

HAYS

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A warning today to the consultative assembly of the Council of Europe - ~~xxx~~ currently meeting at Strasbourg in France; from Congressman Wayne Hays of Ohio -- head of the U. S. Congressional delegation to the Assembly.

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The Congressman asserting that remaining Nato members - must "succeed in adopting effectly" ^{ive} to French withdrawal from the alliance. Or, the result - said he - could be a groundswell of sentiment in the United States - for the return of all American ~~xxxx~~ troops from Europe.

Congressman Hays further contending that the French stand against Nato - is "more precisely against the United States". Adding of Degaulle - "with friends like that - who needs enemies!"

FRANCE FOLLOW HAYS

This later development: France today canceling existing rights - of the United States and other Nato ~~max~~ nations; rights permitting their military planes - to fly over and land on French soil. The cancellation - effective June One.

At the same time - the DeGaulle government restating its determination to pull out of Nato; regardless of whether French troops - are subsequently barred from West Germany. Adding that the French forces will remain - only if asked to stay.

INDONESIA

A speed-up in the purge of Communists from government ~~from government~~ - promised today at Jakarta by Lieutenant General Suharto - the new military strongman of Indonesia.

Suharto declaring that about a thousand Communists - have already been purged from ^{the Indonesian} government and that special disciplinary units have now been formed - to weed out the rest.

The goal - said he - complete emancipation from the Communist movement; so that ~~by~~ Indonesia "can move unimpeded - toward becoming a modern nation."

MALAYSIA FOLLOW INDONESIA

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A related item - from Kuala Lumpur in neighboring Malaysia. Acting Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak there asserting - that Malaysia is fully prepared to hold peace talks with Indonesia; if the latter's new military regime - is willing to continue the current lull in fighting. Razak adding that Malaysia will insist on no pre-set conditions - that it merely wants ~~an~~ an end to their undeclared war.

FAMINE

Some five hundred villages in the Indian state of Rajasthan - today ^{were} declared "scarcity areas" by government decree. The move making them thus eligible - for special government famine relief.

This immediately prompting a demand from Surendra Nath Dwivedi - head of the Indian opposition Socialist party - for similar relief - for his own native state of Orissa. Dwivedi saying that some fifty persons in Orissa - have died of starvation in recent weeks; with another three million - threatened by mounting famine.

In response to the plea - Prime Minister Madame Indira Gandhi later announcing that she will visit Orissa - as soon as possible, to determine first-hand- ^{as she put it:} ~~put it:~~ "the extent of the peril".

ARABIA

In the face of renewed threats from Colonel Nasser of Egypt -- the United States today reaffirmed its military pledge to Saudi Arabia, Promising "full United States support" - come what may - "for the maintenance of Saudi Arabia's integrity."

A State Department spokesman observing that this has been the ~~ph~~ policy - of "every U. S. administration since that of President Truman." And ~~it~~ still is - said he.

RIGHTS

Attorney General Katzenback -- first to testify today before the House Judiciary Committee -- stoutly defending the President's new Civil Rights Bill -- including a ban on discrimination in sales or rentals of homes.

The Attorney General, predicting "widespread acceptance" of the bill -- if enacted into the law; the same -- said he -- as "with the public accommodations section -- of the Nineteen-Sixty-Four Civil Rights Act."

MCNAMARA

President Johnson travelled today to Detroit - there to pay a last tribute to the late Senator Pat McNamara of Michigan. The President accompanied by some twenty Washington dignitaries - on the flight from the capital.

In the final eulogy - Senator McNamara called "a self-man man -- who worked with his hands - and never forgot his humble beginnings; a symbol for every honest and ambitious youth of our day - who is willing to apply himself."

PENTAGON

Sharp rebuttal today - from the Pentagon; to ~~that~~
a congressional charge of "fraud and deception" in the
disposal of surplus military equipment ^{made} ~~this~~ by Senator
Gruening of Alaska, who said the equipment should have
been sent to Viet Nam - where it was badly needed.

The charge - totally "irresponsible" said the
Pentagon. Adding that the supplies in question - were
"obsolete and worn out." The statement concluding that
"Senator Gruening apparently wants the American soldiers
in Viet Nam to fight with junk!" - But "the Department
of Defense ~~and~~ doesn't."

VIET NAM

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In Viet Nam itself -- news today of a sudden cutback -- in U S Air strikes against the Communist North. Curtailment caused by the arrival - of ominous, drenching monsoon rains. Permitting only light missions - during the last ~~tk~~ twenty-four hours period. And these against ships, trains and trucks along the ~~most~~ northern coast - where the weather wasn't ~~was~~ quite so bad.

However, business as usual in the south - for the time being, at least. ~~So~~ A flight of B-fifty-tuos from Guam - blasting a suspected Communist stronghold in "War Zone C" along the Cambodian border. Additional ~~U S jets providing close support for ground forces -~~ ~~in a series of minor skirmishes.~~

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Meanwhile, Communist forces reportedly infiltrating the south - at a ~~rate~~ rate of more than five thousand men a month, Apparently in anticipation - of another major monsoon offensive.

GHOST

This next - a spirited tale from Price Hill, Ohio. A story of the last will and testament - of the late Reverend Father Roger Straub, Who left explicit instructions - that no one was to spend "an unnecessary dollar" on his funeral. To make sure - the good Father declaring that "if anyone disregards this warning - I will be back ~~at~~ every midnight - and haunt them."

Father Straub - ironically - pastor of the church of the Resurrection. But lest there be any suspicion of sacrilege in this note - he added a little parenthetical expression. "I will be back" said he - ^{the} "Lord permitting."

And I'll be back - in just a moment - the Lord and Stew Metz permitting.

FLIPPER

From the North Sea - the astounding story today of a Russian "Flipper". According to Tass - a dolphin who got himself tangled in a Russian fishing net; and was so happy when freed by ^{the} fishermen - that he thanked them repeatedly by leading them to large shoals of herring.

Indeed, the dolphin - said to have returned to the ship daily; enabling the Russian fishing boat - to double its normal catch in record time.

The dolphin promptly christened - "Flipper-Vick".