

DETROIT

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The deadline for that big strike in the auto industry - still hours away; with negotiators for the United Auto Workers and giant General Motors - still slugging it out in Detroit; hoping to achieve a last-minute agreement - and thereby prevent a crippling blow to the nation's economy.

But even as the talks went on today - the walkout had already begun. U.A.W. members jumping the gun with wildcat strikes - at Framingham, Mass. - North Tarrytown New York - Janesville, Wisconsin - Windsor, Ontario - Ste. Therese, Quebec. Both sides agreeing, what's more, an all-out strike is now inevitable - barring a "dramatic move" by one side or the other.

Secretary General U Thant today called for summit talks on the Middle East Crisis when the U N General Assembly meets next month. The occasion, said Thant, would afford a "unique opportunity for fruitful contacts and discussions at the highest level."

Thant deplored the current break down in the Middle East talks and said every effort ^{must} ~~be~~ made to get them going again.

Meanwhile, in Tel Aviv - Israel's Foreign Minister - Abba Eban - asserting that Egypt's "wholesale arrogance" - as evidenced by repeated cease-fire violations in the Suez Canal Zone - has "certainly diminished our hopes for peace. Eban further calling Arab airplane "hijackers and saboteurs" - an "international plague."

Eban also defended Israel's round-up of four hundred and fifty Arabs - on the occupied West Bank of the Jordan. Rejecting flatly a suggestion the prisoners were being held as hostages - pending the release of some fifty hijacked airline passengers still held by Arab guerillas. Nothing of the sort - said Eban. Adding that the Arabs were merely being held - "under security regulations for interrogation."

WHITE HOUSE HOSTAGES

From the White House late today a strong statement condemning the "holding of hostages by any nation." But Presidential spokesman Ronald Zeigler limited the condemnation to the detention of the fifty persons, many of them Americans, held by Palestinian Commandoes.

The United States, said Zeigler, "rejects any attempt to establish distinctions among its citizens on any basis whatsoever."

Earlier, a Palestinian Commando leader had said that all Americans among those held would be treated as Israeli citizens.

PARIS

On the Vietnam peace front - the Viet Cong's

Madame Nguyen Thi Binh arrived back in Paris today - following a three-month boycott of negotiations. Madame Binh quickly offering to open immediate secret talks with the U.S. - ~~on~~ on how to end the Vietnam war. She then went on to say, however - the Communists still insist on total, unconditional and early withdrawal of all U.S. troops in Vietnam. And she added there can be no progress in the Paris talks - so long as the Thieu government remains in power in Saigon.

Perhaps the most important fact though - she is back; which means that once again both sides will be fully represented - hopefully, clearing the war for serious bargaining.

Half-a-world away - in Saigon - U.S. Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker today addressed a graduating class of South Vietnam's National Defense College. There asserting that U.S. foreign policy - "is founded on the three pillars, of partnership, strength and a willingness to negotiate." Bunker declaring: "We are determined to contribute meaningfully - to peace, freedom and stability in the world!"

Then addressing himself directly to the Vietnam War - Bunker telling his audience: "You need not fear - and Hanoi has no basis to hope - that our commitment has weakened; it has not - and it will not." The Ambassador adding: "We did not come to Vietnam - and lose many of our finest youth - to permit the defeat of our common goals."

STRENGTH FOLLOW SAIGON

Elsewhere in Saigon - the U.S. Command today listed American troop strength as of last week - three hundred and ninety-six thousand, three hundred men. This marking the lowest level - since January of Nineteen-Sixty-Seven, nearly three years ago. A figure to be cut another twelve thousand, three hundred during the next month - we are told - in order to meet President Nixon's October Fifteen withdrawal schedule.

We'll have a story from Lowell Thomas after

this message....

from an old, old friend of Mr. Lowell...

SUGGESTED INTRO TO THOMAS TAPE "MABEL BARBEE LEE

And now - as promised - it's time again for

Lowell Thomas; discussing tonight the newest work -

from an old, old friend of his. Lowell...

MABEL BARBEE LEE

Hello Everybody:

I wonder if you remember the name - Mabel Barbee Lee? I have mentioned it often - a remarkable woman who started writing in her seventies, now in her middle eighties still going strong with a marvelous new book called The Gardens In My Life. Mabel Barbee Lee came from my old mining camp, Cripple Creek, Colorado, and she became Dean of Women at Colorado College. Then a Dean at Bennington, in Vermont and then a Dean at famous Radcliffe next door to Harvard. She wrote a remarkable book called Crippled Days that I'm sure many of you read full of glamor excitement and so on. And then she now has come out with this new one - The Gardens In My Life - wherein a wise sympathetic woman reflects on a long colorful career, recording how in moments of crisis she found peace and comfort in the security of her own garden. And this we are told in the hope that a certain philosophy or a bit of wisdom may germinate to enlighten the lonely

years of others - by Mabel Barbee Lee. Oh yes, and do you remember the thrilling story of Baby Doe and Leadville, Colorado? Well, she also retells that marvelous tale.

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Wheeling, West Virginia - which today becomes our
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