

MAP

And so we get another geography lesson; much as we did about Guadalcanal and the South Pacific - during World War Two? And the Yalu River - during the Korean War?

Tonight again the focus of attention - the Tonkin Gulf. Which washes the shores of Red China - and North Viet Nam. With the big Island of Hainan - separating the Tonkin Gulf from the South China Sea. Hainan - whence so many American Chinese came.

Our destroyers were attacked slightly to the west of the center - of the Tonkin Gulf. Our planes counter attacked along one hundred miles of the North Vietnamese coast.

From Hon Gay, near the border between North Viet Nam - and Red China, The Quang Ke, near the Seventeenth Parallel, that divides North Viet Nam - from South Viet Nam.

Hon Gay - and Quang Ke. Yesterday, most ^{of us} Americans couldn't have told ~~you~~ where those two places are. - ~~on the map.~~ But Tonight ^{we} ~~everybody~~ know.

RAID

As soon as President Johnson made his decision - the order flashed to our ships in the Tonkin Gulf. Decoded, the order told the commanders - to launch their planes, Destroy the bases - of the torpedo boats, And - the oil they depend on.

Result - sixty four sorties in five hours.

The bases - bombed and strafed. Their oil depot at Vinn turned into a blazing inferno - with black smoke towering into the sky. Twenty five red torpedo boats either sunk or damaged.

American losses in the raid - two planes, two pilots. Hanoi claims - five. But word from the carriers "Ticonderoga" and "Constellation" - is that only two American planes failed to return from the raid on the coast of North Viet Nam.

JOHNSON

President Johnson kept his date in Syracuse - New York - where he dedicated the new communications center at the University. But special lines to the White House were kept open, and the President was on his way back to Washington - sooner than expected.

During his speech the President in referring to the international problem added some comments to the statement he made last night. That is, he termed the torpedo boat attack on our destroyers - "deliberate willful and systematic aggression." In describing the character of - American retaliation, he warned both the Red Chinese and the Russians - by implication - not to misjudge our determination. And he took pains to sweep aside any communist myth - about American being handicapped because this is an election year.

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**Where the safety of the nation is concerned
there are "no parties, no partisanship" he said.**

RESOLUTION

No one on Capitol Hill seems to have any
doubt ^{but what the} ~~that~~ President Johnson will get the resolution
he is asking for. A statement of American unity - in
the face of the Far Eastern crisis. A declaration of
congressional support for the President in any action
he may take - to safeguard the security of the United
States - And - the free world. Of course →

RED CHINA

→ The big imponderable in the Southeast Asia crisis - is the strategy of Red China. Few observers in the West doubt - that Mao Tse Tung ordered the torpedo boat attack on our destroyers. But - why?

One guess is that Mao thinks ~~that~~ America is more impotent than normally because of ~~analysis~~ the coming election, so that - now is a logical time to strike. Which would explain President Johnson's plain warning to Peking - that this is not so.

Another guess is that Mao is using North Viet Nam - as a catspaw ^{to} showing that he has control in Hanoi - not Khrushchev. And, that he can order torpedo boats into action - without fear of getting Red China involved.

^{Or could}
~~A third guess is that~~ Mao may be starting - a real naval operation; An attempt to open the sea route through the ~~East~~ Tonkin Gulf - because the land routes to South Viet Nam are ^{blocked?} ~~becoming too dangerous.~~

At any rate, the question of whether American

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*military action will remain "limited and fitting" -
as the President put it - that seems to be up to
Peking.*

*The debate in the U N is going forward -
in spite of the Soviet request for a postponement.
The Soviet delegate evidently was waiting for -
instructions from Moscow. But Adlai Stevenson
insisted on his right under the charter - to present
his case to the Security Council.*

*It was not - a long statement. But Stevenson -
made his basic points. Namely, that North Viet Nam
is guilty - of aggression. That we do not intend to let
the Reds - get away with it. And that the U N should
act - to prevent any repetition.*

MURDERS

The three bodies found near Philadelphia, Mississippi - were identified by their fingerprints. ~~They~~ ^{identified as} definitely ~~are~~ the three civil rights workers who ~~have~~ ^d been missing for six weeks. Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner - both white - both from New York. And James Chaney - a negro from Mississippi.

We are told that the case was broken - by an informer. Someone who contacted the F B I - in return for the reward money.

CIVIL RIGHTS

The integration order in Saint Augustine,

Florida - concerns seventeen restaurants. Judge Bryan Simpson, barring any further attempts ~~at~~ by segregationists - to keep negroes off the premises, ~~And~~ ordering the owners to comply with the civil ~~rights~~ rights law - by Saturday.

At the same time, the members of the Saint Augustine hunting club are expressly enjoined - from any resort to intimidation. Judge Bryan, demanding a written statement from the head of the Club - to the effect that all fourteen hundred members have been informed of the injunction.

CONGO

The last words from the control tower at the Stanleyville airport in the Congo - the words, "help, help" then - the radio went dead. ~~Indicating~~ ~~Signifying the fact -~~ ~~that the Congolese rebels had over run the airport.~~

TP A band of rebels ^{had} burst into the control tower - as the dispatcher uttered a cry for ~~help~~ help, ~~and~~!

TP ~~By~~ Tonight the invaders are claiming ~~all~~ of Stanleyville. Which they vow to hold - with equipment and ~~aid~~ ^{help} from Red China. ~~But~~ ^{TP} Congolese Premier Tshombe ^{has an} ~~is~~ rushing his army ^{on the way, Dick,} ~~toward the city, and~~ ~~it looks as if~~ ^{with} a battle ^{for} of Stanleyville ~~is~~ ^{is} shaping up.