

JOHNSON

Tues. July 9-68.

President Johnson and South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu are planning to hold a meeting in Honolulu some time before the end of this month - probably around July twentieth. The exact date will depend <sup>to</sup> ~~upon~~ ~~some extent on~~ ~~person schedules and~~ the situation in South Vietnam itself. Thieu has described the meeting as "urgent and important", particularly in view of the peace talks now under way in Paris. Many South Vietnamese have objected to the Paris talks because the Saigon government is not taking a direct part in the discussions. And the South Vietnamese government hints that it might reject any peace solution which it does not help to negotiate, directly.

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Shortly after he arrived at his Texas Ranch from his tour of Central America, President L B J sent the nuclear non-proliferation treaty to <sup>the</sup> Senate which which is expected to ratify it before adjournment. The three major nuclear powers - the United States, Russia and Britain - signed the treaty July first. France and Red China ~~have openly~~ refused to sign.

MID EAST

Israeli and Egyptian forces have staged their longest artillery duel in nearly a year -- across the southern tip of the Suez Canal. An Egyptian spokesman said the two-and-a-half hour ~~exchange~~ exchange began when the Israelis opened fire on the city of Suez, wounding several citizens and starting many fires.

Diplomatic observers in Moscow say Soviet leaders have apparently failed in their efforts to have ~~Ex~~ Egyptian President Nasser adopt a more moderate policy towards Israel. Recently ~~while~~ while in Moscow for discussions with Soviet leaders, Nasser is understood to have stood firm on his hard-line approach, citing the new American arms shipments to Israel to back his demands for more Russian weapons.

MISSILES

Authoritative reports from London

*tell of*  
~~say that~~

secret Soviet missile bases ~~have been~~ set up in Outer Mongolia within striking range of major industrial and nuclear centers in Communist China. American military and naval bases in Korea, Japan and Okinawa also lie within range of the <sup>v</sup>missiles. Even so, the accent appears to be on Red China in this latest expansion of the Soviet ballistic shield. The rocket sites - some of them on wheels - were ~~instk~~ installed quietly with the consent of Outer Mongolia's government which supports Moscow in the dispute with Peking.

PUEBLO

*In an appeal to the State Department, the mother of one of the American navy men - captured on the Pueblo - says she would rather have her son ~~be~~ killed in a rescue attempt than slowly die in a North Korean prison. Mrs. Warren Hayes of Columbus, Ohio, was a member of a group which demanded that the United States use force if necessary to recover the intelligence ship which was seized by the North Koreans last January. She charges ~~that~~ the government has been "vacillating and incompetent" in seeking the release of the ship and its eighty-two crewmen.*

SPIES

It seems ~~that~~ American spies around the world are collecting information so fast ~~that~~ their superiors back in Washington, don't have time to read it all. A House subcommittee says the backlog of information from cloak and dagger operations has become so great ~~that~~ it may have led to recent intelligence failures - such as the capture of the Pueblo. A spokesman says ~~that~~ unprocessed reports on Southeast Asia alone fill more than five hundred linear feet of file drawer space at the Defense Intelligence Agency.

## HEART

*The first heart transplant operation to be reported in Communist Europe took place in Czechoslovakia today and surgeons say the patient - a fifty year old woman - is in good condition. She is the twenty-fifth heart transplant patient in the world, and only the third woman to undergo the operation. A team of Czech surgeons - headed by doctor Karol Siska - implanted the patient with the heart of a forty year old man who was fatally injured today in a fall from a second story window.*

## AVALANCHE

An avalanche down ~~the sides of~~ Mont Blanc - <sup>Central</sup>  
Europe's <sup>loftiest</sup> ~~highest~~ mountain - has taken the lives of three  
young French mountain climbers. Five others were  
injured in the party of fourteen. ~~was~~ The avalanche was  
~~located~~ in France, near the Swiss border. Mont  
Blanc is famous for its avalanches.

The House Rules Committee has approved a bill which would prohibit most interstate gun sales but it would not require the registration of guns or the licensing of their owners. A vote could come on the House floor later this ~~week~~ week. In the Senate, leaders of both ~~parties~~ parties have urged the Senate to approve a gun registration bill even though the House has apparently ruled out that proposal -- for the time being at least.

ROUTE

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Come July fifteenth, Times Square New York will be just ten hours and thirty five minutes from Red Square Moscow. A full page advertisement in today's New York Times proclaimed this latest jet age development. "Just board a Pan Am jet at Kennedy airport any Monday evening at eight fifteen," ~~and~~ the ad reads, "and we'll take you - via Copenhagen -- direct to Moscow." Tourist class ~~xxx~~ fare for a round trip will be eight hundred ~~and~~ fifteen dollars. On the same day, July fifteenth, the Russians will also inaugurate passenger flights from Moscow to New York.

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Which way will the traffic be the heaviest - Americans flying to Russia, or Russians flying to America? And who will these air travellers be, Warren?

ROCKY

Governor ~~Wilson~~ Rockefeller suggested today that the Republican party take a national poll of voters to determine whether he or Richard Nixon would be more popular as the party's presidential nominee. While campaigning in St. Louis, Rockefeller ~~said~~ said he was also inviting Nixon to join him ~~in~~ in a public debate.

In Philadelphia, Harold ~~Stassen~~ Stassen predicted ~~that~~ the Republican convention would refuse to nominate either Rockefeller or Nixon. Stassen told a news conference that he would be prepared to "carry the banner" as the G O P nominee and win the election in November. *and s-l-u-t-narrow.*