

PEACE

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Dallas Townsend

From Tokyo to New York to Washington - the peace rumors were flying hot and heavy today; all apparently taking their cue - from the President's announced intention to make a major policy address on Viet Nam, November Third.

Hubert Humphrey, for one, suggesting the President may announced plans - for a systematic withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Vietnam. This in Tokyo - en ~~route~~^{route} to a meeting of the Asian Affairs Council.

Here at home - a published report in Newsweek that the Pentagon is urging a unilateral U.S. cease-fire. Followed by another big day - on the New York Stock Exchange. Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield further declaring the President has already initiated - a "sort of cease-fire and stand fast." And he urged "the people of this nation to get behind President Nixon" - to speed the way to peace.

The only note-of-caution - from the White House itself. Where News Secretary Ron Ziegler - refused to speculate on the President's planned speech. Adding that

those who do indulge in speculation - "could be getting themselves far out on a limb."

VIETNAM FOLLOW PEACE

Meanwhile, the war continues. At a slower pace, obviously - but it's still there. Including a report today telling of a foray by South Vietnamese soldiers - into the ~~dread U Minh Forest~~ - the so-called "Forest of Darkness." First Allied intrusion there - since a year ago last August. The South Vietnamese quickly running down a Viet Cong encampment / killing ninety-six of the enemy, they say, as against six dead of their own.

WHITE HOUSE

Turning to the domestic front - President Nixon called a ^{news} ~~press~~ conference today - to discuss one subject and one subject alone: / His appointment of Clement Haynsworth - to the U.S. Supreme Court. / The President reaffirming - again - his faith in Judge Haynsworth; / voicing confidence - again - that the Senate will confirm. / Further asserting that charges against the nominee - were nothing more than "vicious character assassinations." / If Haynsworth were really guilty of any conflict of interest - said he - simply for owning stock in a certain company - why, then, "half the judges in the country would have to be impeached."

The President went on to declare that even if Haynsworth "asked for his name to be withdrawn / I would not let him do it." / And he added: "There's no dishonor in standing by an honest man."

VICE PRESIDENT AGNEW

Vice President Agnew - under attack - for last night's remarks about those who took part in the Viet Nam Moratorium demonstrations. Agnew called leaders of the move "hard-core dissidents and professional anarchists" - blinded, he said, by a spirit of national masochism and encouraged by an effete core of impudent snobs."

Republican Senate ~~leader~~ leader Hugh Scott - without mentioning Agnew by ~~a~~ name - says Americans have had enough name-calling and accusations. Let us illuminate and discuss, Scott adds - not invoke the darkness and curse at ~~a~~ each other.

Some Democratic Senators take a much sharper approach. Stuart Symington says - sarcastically - ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
"One of the fringe benefits of the Vice President's tenure is his continuing reminder that English is an imprecise language."

Senator Fulbright says he himself wasn't offended by Agnew's remarks - because, Fulbright explains, I just considered the source.

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Next up / Lowell Thomas; / with another special
report tonight - from Portuguese Macau in the shadow of
Mainland China. Lowell...

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Hello Everybody:

Usually in passing through the Far East I have been hurrying on to some more remote region, and until now I had never paid a visit to Portuguese Macau on the mainland just a few miles south of Hong Kong at the mouth of the Pearl River, near the great city of Canton. So today with my wife and the Bob Kucks from Ohio, I went skimming over the sea to Macau aboard a hydrofoil, the ultra modern sea-going craft that zips along just above the waves.

But the doldrums seem to have hit Macau.

Long known as the port of entry for shipments of gold, some of it illegal gold, into Red China, Macau is the place where you can sell your gold at a higher price.

But, I am told that a considerable part of this gold flow is now going from the western world behind the Bamboo Curtain via Vientiane, in Laos.

Macau, once the pride of Portugal, just about the first European settlement in the Far East, here is where the Portuguese came four hundred and fifty years ago and today it has a population of less than four hundred thousand people, of whom more than ninety percent are Chinese with only three thousand Portuguese.

In by gone years the Portuguese had it heavily fortified with a garrison of up to twenty thousand soldiers. These have now all been taken away to Mozambique and Angola in Africa. Why keep soldiers in Macau when Mao's Army has all that modern fire power? And millions of men. As they say in Macau - "Mao can take the place - by telephone."

At any rate, today Macau is still one of the mystery cities of the world, regarded by some as rather

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*sinister with its open gambling and its under cover
shipments of gold.*

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(SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED "MACAU")

Thank you, Lowell. Back to the news...

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An Administration proposal calling for softer narcotics laws - was made public for the first time today in Washington. The new plan one that would generally eliminate harsh, mandatory sentences - as now prescribed by law; giving judges a number of flexible options - in dealing with various situations.

More news in a moment....

From the University of Massachusetts at Amherst comes a study today - drawing a composite picture of the two extremes in student make-up.

First - the typical student activist; said to be generally a sophomore coed who does not profess or practice a religious faith - - who gets along poorly with her parents.

Reverse side - the typical student who opposes such activism, said to be generally "an orderly male" who has a father who owns a small business - is a fourth generation or more American - and also an active fraternity member.

In effect, the irresistible force - versus the immovable object. But, of course, students being what they are - activist or not - the variations are almost infinite - and probably a good thing, too.

Dallas Townsend saying good night.