

PEKING

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Red China's chairman Mao Tse Tung - has ordered the Chinese army to help crush his opponents; and thus end once and for all - the power struggle currently raging in China.

The news proclaimed today - in posters plastered around Peking. ^{This} In the face of reported clashes among rival Reds - from Kun-Ming in the south to Manchuria in the North. An indication that China's internal conflict -- may be ~~fast~~ fast drawing to a showdown.

If China's three million man army follows Mao's command his opponents would appear to be finished. To date, however - the army has remained largely aloof from the power struggle. Its loyalties - if any - impossible to pin down at least - till now.

LONDON

A seeming peace feeler - put forward today in London. This from a Canadian Rabbi - just back from a visit to ~~Nak~~ North Viet Nam, Who said that North Vietnamese President Ho Chi Minh -- had invited President Johnson to visit Hanoi for peace talks; provided the President came to the Red Capital - "without a gun at his hip."

Under closer scrutiny, however, ~~was~~ Ho's supposed peace bid - apparently based on two conditions:-
One - that the U S end its bombing attacks on the Communist North, And two - that U S troops be withdrawn completely from Viet Nam. These ~~both terms that~~ we have already rejected.

STRASBOURG

British Prime Minister Harold Wilson served notice today - that Britain is through kow-towing to French President DeGaulle. This at Strasbourg, France - in a hard-hitting speech to the consultative assembly of the Council of Europe; on the eve of--face to face talk with DeGaulle -- over Britain's renewed request for membership in the Common Market.

Wilson starting out by stating that the Britain of today - is a far cry from the Britain of three years ago; when DeGaulle single-handedly vetoed - the original British bid for a place in the trade group. The Prime Minister saying his island nation - is now "a new, more determined Britain;" whose addition will strengthen the Common Market -- rather than weaken it.

Then - what appeared to be a direct reference -
Prime Minister -
to DeGaulle. Wilson declaring that "he who rejects change
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-- is the architect of decay." He added - "the only human
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institution which rejects change is the cemetery."

Secretary of State Dean Rusk - the spark behind a new drive today on Capitol Hill; to secure Senate ratification - of that two-and-a-half year old Soviet-American Consular treaty. The one that would permit the opening of additional consulates by each country - on the other's soil.

Rusk admitting the treaty would allow more Russian officials into this country - with full diplomatic immunity. Asserting, however, that the F B I - is more than capable of coping "with a few more" enemy agents. ^{also -} ~~asserting~~, what's more, that the United States badly needs additional consulates in the Soviet Union; to protect the legal rights -- of the increasing number of American tourists currently visiting Russia.

Rusk adding, finally, that the treaty could well serve to end - "the mutual isolation of our societies." "And lead, in time" -- said he - "To international Cooperation in areas" of "common interest and mutual advantage."

VIET NAM

On the war front - another terrorist attack today in the Saigon shipping channel. Viet Cong guerrillas - hiding in a mangrove swamp - raking the deck of a U S minesweeper with machine gun fire. Also shooting down an American helicopter - that sped to ~~xy~~ join the battle, Killing two men aboard the minesweeper - and all four aboard the helicopter.

To the North - near BongSon - - American forces today battling their way into a vast Communist cave and tunnel sanctuary, ~~So~~ big, ~~and~~ so complex - that it even included an underground river for water supplies. The find yielding a half-ton of ~~xxxx~~ rice plus Communist documents and communications equipment.

On the political front - a report today that South Vietnamese Premier Ky has ~~forbidden~~ forbidden Deputy Prime Minister Knguyen Huu Co from returning to Saigon from Formosa. Observers saying this may be the first move - in a long-rumored cabinet shuffle.

MANAGUA

Twenty American visitors -- held captive today by anti-government forces in Managua, Nicaragua, the Americans seized as hostages in Managua's Grand Hotel -- following weekend fighting that by some reports left twenty-one dead and one hundred wounded.

Government troops -- quickly surrounding the building demanding the surrender of the rebels -- and also the release of the hostages unharmed. The latest report is that the rebellion ended in the face of government guns and all American hostages were freed.

HAMBURG FOLLOW NEW YORK

~~A related item~~ From Hamburg, where the West German magazine Stern today won the right - to continue publication of an uncut serialization of THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT.

A ~~ex~~ West German court throwing out ~~for~~ a suit by Look Magazine - charging breach of contract on the ground that Look had no right - under German law - to prevent publication. ~~of~~ Further ~~and~~ ordering Look to pay all court costs - amounting to sixty-five hundred dollars.

The editor of Stern immediately hailing the verdict - as a victory for "freedom of the press," in West Germany.

NEW YORK

Recriminations were flying back and forth today -- between author William Manchester and the Kennedy family; ending a short-lived truce over publication of the controversial book -- the Death of a President.

Manchester reviving the issue -- in a series of interviews with a number of New York publications.

Describing Jacqueline Kennedy as a lady of "incredible" charm -- when he began the book; but calling her later attitude toward him -- "unfathomable."

Senator Robert Kennedy of New York -- issuing a brief terse statement. Said he: "It all finally comes down to the fact that Mr. Manchester gave his word -- and then broke it. No statement or interview or description of events however dramatic -- can later that plain fact." said Senator Bobby Kennedy.

NEW ORLEANS

The nation's top Republicans ^{were} in New Orleans today, for the start of a four-day meeting - of the G O P National Committee. The parley opening with a warning - from Republican National Chairman Ray ~~W~~ Bliss. A warning against over-confidence - as a result of recent election results.

Bliss reminding Republican leaders - that the ~~the~~ G O P is still the minority party in this country. That it needs to expand its recent organizational efforts - to win the Presidency and control of the Congress in sixty-eight. "Above everything else" - he went on "the Republican party must maintain and strengthen the unity - which played such a vital role in the Republican victories of sixty-six."

DETROIT

General Motors Chairman Frederic Donner - at odds today with the government's new traffic safety agency; ^{as to} ~~or~~ when new federal safety standards - can be incorporated into American cars.

In a Detroit speech - ^{Fred} Donner declaring that the federal requirements must mesh with the auto industry's own "lead time" requirements. This necessary - said he - ~~to~~ give the automakers enough time to test the new standards; also, to determine - "whether a possible safety improvement in one area - might also reduce safety performance in some other area."

In the end - said ~~Donner~~ ^{he} - the timing of the new safety requirements will be determined - by "practical considerations in our business;" ~~And~~ not by arbitrary federal ~~sched~~ schedules. - ~~said he~~

SUPREME COURT

The U S Supreme Court today ruled unconstitutional - a New York State law; designed to bar subversives - from the faculties of schools and colleges.

The so-called "Feinberg Law" - originally upheld by the high court fifteen years ago, ~~but~~ reversed today - by a vote of five-to-four. The majority asserting the purpose of the law was laudable - "keeping subversives out of the teaching ranks." Adding, however, that the law ~~is~~ itself - was a "regulatory maze" abridging freedom of speech and thought - and thereby threatening academic freedom.

In another case - the Supreme Court today reversed the murder convictions - of two Georgia negroes, ~~on~~ the grounds that Georgia's jury selection system - discriminates against negroes.

ELDERLY

Plans for a broad expansion of programs and benefits for the elderly - disclosed today by President Johnson. The Chief Executive urging Congress to approve - a twenty percent over-all increase in Social Security payments, Along with improvements in Medicare -- tax reform for the elderly - and a law prohibiting job discrimination because of age.

Total cost of the President's ~~approx~~ proposals - set at about four billion dollars, With most of the money - expected to come from increased payroll taxes. This a giant effort - said the President - to restore the nation's elderly - to ~~win~~ "the invigorating spirit of the American community."

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