

Thurs, June 15 - '67

Barring the unpredictable - a world summit meeting at the United Nations ^{is} now seen as a virtual certainty. With Soviet Premier Kosygin today announcing plans to head the Soviet delegation - to that expected emergency session of the U N General Assembly. Also inviting all ~~other~~ other world leaders - to join in the crisis meeting on the Middle East.

This ~~drawing~~ an immediate response from Washington that President Johnson will be "happy" to meet with Kosygin or any other foreign dignitaries coming to the U N. Making the meeting a virtual command performance - for every President, Premier and potentate in the world.

Ironically, the United States today became the first of the world's great powers to vote "no" on the Soviet request for the emergency session. However, support ^{was} slowly piling up - among other member-nations.

is said to be all
Kosygin himself ^{is} set to fly to New York tomorrow, and
planning to confer with DeGaulle ~~of France~~ at a brief
stop ~~off~~ over in Paris. All this ensuring the hottest
time on the banks of the East River - since Khrushchev's
shoe-thumping escapade a few years ~~ago~~ back.

In the meantime - Israel ^{is} taking advantage of the
brief interval, ~~Proceeding~~ with first formal steps -
to annex the old city of Jerusalem, ^{and} captured only last
week - from Jordanian forces. The Israelis thus serving
notice they intend to keep the sacred soil - come what
may at the U. N.

LONDON

An ominous note added to the mid-east crisis - with a report today from London. British Defense experts warning that failure to achieve a lasting peace - will lead almost certainly to an Israeli clamor for nuclear weapons.

Full details of Israeli accomplishments in the field of nuclear physics - still a closely-guarded secret. The British asserting though - that Israeli scientists have clearly mastered the know-how of nuclear weaponry; and, therefore, could probably master the technology of the atomic bomb -- in a comparatively short time.

What's needed - we're told - a clear-cut agreement among the major powers - banning nuclear arms from the Middle East. The moreso - say the British - because if Israel were permitted to build nuclear weapons - others with similar nuclear know-how would soon be right behind. Among them - India, Sweden and West Germany.

AMMAN

Meanwhile, repercussions from the lightning war - were still reverberating today through the Arab world.

At Amman in Jordan - King Hussein ordering a major shake-up in his royal cabinet. Among the banished - Hussein's cousin Sharif Abdel Hamid Sharf; along with Wasfi Tell - ex-chie^f of the cabinet. Both men - staunch anti-Nasserites.

Taking over as new head of the cabinet - Hussein's uncle, Sherif Hussein Ben Nasser. No relation - to Egypt's Nasser. But a man who has long favore^d ties - with the rest of the Arab world.

At the same time - a report today from the Kuwait embassy in Cairo, saying that all Arab nations have agreed to send delegates - to a Foreign Ministers meeting Saturday in Kuwait. ~~Ex~~ Purpose: To hold a post-mortem on the brief war - to see if anything can be salvaged from the ashes of defeat.

A related item -- from Rabat in ~~M~~Morocco,
~~T~~To the effect that the Arab Foreign Ministers - may
later travel to New York in a body; to present their views
personally - enmasse - to the U N.

They'll do it, that is - if they can formulate
one common policy. Which may take - some doing.

MOSCOW

*Then there's a story today - from Moscow. ~~S~~
Soviet Premier Kosygin quoted as saying - it would have
been impossible for Israel to win the war in the Middle
East - without U S aid.*

*This supposedly at a reception - for visiting
Japanese diplomats. If true - the closest the Kremlin
has yet come - to blaming the United States for that
Arab defeat.*

*However, Kosygin's remarks - unreported in the
Soviet Press. ~~W~~ Which has also steadfastly refused to
print Arab charges - that U S and British aircraft joined
in the Israeli attack. Leading observers to believe that
Kosygin's statement - may have been made solely to
smoothe the Arab world.*

PARIS

DeGaulle of France - another going out of his way today - to placate the Arab world. Announcing flatly in Paris - that France will not recognize any Israeli annexation of Arab territories.

If there is to be any change in the status quo - said DeGaulle - it must be freely negotiated by the two sides; with final approval from, quote, "the international community" - meaning the major world powers.

DeGaulle's statement also blaming Israel - for unleashing military action against the Arab states. However, ~~she~~ stopping just short - of outright condemnation of Israel.

DeGaulle -- as you know - the choice of certain Arab states - to serve as mediator in mid-east.

VIETNAM

A brief lull in ground fighting in Vietnam - shattered suddenly today, With American and South Vietnamese troops striking in force - against a long time enemy sanctuary just north of Saigon.

America's "big red one" - the first division - spear-heading the attack. U S infantrymen moving ahead so fast - they were sometimes forced to dodge their own firepower.

The drive - aimed at trapping three battalions of Viet Cong, believed to be using the sanctuary as a base for terrorist operations against the capital area. First reports indicating a toll of some sixty enemy dead - for a ratio of nearly ten to one over American losses.

To the south - news today of an allied amphibious attack - in the Mekong delta. Iron-clad U S gunboats - bottling up a force of Viet Cong in a murky swamp; with South Vietnamese rangers and infantrymen - leaping to the attack. Enemy losses - set at more than two hundred men.

SAIGON

On the political front - back ~~is~~ in Saigon - Premier Ky again called today for more American troops in Vietnam. Saying it will take at least another hundred and forty thousand men - to finish the job of defeating the Viet Cong. This in addition to ^{the} nearly half a million U S troops - ~~currently stationed in Vietnam.~~ ^{already there.}

At the same time - Ky filing formally as a candidate for President! Promising to resign his command of the South Vietnamese air force - also his ~~rank~~ rank of Air Marshall, ^{and} between now and election-time -- September Third.

SENATE

Senator Stennis of Mississippi - chairman of the Senate Ethics Committee -- cast once more today in the role of chief prosecutor. Citing chapter and verse - in the tangled financial affairs of Senator ~~Thomas Dodd~~ Dodd of Connecticut.

Stennis finally coming to the conclusion - that there can be but one conclusion - "that a grievous wrong - has been done the Senate." Leaving no alternative - said he - but that his former friend should be ~~was~~ censured.

Then came Senator Dodd's turn again ^{— and} he fairly shouted his denial of the accusation. "What did I get out of it?" he cried. Then - answering his own question: "I got fifty thousand in the hole - that's what I got out of it!" [!] - ~~said he.~~

The [|] outlook ~~has~~ now - for a vote probably the first of next week .

WATERFORD

Like his father before him - little John John Kennedy is the toast of Ireland tonight. Stealing the show from his mother Jackie and his sister Caroline - on their return to the late President's ancestral homeland.

Refusing an official limousine - the Kennedy family traveling by public bus from Shannon airport to Waterford. Fulfilling President Kennedy's promise of Nineteen Sixty-Three - to show his family some day to the Irish people.

Along the way - six year old John John rising to the occasion - commandeering the bus microphone - to sing such favorites - "WHERE THE RIVER SHANNON FLOWS" "SWEET ROSIE O'GRADY" - "WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING." Also a modern ditty - "UP WENT NELSON" commemorating the blowing up of Nelson's monument - last year in Dublin. When he wasn't singing - little John John smiling and waving endlessly to crowds that lined the route.

*An old woman in a shawl - perhaps best expressing
the sentiment of the moment - said she: "Ah sure and
God Bless the little mite - he'll grow up just like his
daddy."*

TEMPLE

A story of third-degree on the campus - comes today from Temple University in Philadelphia. Where three members of the same family - were awarded degrees simultaneously.

Marc Cohen - twenty-one -- getting a bachelor of arts; his brother Joel Cohen - twenty-five - getting a doctor of medicine degree. And their mother - Mrs. Lillian Cohen - getting her master's in education.

Unfortunately, the man who made it all possible - was ~~so~~ unable to be there. Husband and father Jack Cohen - still recuperating from a ~~recent~~ heart attack.

Hmmmm!

TOKYO

*This next - from Tokyo. News today of development
- of the world's smallest television set.*

*A mini-television - they call it - battery-powered
and portable, of course - with a one-inch screen. That's
right - one inch.*

*Warren:-
Why so small? The manufacturer explaining: It's
for people who want to watch - just a little television.*

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