

MALAYSIA

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At Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia - a surprise visit today from an Indonesian military mission; bearing a message of peace - from Indonesia's new military strongman - Lieutenant General Suharto.

Malaysian Premier Tengku Abdul Rahman - conferring at length with the unexpected callers; afterward announcing that Indonesia - "has called off her confrontation" against Malaysia." Further, taking note of formal negotiations between the two countries -- scheduled to begin Monday in Bangkok - ^{Tengku Abdul} Rahman adding: "I am now sure the talks will succeed - and there will be a real peace" - said he.

VIET NAM

Another battle royal - today and tonight in Saigon. Loyal marines and rangers finally charging into the ranks of Buddhist demonstrators - firing tracer bullets into the night air; to break the back - of day-long anti-government rioting. Monks and students alike - fleeing in panic, ~~to~~ the accompaniment of a thunderous monsoon storm -- adding to the flash and fury of ~~the battle.~~ ^{it all.}

Two Americans in a jeep = stoned near a Buddhist pagoda at the height of the rioting. In the end - six monks jailed for leading the disturbance.

To the north - seventy-seven American civilians were evacuated today - from the strife torn city of Hue.

At nearby Da Nang - Premier Ky conferring with rebel General Hguyen Chanh Thi. Later asserting that Thi - as he put it - "is not against me." Be that as it may - no apparent change in the rebel position.

RUSK

Here at home - Secretary of State Dean Rusk today called for strengthening - of that international control commission - set up in Nineteen Fifty-Four - supposedly to control fighting in Southeast Asia. Purpose - said he - to see that the Viet Cong are not permitted to use Cambodia - as a base for war operations.

PACT

Defense Ministers of all Iron Curtain countries party to the Warsaw Pact - in secret session today at Moscow. The meeting - to outward appearances - strictly routine, with the main task ~~and~~ said to be merely that of preparing an agenda - for the Communist bloc summit meeting set for Bucharest in July.

Kremlinologists asserting, however, that the meeting was anything but routine; with Romania apparently seeking drastic changes - in basic precepts of the Communist alliance. Much the same as France -- in its efforts to alter the basic principles of Nato.

The most independent of Russia's satellites - Romania has long resisted economic integration with the Communist Common Market. Now - we hear - attempting to discontinue military integration -- as provided under terms of the existing Warsaw Pact.

LONDON FOLLOW PACT

Meanwhile, word today from London - of growing sentiment in favor of a new East-West summit conference on Europe. The possibility of such a meeting apparently one of the chief topics in that recent meeting - between British Prime Minister Harold Wilson and West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard. Both men apparently agreed - that the idea should be brought up for official consideration -- at the next Nato Council Meeting in early June.

Tentative goal of the projected meeting - at present - said to be that of easing tensions in Europe. The same goal put forward by Russia - in a call last month for an all-European summit conference. The one ~~major~~ major difference: Russia's plan - would have excluded the United States - whereas the western plan - would insist ~~on~~ that the U. S. take part in any such meeting.

ADD LONDON FOLLOW PACT

This later comment - from Washington.

*An observation that Russia has made it clear - there
can be no possibility of easing East-West tensions -
as long as there is a war in Vietnam!*

Next step - we'll have to wait and see.

ISRAEL FOLLOW LONDON

On another diplomatic front - Russia today strongly condemned recent American arms sales to Israel; accusing the United States of a "neo-colonialist" plot - against the pro-Communist government of Syria. An alleged plot to use the Israeli army "as a spearhead - into the heart of the Arab National Liberation movement." The Kremlin warning that Russia will not stand aloof to such provocations - so close to its own borders.

American reaction - hogwash.

VERDUN

The vanguard of an expected half-million Frenchmen - converging today on the ~~former~~ fortress city of Verdun. There to join President DeGaulle -- in an ~~an~~ "all-French" celebration, commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Verdun -- longest and bloodiest clash in world history.

It was at Verdun - you no doubt recall - that valiant French forces met the cream of the Imperial German Army in Nineteen Sixteen. A terrible battle - lasting five hundred days. Claiming the lives of four hundred thousand Frenchmen - and nearly as many Germans, before the French finally - hurled back the enemy. By public admission of French officials ^{that was: -} "the last battle we won alone."

This expected to be the theme - of DeGaulle's anniversary speech. That La Belle France must be strong enough again - to resist enemy attack on her own soil; if she is ever to regain control - of her own destiny.

MOYERS

White House Press Secretary Bill Moyers -
on the carpet ~~at~~ briefly today in Detroit -- for cutting
a rug at that recent Washington party. ~~The fire~~ from an
Oklahoma City delegate - to the Southern Baptist
Convention, who objected bitterly - to Moyer's version
of the Watusi.

Moyers - an ordained Baptist minister - never
mentioned by name. Nevertheless, the obvious target
of ^a motion of censure _^ offered unexpectedly at today's
session of the ~~day~~ convention. A motion that would have
condemned "conduct by any southern Baptist ~~kk~~ leader
or preacher - that disgraces or brings dishonor" to his
religious calling.

Convention officials - taken aback, at first. Then,
~~The~~ motion quickly quelled, ~~however~~ by a bang as of the
gavel from President Wayne Dehoney. ~~The~~ "motion is out
of order" - said he; ~~A rolling~~ -- followed by lengthy
applause. Incident - closed.

KILTS

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From Abertillery, Wales, comes a report today of Welshmen up in arms - over the possibility of baring their legs. The man responsible for the furor - one Brinley Evans - chairman of the Abertillery Urban Council, who has started a movement to get Welshmen to give up their trousers - in favor of kilts. Evans quoted as saying - "all Celts have the kilt - why not us?"

One answer from Francis Payne - keeper of the Welsh folk^h Museum. "The kilt for Wales is madness" - said he. Adding that "even in Caesar's day - Welshmen wore trousers." Comment from a Welsh^h man-in-the-street - even more explicit. A brawny lad asserting - "fi sy'n gwisgo'r llofrau yn y tyyma." Which means - roughly translated: "In my house, my wife wears the skirts - and I wear the pants." From which you'd be able to deduce, Stew Metz - that I don't speak Welsh.

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KENNEDY

What do you give a child - who has almost everything? A novel ~~answer~~ answer supplied today by Joseph P. Kennedy - celebrated "founding father" of the Kennedy clan.

Joe Kennedy ordering delivery of a full-sized two-seater Aeronca Defender observation plane - a relic of World War Two. The craft to be installed in the Kennedy compound at Hyannisport -- [^] just to sit there -- for the summer pleasure of his twenty-four grandchildren.

Its engine deactivated - the airplane is described as -- "an ideal toy for a five year old."

Quite a toy! And s-l-u-Monday.