

SIKKIM

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Far up the
~~In the high~~ Himalayas -- near the roof of the world --
on the border of Tibet,
a sudden new flare-up of fighting today in a long-standing
border dispute. Indian border guards and Red Chinese army
troops -- trading artillery and automatic weapons fire; across
the fourteen-thousand-foot Nathula ~~Pass~~ ^{a pass} -- separating the
Indian protectorate of Sikkim from Chinese-occupied Tibet.

Indian sources later saying the Chinese deliberately
started the fight -- to warn the ~~Government~~ ^{ruler} of Sikkim against
further ties with India. Peking countering with a charge --
that Indian forces were first to fire. Asserting that
twenty-five Communist troops -- were killed or wounded by
Indian artillery. New Delhi setting its own losses -- at
eight wounded.

HAITI

For the fourth time in five years -- the island nation of Haiti reeled today before the forces of nature. Killer-hurricane Beulah raking the Southern Haiti^{an} coast -- with torrents of water and winds of more than a hundred miles an hour. According ^{to} first reports -- adding still more to its earlier Caribbean toll of at least sixteen lives.

Next up -- the island of Jamaica. Expected to feel the first hammer blows of Hurricane ^{Beulah} -- by early tomorrow morning.

NEW YORK

On the labor front -- ~~a giant~~ ^{the big} strike today in New York,

Adding to the impact of continued teacher walkouts -- in

Detroit, in ~~McCracken County~~, Kentucky, and also in Broward

County, Florida. With teachers and school officials also

nearing showdowns -- in Baltimore and East St. Louis.

Meanwhile, a brief meeting today -- between opposing

sides; in the fifth day of that auto workers' strike --

against the Ford ~~Motor~~ Company. Not to bargain -- but rather

to set up an agenda for future talks. In the meantime,

Chrysler today announcing price increases averaging a Hundred

and Thirty ⁷ Three dollars -- on its new sixty-eight models.

VIETNAM

War news from Vietnam -- tells today of a rare daylight attack by the Viet Cong. Setting off a bloody battle for a key U.S. Marine outpost at Com Thien -- near that supposedly demilitarized zone.

The enemy's bold strike -- beginning with a deadly barrage of mortars and rockets. And then a frontal assault by about three thousand men -- nearly four times the number of Marine defenders ^{— in an} ~~Attempting~~ to overrun the American lines ~~from~~ a field of shoulder-high elephant grass.

On until midnight they fought -- when the Viet Cong finally threw in the towel⁹. The reason -- apparently -- enemy losses estimated at three hundred forty men. At that, the Marines also paying a price -- losing thirty-four.

PHNOM PENH

Months of mounting pressure in nearby Phnom Penh ~~is~~ finally exploded today; with a complete split between Cambodia's Prince Norodom Sihanouk -- and Communist elements in his own government.

Unable to settle long-standing differences -- the Prince firing two pro-Peking cabinet ministers. At the same time, suspending all privately-operated newspapers in Cambodia -- half of ~~which are~~ ^{them} Chinese. ^{This} In preparation for a nationwide referendum -- to be held early next year. Purpose -- said Sihanouk: To give the people of Cambodia a chance to choose between himself -- and "a handful of renegades" on the left.

These -- unlike Vietnamese Communists -- who are first of all patriots -- said Sihanouk. Adding that Cambodian Communists -- are bent solely on "betraying" their homeland.

VINACKE

If you are interested in what is going on in
China, ~~on the Mainland~~ ^{— surely} and I believe we all are,
I suggest you get a copy of the September issue of
Current History Magazine, The lead article analyzing
China's role in Asia, by an Australian expert on Far
Eastern history. Another ~~article by~~ ^{by a Boston Univ.} professor ~~at~~
~~Boston University who discusses~~ ^{on} China's policy with
regard to us. Another expert at George Washington
University ~~who~~ ^{on} the struggle going on between Russia
and China. A Chinese professor at the University of
Michigan discusses Mao's "cultural revolution."

Also, a most interesting and informative article
by Professor Harold Vinacke of the University of
Cincinnati, who at one time was a member of the
faculty of a university in China. His article is entitled
"The Continuing Chinese Revolution." He says while
final success of the revolution going on in China "is still
in doubt" if it does succeed it will carry with it

"a fundamental transformation of Chinese society."

~~He tells us~~ That "basic to the thinking of Mao Tse Tung is the belief in the permanency of revolution, until society has been completely proletarianized." Dr.

Vinacke adds that the doctrine of permanent revolution calls also for the support of 'wars of national liberation' and for their stimulation where no active revolutionary situation exists to be exploited." In other words, do everything possible to stir up revolution all over the world.

SOUTH CHINA SEA

A footnote to the war in Asia -- comes in news today from the U.S. aircraft carrier Oriskany -- off the coast of Vietnam. The Navy telling of a record reenlistment bonus -- for enlisted personnel.

Electronics Technician First Class Martin Young -- signing up for six more years. And thanks to his critical specialty -- receiving a bonus of Ten Thousand bucks. Tax free -- because ⁹ he "reupped" -- as they put it -- in a combat zone.

What do you do with Ten Grand -- in the middle of the South China Sea? Sailor Young saying he will put it in a special Navy savings program -- paying up to ten per cent interest. Smart lad -- that.

WARSAW

One thing about Charles DeGaulle -- he plays no favorites -- save, maybe, for himself. The French President proving it again today -- in Warsaw. Riling his Polish hosts -- almost as much as he riled his Canadian hosts a month ~~or~~⁹ or so ago.

The occasion -- a DeGaulle speech to Poland's Communist Parliament. DeGaulle first endorsing Poland's hold on certain territories -- still ~~claimed~~^{claimed} by West Germany. This -- to the accompaniment of loud applause. However, DeGaulle next urging the Poles to adopt a foreign policy -- totally independent of the Soviet Union. ~~and this~~^{That - was} --₂ greeted by complete silence.

Indeed, Polish Communist Party Chief Gomulka -- quickly taking the podium after DeGaulle had finished. Telling the French President, in effect: "Mind your own business."

HONG KONG

A stormy weekend of leftist agitation in Hong Kong -- was followed today by a new bomb scare. Communist terrorists planting two crude bombs -- in the Wanchai District of the British colony. Endangering thousands of passers-by -- before they were safely removed by police.

Another noteworthy development -- only a short distance away. With Communist China today sealing its borders -- with the Portuguese colony of Macao. Amid reports of heavy fighting between pro-and-anti-Maoists -- in China's neighboring Kwangtung Province.

POWELL

For the first time in seven months -- Adam Clayton Powell made a brief reappearance today in Washington. The ousted Congressman spending more than an hour -- with a Federal grand jury.

What it was all about -- no one would say. You may recall though -- Congress earlier recommended a complete investigation of Powell's financial affairs -- for possible Federal law violations.

LONDON

Under a double dateline -- from Washington and from London -- comes a joint appeal today; in behalf of the pink-footed booby -- the tiny flightless rail -- and the great land tortoise, among others. Both the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and the British Royal Society urging preservation of the Island of Aldabra -- as a last refuge for these rare creatures.

The Island of Aldabra -- in case you're wondering -- a little coral atoll in the Indian Ocean; about four hundred miles east of Africa -- about two hundred and sixty miles northwest of Madagascar. A haven through the ages -- for dozens of near-extinct animals, birds, insects, plants and so on. Because -- up till now -- it has been totally free of that most deadly predator of all -- man.

Now, however, all that is about to be changed. The British -- who own the island -- planning to turn it over to the U.S. Defense Department for construction of an air base;

to offset, in part, Britain's planned abandonment of all its military bases -- east of Suez.

All of which has British and American scientists -- up in arms. Contending that once man takes over -- Aldabra will be finished as a treasure house of prehistoric nature; ~~with~~

Its rare residents ^{soon to be as "dead as the} ~~as "dead as the~~ dodos."

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SENATE

From Senate Minority Leader Everett Dirksen -- a final word today on that "brainwashing" charge from Michigan Governor Romney. Final -- for the moment, at least.

Senator Dirksen asserting that in Washington -- a politician is "subjected to snowstorms, snow jobs and other pressures from all sides." "That's part of the atmosphere around here -- an accepted fact in this business" -- said he.

Does that mean that he, too -- has been "brainwashed" from time to time? Not on your life -- said Everett Dirksen.

Adding: "The day I admit I've been brainwashed by any so-and-so in this world -- that's the day I should walk out" of politics.

So said Sen. Dirksen - And I say - s-l-u-t-m.