

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The White House says tonight that Defense Secretary Robert McNamara is going back to Viet Nam soon -- to have another look at the war. But Washington officials are careful to point out that this does not mean -- there is a new crisis in the offing.

And the McNamara junket is no follow up to that remark by President Johnson -- that the fighting might be carried into North Viet Nam. The Secretary of Defense simply off to see -- what can be done to step up the war against the Red guerrillas in South Viet Nam.

We are told there's nothing to the rumor about the U.S. getting out of South Viet Nam in Nineteen Sixty-Five -- no matter what. The word in Washington is that will happen only when -- the freedom of South Viet Nam is guaranteed.

Washington scotching some rumors tonight -- about South Viet Nam.

VIET NAM FOLLOW McNAMARA

Well, how is the war in Viet Nam going?

Viet Gong guerrillas boldly ambushed a Vietnamese military convoy today -- on a main highway fifty miles from Saigon, in broad daylight. According to Saigon reports, forty-six Viet Cong men were killed over the weekend to nine government troops. With Thirteen Vietnamese soldiers and two American military advisers wounded.

By the way that curious dance the twist has been banned again -- by the Vietnamese government.

CONGO

The latest attack on a mission in Kwilu Province -- in the Congo -- was one of the most atrocious since the Belgians pulled out of their vast African territory. A horde of screaming Congolese -- bursting into the compound; firing arrows ~~and~~ indiscriminately -- at white teachers and Congolese pupils. Hacking at them -- with knives and machetes. Two Belgians killed at the first onslaught. Casualties among pupils -- not known.

Luckiest survivors -- two Canadian priests who were hit by arrows; and -- pretended to be dead. Lying motionless -- while the invaders swarmed around them. Struggling desperately to keep from moving a muscle -- for fear the natives would fall upon them with their knives.

Imagine pretending to be dead -- for two hours? Knowing that you would be dead for real -- if you gave yourself away? That's what two Canadian priests did -- Fathers Bruneau and Bussiere of Quebec. They held out -- until a helicopter scared off their assailants. Two lucky survivors of the latest Congo massacre.

The Premier of Red China seems to be making an impression -- on the Pakistanis; by a simple maneuver. By coming out for -- a plebiscite in Kashmir. Just what Mohammed Ayub Khan -- has been demanding all along. So no wonder the Pakistanis -- like Chou En Lai, who rejects the claim of New Delhi -- that Kashmir is Indian territory.

Is the wily Premier from Peking -- actually concerned for the rights of Pakistan? Or is he interested in -- extending Red Chinese influence through^a southeast Asia, and now trying to win friends and influence people in Pakistan.

ALBANIA

The title of a popular movie **THE MOUSE THAT ROARED** - might be a good description for tiny Albania tonight. But this mouse - has a dragon for a companion. A chinese dragon - that breathes flame when anyone threatens the mouse.

Here's the story. Russia, through its official ~~mouthpiece~~ mouthpiece Izvestia made known tonight - that the Albanian government has seized the Soviet Embassy and four other Russian owned buildings in Tirana. A hostile act, says Moscow - unprecedented in international diplomacy. Khrushchev demands the return of the buildings - or else.

Russia and Albania, you may recall, ^{severed} ~~severed~~ diplomatic relations - last December. Caretakers were left behind - in both embassies. But shortly thereafter, according to Izvestia, the Soviet caretakers in Tirana - were told to leave the premises. Since then they have been shadowed ^{also} ~~and~~ their electricity and water ~~has been~~ cut off.

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~~Meantime, say the Russians virtuously, the Albanian caretakers in Moscow - were being treated just fine. And Izvestia did not mention any change in plan - for the treatment of those caretakers. Or for Albanian property in Moscow.~~

What does it all mean? ~~When~~ ^{The} Albanian mouse's roar came after a visit - from Premier Chou En-Lai of Red China. Albania - chief supporter of Red China's hard-line policy -- toward the West. The policy that is causing - the furious ideological invective between Moscow and Peking.

RUBY

The third juror seated in the Jack Ruby murder trial - is a lady. Mrs. Mildred McCollum, aged forty, mother of six children.

The defense has been complaining that anyone who saw the shooting on TV was a witness - and couldn't be a juror. This would have disqualified all of the jurors so far chosen, and eliminated ninety percent of the prospective ones - if the Texas Supreme Court had agreed. But the ^{state} Supreme Court didn't agree, and ~~rejected~~ rejected the defense request. ~~This is the latest about Jack Ruby - the accused assassin of the accused assassin of President Kennedy.~~

SURVIVORS

Eleven survivors from the British freighter Ambassador are in Portland, Maine, tonight -- telling tales of heroic rescue in the best tradition of the sea.

American Coast Guardsmen leaping into the stormy Atlantic -- to save the crew of the stricken ship. One of them -- David Bichrest of Cundy's Harbor, Maine -- diving without a life line to save the life of crewman Abdul Ahmed, and holding him above the waves -- till more came.

Bichrest, whose wife ashore was giving birth to their first child, as he was risking his life at sea, will be ~~RE~~ recommended for the Coast Guard Medal -- the highest honor in that service.

Fourteen seamen still missing, presumed drowned. And the ship's captain died before he could be brought safely aboard the Coast Guard cutter.

AZORES

Earthquakes still making life difficult in the Azores --
and we today offered to help.

Six tremors registered yesterday and weather conditions
have severed communications among the islands. Some six thousand
refugees who were to go back to their homes had to abandon that
idea. Stay where they are.

BEATLES

How about this for a combination? Ethel Merman -- and the Beatles? A real jam session it must have been -- at that home-coming party thrown for them in London. With a Greek chorus of Beatles fans adding their voices -- outside.

However one outraged neighbor who felt he was entitled to sleep at four a.m. called the police, Dick.

The bobbies and the Beatles.

SATELLITE

That pesky insect, the fruit fly, is about to -- go into orbit. Some one thousand members of the species, together with pepper plants, seedlings and eggs -- will be put aboard a "biosatellite" to be launched by the Federal Space Agency next year. The reason for the trip? Then to compare the astronaut fruit flies with earth-bound ones, reactions to radiation and weightlessness and so on.

And there will be some beetles along, too. Beetles -- more Beetles in the news. Beetles of another variety.