

Tues. Nov. 29 '66.

MIDDLE EAST.

Border tension in the Middle East -- again at fever pitch today. Egyptian and Israeli jets -- clashing in a "dog fight" over Israeli territory; Israel later claiming -- two "kills." While back on the ground -- another brief exchange of gunfire across the Jordanian frontier.

Meantime, ^{while} Jordan's ~~tough~~, young King Hussein ^{was} calling a news conference today at his capital of Amman. There placing much of the blame for ~~the~~ current strife -- on Soviet ~~agents~~ allegedly inflaming old hostilities.

Hussein pledging, nevertheless, that Jordan will strike back in force -- in the event of another Israeli border attack. "We can only die once" -- said he. Adding: "We will die well."

A related item -- from Washington. The United States today agreeing to sell Jordan -- Thirty-Six supersonic F-One-oh-Four jet fighters, ⁱⁿ a further attempt to strengthen Hussein -- who is generally considered a moderating influence -- in the explosive Middle East.

VIET NAM

Halfway round the world -- in Viet Nam -- American troops, tanks and artillery swept the field today; in a series of widely-scattered clashes -- with Viet Cong guerillas.

American firepower -- claiming at least **Fifty-Three** enemy dead. In the words of a U.S. military spokesman -- "cutting down the opposition wherever it appeared."

Perhaps the most significant ^{clash} ~~clash~~ -- in the Mekong Delta, where a U.S. Navy landing craft put to rout -- an attempted enemy ambush. This in an area entered in force by American fighting men -- only last week.

UNITED NATIONS

Once ~~again~~ ^{more} -- as in each of the past Sixteen years -- Red China has been denied a seat ~~in~~ ^{at} the United Nations. As fully expected, the U.N. General Assembly today rejecting an Albanian motion -- that would have admitted Peking in place of Nationalist China.

The vote -- Fifty-Seven-to-Forty-Six against admission. A far cry -- from the required Two-Thirds majority. Indeed, a ~~an~~ worse setback for Peking than last year -- when the vote was a Forty-Seven-Forty-Seven tie.

^{Today's}
~~The~~ verdict following an impassioned plea from Nationalist Chinese delegate Wei Tao-Ming -- against the seating of Red China. Wei declaring that Peking -- "is the greatest disruptive influence in the world today." Adding that ~~that~~ admission of Red China -- would only bring in a "demolition crew" -- that could wreck the world body.

In a later vote -- the General Assembly also rejecting that recent Italian proposal, ^y calling for study of a possible "Two China" solution -- to the problem of seating Peking. The

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United States -- ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~prohibited~~ only one of the world's great powers -- to support the plan.

WASHINGTON FOLLOW UNITED NATIONS

More news of Red China -- comes today from Washington.

The U.S. State Department reporting that Peking -- is ~~now~~ ^{currently} getting ready ~~to~~ ^{to} explode its ~~Sixth~~ ^{Sixth} nuclear device. With the test likely to occur -- almost anytime "in the near future." This -- said Washington -- reflecting Red China's determination to move ahead in nuclear weapons development -- "in defiance of world opinion."

No clue -- as to the kind of test we can expect. However, speculation centering on the possibility -- that the Chinese may be ready to ~~(a)lunch~~ ^{(a)lunch} a new, improved nuclear-armed ~~missile~~ ^{guided} missile. In effect -- a follow-up to their first such test -- ~~last~~ ^{only} month.

BUDAPEST FOLLOW WASHINGTON

~~A final~~ ^{Another} China item from ^Budapest -- scene of the Ninth Hungarian Communist Party Congress; where Soviet Party boss Leonid Brezhnev today renewed his call -- for a world Communist summit meeting to deal with Peking.

Brezhnev emphasizing there is no desire -- to "excommunicate" the Red Chinese from the world Communist movement. Reports to the contrary -- "utter nonsense" -- said he. Adding that the sole purpose of such a meeting -- would be to "draw up" a frame "of guidance for the future;" with the ultimate goal -- that of unifying Communist aid to North Viet Nam.

Meanwhile, a report from London that earlier opposition to the Communist summit meeting -- is fast crumbling under mounting Soviet pressure. Kremlinologists ^{are} now predicting the meeting will be held -- probably sometime late next year.

LBJ RANCH

A meeting between President Johnson and President Diaz of Mexico -- set for Saturday at the Texas-Mexican border. The announcement today -- from the LBJ Ranch. The Two leaders to inspect work on the new International Amistad Dam -- second joint U.S. and Mexican flood control project on the Rio Grande.

On the domestic front -- President Johnson today approved a Three-Billion-dollar cutback in Federal spending -- through the remainder of the ^{current} ~~current~~ fiscal year. Purpose -- said he -- to keep from pouring "gasoline -- on the fire" of inflation.

BURUNDI

The world's only teen-age king -- Ntare the Fifth of Burundi in Central Africa -- deposed today in bloodless coup. The Nineteen-year-old ruler -- who ousted his own father last July -- himself ousted by his ~~son~~^{trusted} prime minister. Twenty-Seven-year-old Michael Micombero -- a former Army captain, who promptly announced that henceforth -- Burundi will be a republic.

Maybe so -- but the new chief of state is still a Watusi -- just like his predecessors; a member of that tribe -- of giant, Seven-foot warriors, who -- though outnumbered nearly ten-to-one by the pygmy-like Bahutus -- have held their little countrymen in virtual serfdom for centuries; and today's coup -- is not expected to change that.

BONN

At Bonn in West Germany -- a rich Bavarian lunch today for Chancellor-designate Kurt-George Kiesinger of the Christian Democrats -- and National Chairman Willy Brandt of the Social Democrats. The menu featuring boiled beef and buttered noodles -- a little strudel -- and, a taste of humble pie.

After years of tearing at each other's throats -- Kiesinger and Brandt forging the last details of their "grand alliance," for final presentation tomorrow -- to both their respective parties.

If approved, as expected, the new coalition government will take power -- ~~as of Thursday night.~~
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BALCHEN 29th

The American Polar Society has just elected Bernt Balchen an honorary member -- the ninth person to be honored in this way.

Colonel Balchen who is now an American citizen, was associated with the great Amundsen at one time. Then Byrd lured him to America and he was the chief pilot on Byrd's famous trans-Atlantic flight, not many days after Lindbergh flew the Atlantic solo. Balchen also piloted Byrd's plane on the flight over the South Pole, November twenty-Nine, Nineteen Twenty Nine. Colonel Balchen also played an important role in World War Two, building airbases in Greenland, rescuing fliers down on the Greenland Icecap, creating an Arctic rescue squadron, serving as advisor to our government, *as well as to the Scandinavian countries* on Polar matters; and, only recently he took part in the first flight ever made around the world by way of both Poles, a year ago. *November* ~~in mid-November, Nineteen,~~ *and - now Warren.* ~~Nineteen Sixty-Five.~~

CHICAGO

Most of us are interested in
~~As many of you no doubt know -- I'm especially partial to~~

stories of young love -- and romance that conquers all. Which makes this next -- a pleasure to report. It's the announcement today from Chicago -- that pretty, vivacious Sharon Percy -- will soon become the bride of John D. Rockefeller the Fourth.

The bride-to-be -- Twenty-One-year-old daughter of Republican Senator-Elect Charles Percy of Illinois. Her fiance -- a strapping lad of Twenty-Nine -- nephew of Republican Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York -- and Republican Governor-elect Winthrop Rockefeller of Arkansas.

John D. the Fourth, ~~himself~~ ⁻⁻ recently elected to the West ~~Virginia~~

Virginia legislature; ~~xxxx~~ ^{by his own admission --} the "First Rockefeller Democrat" ~~o~~

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All of which proves -- that love knows no party lines.