

L.T. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1966

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The President made that brief stopover early today at Anchorage, Alaska, enroute home from his thirty thousand mile peace mission to the Far East.

In a short breakfast speech -- he again emphasized that there will be no "miracle of peace", that the Communists will try to continue "to impose their will" on South Vietnam -- until they finally realize they cannot win the war.

Nevertheless, he thinks his trip has been remarkably successful -- as he put it in marking the birth of a "new Pacific ■ community." With the United States standing side-by-side -- with freedom-seeking peoples of the Pacific and Asia. "That partnership will endure" -- said he -- "because it is built on a foundation of historic necessity."

Later -- the long flight home, to a rousing reception -- specially arranged by Washington Democrats.

SEOUL

In Seoul, South Korea -- a meeting of the mixed Korean armistice commission -- was demanded today, by the United Nations military command; to protest that North Korean sneak attack killing six American soldiers -- while President Johnson was visiting in South Korea.

Here at home -- the U.S. State Department today expressing "serious concern" over the North Korean ambush; calling it the most flagrant example in a recent campaign-- of increased Communist harrassment in Korea.

A State Department spokesman noting that in addition to the Americans-- twenty-four South Korean soldiers have also been killed in the last three weeks alone, in that supposedly demilitarized zone between -- North and South Korea.

VIETNAM

Meanwhile, news today of another massive U.S. Air Raid -- against Communist North Vietnam. U.S. Air Force, Marine and Navy planes -- pounding key targets near Hanoi and Haiphong; ending a brief lull in heavy bombing -- north of the Seventeenth parallel.

The American planes completing a total of a hundred and twenty two missions in all. Far short of a record -- but double the average number ^{of} in recent weeks of poor flying weather.

SAIGON FOLLOW VIET NAM

While ~~back in~~ ^{at} Saigon ^{there was} another Communist terrorist attack today -- against innocent Vietnamese civilians. Viet Cong guerillas hurling a hand grenade into a crowd of people -- near the big Tan Son Nhut air base. Killing ~~Two~~ and wounding ~~Five~~ -- a number of them children.

This the second such terrorist attack in Saigon -- in two days. Hard on the heels of that mortar and recoilless rifle barrage -- that marred the city's National Day Parade. Bringing the comment from Premier Ky -- that "these are acts of desperation"; ^{and} almost impossible -- to prevent, entirely.

Ky further asserting that he himself -- is "priority target Number One." Adding, however, that he had told his generals to stand firm -- even if shells began to fall about them -- while they were reviewing the National Day Parade. "If we are hit" -- said Ky -- "someone will look after us. If not -- we will continue standing here."

Reason -- he explained today: "We could not leave our guests."

KUALA LUMPUR

From Kuala Lumpur a postscript today to President Johnson's recent visit -- telling how Malasian Premier Tengku Abdul Rahman -- successfully thwarted an ancient Malaysian legend; one that would have boded future ill -- between the President and the King of Malaysia.

The scene -- a colorful state ceremony. The King in full regalia -- about to present the President with a golden Kris -- a ceremonial dagger. All of a sudden the Premier moved to the President's side, and handed the surprised Chief Executive a coin -- instructing him to give it to the King -- in exchange for the Kris.

The President thus complying -- with ancient Malaysian tradition -- to the effect that the recipient of a golden Kris must pay the giver -- at least one Malaysian coin. Otherwise -- says the legend -- the friendship will end in bloodshed; with a wound supposedly inflicted -- by that same Kris.

VATICAN

Special presidential Envoy Averill Harriman -- a visitor at the Vatican in Rome. There briefly reporting to Pope Paul on the outcome of that recent Manila conference; and at the same time thanking the Pontiff in behalf of the American people for his continuing efforts -- toward World Peace. The meeting lasting forty minutes -- unusually long for a Papal audience.

After Harriman had left -- the Pope addressed a group of visiting Pilgrims -- vowing to continue his efforts -- to bring peace to Vietnam. "Above all" -- said he -- "we must not forget that the spirit of peace -- is a spirit of collaboration and understanding."

ADD VATICAN

A later report -- high Vatican sources saying the Pontiff is working hard -- toward another American truce in Vietnam. Also, that he's again urging the halting of U.S. bombing of Communist Vietnam -- as a first major step toward peace in that embattled land.

Nothing official, as yet. Government sources indicating however, that an Italian Embassy official in Moscow -- has already left for Rome -- to begin preparation for the visit.

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ROME

Also -- in Rome -- a report today -- that Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny -- is expected to pay a state visit to Italy early next year and a prediction that when he does come -- he will almost certainly meet with the Pope.

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WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA

Latest development in that great spy case in Britain -- the arrest today of a former French resistance fighter, William Cecil Mulvena -- who has dual French and British citizenship; -- picked up by special security agents from Scotland Yard, in his home at Westcliff-On-Sea -- in Eastern England.

Mulvena charged officially -- with a violation of the official secrets Act, by fraudulently obtaining a British passport -- for use by the nation's enemies[?]. No further details.

Meanwhile, the search goes on -- for escaped master spy George Blake; amid reports that his strange disappearance has prompted Britain's biggest national security check since World War Two. According to rumor -- the check has already turned up a suspected link -- between a London-based Iron Curtain diplomat and an alleged American spy. The latter --

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said to be German-born U.S. Air Force Sergeant Herbert Boeckenhaupt; arrested Monday in California -- on charges of giving communications secrets to the Russians.

VISAKHAPATNAM

Indian Naval units -- hurriedly assigned today to guard vital government installations -- at that port city of Visakhapatnam south of Calcutta -- on the east coast of Hindustan.

This following a government decision not to locate a new state-owned steel plant -- in that city.

Nevertheless, renewed violence today in a number of neighboring towns. Leftist-backed mobs attacking -- pillaging, burning and sacking.

The mob estimated -- at some four thousand rioters -- in Visakhapatnam's satellite city of Vizianagram. Where police were forced to open fire -- killing two of the demonstrators before the situation was brought under control.

WEATHER

On the weather front a foretaste of winter today -- all the way from the Great Lakes to Dixie. Nine inches of snow -- in the city of Marquette, Michigan. Six inches of wet snow in Chicago -- contributing to a big traffic jam. Five inches of snow in Nashville, Tennessee, earliest in the city's history. Plus three inches of it in Northern Alabama contributing to at least two deaths.

Forecast for tonight -- more of the same. With heavy snow warnings -- posted for Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina. An inch of snow -- expected in Atlanta, Georgia. And Northern Alabama -- told to brace itself for a heavy freeze.

nearby suburb of Mexico. The file titled -- appropriately enough: "The longest mile."

LINCOLN-COLUMBUS

"Through rain, sleet and snow -- through gloom of night -- the mail must go through" -- as we all know.

And so it generally does -- no matter how long it takes.

The proof in a pair of news dispatches today:

Item one -- receipt of a yellowed envelope today -- at Lincoln, Nebraska. A letter mailed from Wymore, Nebraska -- eighty miles to the North; on November Twenty-Fourth, Nineteen Forty-Two -- nearly twenty-four years ago. The writer and the intended recipient -- both long since dead!

Item two -- receipt of a film mailed nineteen years ago, from Ohio State University in Columbus -- to the nearby suburb of Bexley. The film titled -- appropriately enough: "The longest mile."

OXFORD

This next -- from Oxford, England. The recipe for a long and happy marriage -- from local resident George Inwood, who -- at ~~Ninety-One~~ -- with his wife, Grace -- is today celebrating his ~~Seventy-First~~ wedding anniversary.

The secret -- says George: "Always let the wife have the last word." *Dont we all? And e-l-u-t-m-*

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