to the current cease-fire in the Middle East.

PARIS

A related item -- from Paris. The story we've all been waiting for -- no doubt. DeGaulle's reaction today -- to that Glassboro summit meeting.

As quoted by his Information Minister -- DeGaulle saying he knew in advance the summit would produce no solid results. Adding that the Soviet-American talks -- only "pointed up a certain number of disagreements." DeGaulle concluding that "all this had been expected -- and was quite logical.

So says -- the man who wasn't there. ~~Sour grapes~~

~~you suppose?~~

ATOMIC

The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission -- latest government agency to relax east-west trade restrictions. Ruling today that small quantities of certain radioactive materials -- may be sold freely, henceforth, to certain Communist countries.

The A.E.C. emphasizing that the materials in question -- have no military or strategic importance. Adding that they will be "useful mainly -- in physical, biological, biochemical and life-science research."

Countries covered by the new rule -- Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Outer Mongolia and the Soviet Union. All of which will thus enjoy the same trade privileges -- previously granted Poland and Rumania.

All that talk about a U. S. population explosion -- may be just that: Talk. According to figures announced today -- by the U. S. Census Bureau.

True enough -- the nation's population ^{did} increase ~~by~~ by another two-and-a-quarter million people last year. However, the U. S. rate of growth -- falling to one-point-five per cent of total population. Marking ten straight years -- of steady decline.

The causes -- we're told -- fewer immigrants coupled with a declining birth rate. American couples producing one hundred thousand fewer babies last year -- than they did the year before.

VIETNAM

News from Vietnam - tells today of bitter fighting—
~~near that phony demilitarized zone~~ With American
Marines on the ground and giant bombers in the air
combining ~~forces~~ forces to beat back a new enemy attack,
~~the~~ in the same hill country -- where last month the
leathernecks fought some of their costliest battles of the
war.

To the South - the war was also heating up again
near Saigon. Reports from the capital saying that South
Vietnamese troops - had cornered some six hundred Viet
Cong on the banks of a nearby river, With American tanks
and planes helping out. - The enemy ~~forces~~ force cut to
ribbons - we're told.

BANGKOK

On the political front - a new order today from the Saigon government, ~~Forbidding~~ Forbidding exiled General Duong Van Minh -- from returning home from Bangkok to run for President.

Looks, however, as if "Big Minh" - will be a hard man to convince. Indeed, he's quoted today as saying - he would prefer "jail in Vietnam - to life in Bangkok."

SERENA

The story of a senseless crime -- comes today from
Serena, Illinois; Telling of the wanton destruction of an
ancient cedar -- on the nearby Fox River.

According to police -- person or persons unknown --
~~apparently sneaking up on the tree by boat -- sometime last~~
~~week~~ Cutting it down with a power saw -- just for the fun of
it. The tree

~~What makes it such a shame -- the fact that the tree~~
~~was estimated at~~ more than a thousand years old. ~~As such --~~
~~The~~ Oldest living thing in Illinois. A victim ~~at last~~ of
vandals.

VACATION

~~The month of July - just around the corner.~~

~~Vacation time~~ ^{should be an ideal} ~~for many of us. And a great time to~~

see some of the awesome centers of science and technology

-- ~~that abound here~~ in the ^{of} United States.

~~Just a few of the opportunities - are spelled out~~

~~The~~ The current issue of Popular Science, ~~telling~~ ^{telling} how you,

~~too~~, can scan the universe - through ~~as~~ a giant telescope,

How you can witness first hand - America's "space age"

miracles in the making, ~~or~~ even take a turn at manipulating

robot arms - such as those used in handling radioactive

materials. It tells of a

~~Where to go?~~ A hundred and ~~to~~ twenty-five ^{thrilling} places,

¹ listed in Popular Science - each
~~in all - throughout the land, each of them ideally suited~~

of which you can visit.
~~for a unique and memorable vacation.~~

PHILADELPHIA

This next -- a medical forecast from Philadelphia. Predicting that the cost of hospital care -- will reach a hundred dollars a day within a decade.

The forecast -- based on a study by the Hospital Association of Pennsylvania. Assuring us though that we'll get lots more -- for our hundred bucks a day. As, for example, new improved drugs -- quick cures in many cases -- plus a longer life-span.

That last -- I guess -- so you live long enough to pay off your bill.

BELO HORIZONTE

A final item - from Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

The sad, sad story - of Virgilio Vicente de Araujo.

A bridegroom of less than ^{Virgilio Vicente} a year -- DeAraujo

*filing suit for annulment of his marriage. Charging his
wife - lied about her age; saying she was only twenty-one
-- when it turned out she was really fifty-six.*

*This ample grounds for an annulment - or at least
a visit to the eye doctor - it would seem. Except - for
one thing. The complaining husband - Virgilio Vicente
de Arunjo -- age ~~90~~ ninety himself.*

Here's one -- from a little town near Genoa, Italy.

Where a long line of people were waiting to use the one local phone -- when an excited young man burst into the telephone office.

"Please" -- he shouted -- "I've just killed a man.

Please, let me call my wife -- before the police get me."

Whereupon he burst into tears -- and the line quickly melted away; the young man stepping into the phone booth -- and there placing his call.

He was still on the phone when police actually did arrive -- summoned by a telephone clerk. What about that murder -- he was asked. No murder -- said the young Italian. "I was just in a hurry to call my wife" -- said he,

And ~~Mumma Mumma~~ a-l-u-t-m.

Warren.