

In South East Asia the pace quickens. With an outbreak of heavy fighting reported ten miles from the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh. Also, more fighting - in the key A Shau Valley.

On the political front - South Vietnam's Foreign Minister - Tram Van Lam - discussing the upcoming return of thirteen North Vietnamese prisoners of war. Saying: "If Hanoi does not accept these sick and wounded - it will be condemned by public opinion, not only of the world but in North Vietnam."

As for those six hundred or so who refused to go home - Lam saying that many feared possible reprisals in Hanoi. And the rest - said he - "they have really enjoyed their stay in South Vietnam - and they don't want to return."

FORT MEADE

~~_____~~ **At Fort Meade, Maryland - Brigadier General John Donaldson was charged today with murdering six South Vietnamese civilians. This - it was alleged - from November, Sixty-Eight, to January, Sixty-Nine; while he was a colonel in Vietnam & in command of the Eleventh Infantry Brigade of the Americal Division.**

General Donaldson becoming the highest-ranking U.S. officer - to be accused of war crimes in Indochina. Indeed, the first American general to face such a charge - since the Philippine Insurrection in Nineteen-Oh-One. In addition, the General's brigade operations officer - Lieutenant Colonel William McCloskey ^{is} also charged with murdering two South Vietnamese.

CLEVELAND

Cleveland, Ohio--another post-script on that Kent State tragedy; with a Federal judge dismissing today-- wrongful death suits filed on behalf of three slain students.

Judge James Connell saying that "the Governor of Ohio had determined in good faith--that riot and mob rule existed at Kent State;" and he was therefore justified-- in calling out the National Guard.

HAVANA - MIAMI

That Pan Am jet hijacked to Havana ^{four} ~~five~~ days ago - finally allowed to return today; along with sixty-eight passengers and crew - all but the one man who got them there; a chap now identified by Radio Havana - as Ivan Gustavo Garcia ^{age twenty-two,} Landaetta, of Venezuela.

But why the long delay in freeing the ship - that's still the question. ~~Pilot George Ashley saying: "When we asked us for the same answer from everybody in Cuba 'we don't know' Passengers and crew adding that they were taken on tours - entertained at night clubs and so on; but ~~also~~ closely guarded. - ~~at all times.~~~~

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - President Nixon today announced a program - aimed at providing some eight hundred thousand jobs for teen-agers this summer. These including a hundred and fifty thousand jobs - pledged by private business. With the rest - to come from the Neighborhood Youth Corps; base pay - Forty-One-Sixty a week; which is not much, admittedly - but still a help.

LISBON

At Lisbon - a series of preliminary talks today. U.S. Secretary of State William Rogers - conferring privately with fellow NATO foreign ministers. Discussing - we are told - the possibility of a special NATO mission to Moscow; to sound out the Kremlin in greater detail - on the possibility of mutual troop cutbacks in Europe. But ~~more~~ on that, no doubt - when the NATO parley opens officially as of tomorrow.

SAN DIEGO

From the U.S. Navy's Undersea Research and Development Center - San Diego - a couple of stories today - somewhat related. Number One - a report that Navy sonarmen have determined that the voice of the great blue whale - the largest creature ever to inhabit the Earth - can carry a distance of one hundred miles. Number Two - a report telling of the development of optical sensors - capable of discerning certain objects ^{also} at a distance ~~also~~ ^{of} one hundred miles.

This seeming to indicate that we can now see and hear and thus track the blue whale - over a vast expanse of sea; hopefully, helping to save it from extinction - assuming, of course, it isn't already too late.

WASHINGTON FOLLOW SAN DIEGO

I have a conservationist from Utah here in the studio tonight. His name, Jack Miller from S. I. - with the Utah Syn - Archea. & Carnegie Hall tonight on the 14 countries in S. Amer. Here's an item that will interest him!
Washington; by a group calling itself - "Friends of Animals,

Incorporated." This an attempt to declare the polar bear - an "endangered species;" and thereby force the U.S. government - to stop the killing ^{of the great white bear of the Arctic,} ~~up in Alaska.~~

Friends of Animals stating: "The polar bear is a truly remarkable creature - having adapted to extreme cold, to both land and water environment, to very long periods without food." *and* But the suit adds that "this remarkable creature - is disappearing at an alarming rate;" ^{with} ~~and~~ the chief culprit ~~is~~ ~~are told~~ the American "sportsman."

TENZING

Here in New York again--Tenzing Norkay--~~the~~ conqueror

who with

in '53,
of Mount Everest, along with Sir Edmund Hillary--is being

- The Explorer -

honored tonight at the World Center for Exploration;

an affair hosted by the U.S. Ambassador from Nepal--~~along~~

with some of the world's most famous explorers and adventurers
Gen. Geo. Kenney for one, and Gen. Merian Cooper of

King Kong In the months ahead--Tenzing Norkay planning to

fan. spend a summer of mountaineering in the U.S. Pacific

Northwest and Canada. Joining with John Luther Jerstad

of Portland, ~~in~~ Oregon--in spurring "Adventure Travel"

in the American Rockies.

WITCHITA

At Wichita State University - Wichita, Kansas - an elder statesman looks at current events. The venerable Alf Landon - who was all but buried by FDR in Nineteen-Thirty-Six - addressing a seminar on government; there observing that President Nixon - seems to be reversing the standard U.S. policy of "Communist containment;" thereby rejecting - said he - a policy previously followed by former Presidents Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson.

But Alf Landon was quick to add - in his opinion, the President is perfectly right. That old policy - clearly "out-moded" ^{now} - said he. Contending, what's more, that the real basis for better diplomatic relations - is better trade relations.

That - from Alf Landon; age eighty-three - and still going strong.

NEW YORK

Here in New York--a "for sale" sign was posted today--
on ten square blocks of the most valuable real estate in
America. The Penn Central Railroad placing on the market--
some twenty-nine acres of choice, mid-Manhattan property,
hoping ^{thereby} to bail itself out--from its present financial
difficulties. Estimated value of the land in question:
One Billion.

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well, they just couldn't walk on water.

WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER

From the White Cliffs of Dover or thereabouts - a report today that Britain's annual mid-year madness is about to begin again; with a whole host of intrepid adventurers - making last-minute preparations to conquer the English Channel

These including - swimmers, yes; but also surfers, cyclists and water skiers - as well as those who are planning to make the trip in barrels, bedsteads, hay bales, bathtubs. And more than likely - we are told - some Frenchman will try to fly across - ^{with} ~~by means of~~ a giant kite.

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PARIS

At the Paris Air Show - East meets West. U.S.

*moon-men Alan Shepard, Stuart Roosa and Ed Mitchell -
comparing notes with Soviet cosmonauts Pavel Popovitch and
Vitaly Sevastianov.*

At one point, the latter saying through an interpreter:

"For me - my seventeen-day long flight was a true vacation."

Whereupon his colleague - Popovitch - saying something like:

*"Oh, yeah!" Adding: "You should have seen him when he
landed - he looked like an ape."*