

PARIS

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At the peace table in Paris - a stern warning today from the U.S.; a warning that the Communists' current spring offensive in Vietnam - is threatening to jeopardize any serious peace talks. America's Philip Habib asserting that "these attacks - are not compatible with serious negotiations." His remarks following an announcement in Saigon - that American losses last week were the highest in seven months.

Habib also accused the Viet Cong of openly violating the neutrality, sovereignty and integrity - of both Laos and Cambodia^{ia}. This by sending troops into those two countries - said he - despite a pledge they ~~would~~ not to do so.

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW PARIS

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Nevertheless, the White House announced today that President Nixon will make a broadcast address to the nation - next Thursday night. Subject - Vietnam. The White House adding that the President's remarks - will concern Vietnam troop levels. This taken as an indication that the President will then announce - plans for another U.S. troop withdrawal.

DAK SEANG

Meanwhile
~~Half-a-world away~~ - the situation improved

considerably today at Dak Seang in Vietnam, ^{where} for the first time in ten days - enemy gunners failing to shell that besieged Green Beret outpost. A South Vietnamese officer at Dak Seang going so far as to say - the enemy threat has "substantially cleared up."

No mistake though - Charlie is still out there. Indeed, enemy gunfire downing a U.S. helicopter today - when it attempted to reach the camp to remove some wounded.

CARSWELL

Turning to the domestic front - President Nixon ^{says he now} ~~said today he~~ plans to select his next Supreme Court nominee - from somewhere outside the South. In fact, ^{has} he ~~already~~ advised Attorney General John Mitchell - to look elsewhere for prospective nominees. - ~~said the~~ President. This in his first public comment - following Senate rejection of G. Harrold Carswell.

The President explaining his decision - asserting that Judge Carswell, and Clement Haynsworth ^{before} him, were both subject to "vicious assaults on their honesty and character and integrity;" ~~both~~ both "falsely accused - with being racist," ^{When}, in reality - said he - they were both rejected because of "their philosophy and ^{also the} accident of their birth."

The President further asserting ^{ed} ~~g~~ - "the people of the South deserve to be represented;" but it is clear - said he - the Senate, as presently constituted, will never accept a conservative Southerner.

JOHNSON

For the first time since he left the White House - former President Johnson meets the press - socially, that is. LBJ reminiscing with reporters - and, oddly enough, three Republican Presidents figuring prominently in the conversation.

The first - Herbert Hoover, LBJ recalling that shortly after the assassination of President Kennedy - he recieved a touching letter from Mr. Hoover; who offered to help the new Chief Executive - in any job "from office boy up."

The former President also told of his last conversation with President Eisenhower - with the then newly-elected President Nixon also present. Ike quoted as saying: "Dick, I want you to be just as nice to Lyndon - as he has ^{always} been to me."

DRUGS

The White House again - President Nixon

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asserted today that widespread drug abuse - has caused the downfall of more than one civilization - in China, in Southeast Asia, in the Middle East; and even now - said he - it is "weakening the character" of the American people.

This in remarks addressed to a group of broadcast and movie executives - attending a White House Conference on Drug Abuse. The President going on to say that "the tide has not yet engulfed this country - but it is very serious." In any case - he added - "we can turn that tide" - we can defeat the drug problem - "if we can just get at young people through the media that have their ear."

GATLINGURG

At Gatlinburg, Tennessee - a symposium today on Cellular and Macro-Molecular Aspects of Aging. Speakers including, among others, Dr. Alex Comfort - a British research scientist; who said that man's life span will be increased anywhere from fifteen to thirty years - before the end of this century. "And we're not talking about just making a man live longer" - said he; "we're talking about giving a man - a longer period of vigorous life."

Another speaker - Dr. Takashi Makinodan, who is engaged in a special research program at nearby Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Dr. Makinodan telling of experiments with aged guinea pigs - that have more than doubled their life expectancy. The doctor ^{ed} adding that an "aging individual tend to lose the ability to fight off disease" - whereupon he "dies of some sort of infection." "But it may be possible" before too long - said he - "to ~~re~~ instill ^{to} the capacity ^{to} resist ills."

TAXES

That vigorous publication The Wall Street Journal came up with a good one today - as it often does. As a great man once said long ago - "taxes are

the price we pay for civilization." Ah, ~~but for some - the price is getting a bit steep; as evidenced by a report today from~~ The Internal Revenue Service - telling of the novel protests that begin pouring in about this time of year.

~~For example,~~ ^{The} a lady tax worker in Austin, Texas, ~~was~~ checking the mail one day - ~~when she~~ ^{she} suddenly let out a scream. ~~It seems that~~ Some unhappy citizen had mailed in his tax form - soaked in blood. What happened? Well, they finally decided it was "probably chicken blood" - so they ~~processed it through with all the rest.~~

The IRS mail is also said to turn up regularly:

A number of tea bags - symbolic of the Boston Tea Party; lots of band-aids - supposedly showing that "it hurts more and more each year;" even ^{an} ~~a~~ occasional shirt - which comes, presumably, right off the taxpayers back.

Wall St. Journal tells of Then the ~~polo~~ ^{man} who accompanied his return - ^{Harven} saying: - with a handful of buttons ~~explaining~~ "You got the shirt last year."

SKIRTS

On the fashion ^{scene} ~~front~~ - a "minority report" today from the police officers of America. According to a nationwide survey - the policemen voting nearly ten-to-one - in favor of the current trend to longer skirts; as opposed to most of the men in America - who seem to feel just the opposite.

Ah, but there's method to this madness. The policemen said to base their opinion on a common belief - that ultra-short skirts have helped ~~to~~ contribute to a sharp rise in crime over the past few years; especially - attacks on women. Or as one policeman put it: "A girl who wears provocative clothes - is ~~just~~ asking for trouble."