

NATHULA

Tues. Sept. 12-'67,

Ceasefire in the Himalayas. The word flashed today - from New Delhi. Signaling the end of a two-day battle ~~at~~ ^{across} Nathula - at the Roof of the World; a key pass separating the Indian protectorate of Sikkim - from Chinese-occupied Tibet.

End of the fighting - apparently in response to a hurried Indian call for an immediate truce. Peking also agreeing to a meeting of field commanders on both sides -- in hopes of arranging a permanent peace agreement.

Before it ended though - the battle taking a toll of forty-seven Red Chinese troops - killed or wounded. New Delhi also reporting four Indians killed -- four seriously wounded - and eighty more slightly wounded.

I wonder what the yaks grazing up there at Nathula did during the fighting? And I wonder if Tibetan prayer flags flutter in the wind at that lofty pass as they used to do?

ADEN FOLLOW NATHULA

News of a second welcome cease fire - comes today from battle-scarred Aden. Where two rival Arab Nationalist groups - have reportedly ~~agreed~~ agreed at last to bury the hatchet.

Both sides - now scheduled for joint negotiations with the British, ~~To determine~~ ^{to decide the} make-up of a post-independence government for the federation of Southwest Arabia -- when the British leave in January.

The new agreement hailed as a major victory - for ~~South Arab~~ ^{the} fledgling army, which earlier refused for months - to intervene between the ~~now~~ warring nationalists. ^{the} ~~The~~ ^{so-called} Army finally telling ^{the} rival leaders - to settle their feud - or else. And it worked - apparently, or so it seems.

- ~~for now, at least~~

SUEZ FOLLOW ADEN

~~Meanwhile at the top of the Red Sea~~
~~another two~~

hour duel today across the Suez Canal. Israeli and Egyptian troops - again trading machine gun and artillery fire' in a battle that apparently began - when two Israeli planes flew over the Israeli-occupied east bank of the Canal; ^{doing so} in defiance of Egyptian claims to the entire waterway - air space and all.

Adding still further to the Arab-Israeli impasse - a report today from United Nations Secretary General U Thant in New York. Asserting that Israel has made it "clear beyond any doubt" - that it regards its takeover of ~~old~~ Jerusalem as "irreversible and not negotiable."

HAIPHONG

Late^{word} ~~from~~ Saigon - tell^{ing} ~~today~~ of a massive American air strike; ^{nearest so far} ~~closest yet~~ to the center of Haiphong. ~~The~~ Navy jets blasting two bridges, a railroad yard and a warehouse center - less than a mile from the heart of ^{the city.} ~~the city.~~ This ^{is} an attempt ^{to} "seal~~ing~~ off" vital war supplies - arriving daily at the big north Vietnamese ~~port~~ port.

A short time later - radio Hanoi responding with ~~news~~ a statement from North Vietnamese President Ho Chi Minh, ^{how quote} saying ~~in part~~ "The U S aggressors are madly escalating their war" - but "they cannot scare ^{us} ~~us~~ ~~follow~~ with their bombs - nor can they deceive us with sly words," says Ho!

This last - an apparent reference to continuing U.S. efforts - to persuade Hanoi to talk peace.

WARSAW FOLLOW HAIPHONG

The war in Vietnam - also main subject of a joint ~~comm~~ communique issued today in Warsaw, ^{as a} ~~final~~ ^{finale} to ~~just finish~~ to French President DeGaulle's six ~~date~~ day state visit to Poland.

The communique - failing to mention the United States by name, ^{but} DeGaulle and ^{the} Polish Communist leaders ^{make} ~~making~~ it plain, ~~nevertheless~~ that they consider U S intervention in Vietnam - a threat to the very existence of the Vietnamese people. Further, asserting that the only hope for peace in Vietnam - lies in "an end to foreign ~~in~~ intervention - and a return to the Nineteen Fifty Four Geneva accords."

DeGaulle's visit - thus ending on the upbeat.

With the French leader apparently undaunted - by Poland's earlier refusal to support his concept of a United Europe - stretching "from the Urals to the Atlantic."

Indeed, DeGaulle ^{is} now said to be planning a trip

to somewhat wobbly

next spring - ~~to~~ Communist Romania; where he hopes

to find more fertile ground - for that united Europe idea.

REDWOOD CREEK

~~Here's a check~~ ^{an} item - from Redwood Creek, California, where four major lumber companies - have agreed to extend a present one-year agreement ~~not to cut any~~ ^{not to cut any} timber ~~cutting~~ in a redwood forest ~~as~~ proposed as the ~~the~~ heart of a new forty thousand acre redwood national park.

Our old friend - Richard St. Barbe Baker - will certainly be glad to hear it. The ~~father~~ "Man of the Trees" - as he's ~~commonly~~ known - one of the prime movers in this effort to preserve California's magnificent redwoods.

~~By the way~~ St. Barbe himself is making news these days. ~~He~~ Recently winning the millenium guild book of the Year Award -- for his inspiring work, "Sahara Conquest" - a ~~starting~~ blueprint - for restoring nearly half the Sahara Desert to fertile farmland. More than enough -- to feed the present population of our entire planet, *says he,*

Baker
At the same time - we hear that St. Barbe ^{is} now embarked on a new project in Kaitaia, New Zealand. The

land he ~~recently~~ recently adopted as his new home - at age seventy-seven. St. Barbe calling for the planting - of a seventy thousand acre forest line; to prevent a sand drift - that now threatens New Zealand with its own "Little Sahara." A task that may

~~According to government experts the job will~~
but which
take thirty years, St. Barbe insists ^{s must} ~~it's got~~
to be done in ten. ~~As for the "Man of the Press",~~

~~telling his followers~~ "Let us plant for our lives!" So
what he telling the New Zealanders,

CHATTANOOGA

Memories of a daring Civil War escapade more than a century ago - were called to mind by a repeat performance today in Chattanooga. Latest battle - for control of that famed confederate locomotive - "the General."

"The General"- you may recall from your history books - an old-wood-burning locomotive; ~~which~~^{playing} a major role in movement of Confederate supplies - ~~when~~^{until} it was hijacked by Union raiders at Kennesaw, Georgia. The result: A "great locomotive chase" - that ended when the General ran out of wood and water. Seven of the raiders - later executed. All of them -- awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Abraham Lincoln.

Now - turn the clock ahead a hundred years -- and we find "The General" again enroute to Kennesaw for enshrinement by Georgia officials. A gift from the Louisville and Nashville Railroad -- which restored the engine a few years back and then took it on a national tour.

However, Mayor Ralph Kelley of Chattanooga and a raiding party of local police ^{never} - _^ waiting for "The General" when it passed through their city today. Police cars blocking the tracks - a boarding party taking full possession of the legendary engine.

Mayor Kelley's claim based on the fact that "The General" was previously on display in Chattanooga - for some ninety years. Mayor Kelley tonight ^{- Warren -} ~~is~~ insisting -- "We consider it our locomotive - ~~and~~ we want it."

MARNE LA COQUETTE

A final item - from suburban Marne La

Coquette - near Paris; where famed French showman

Maurice Chevalier - today celebrated his seventy-ninth birthday.

Maurice Chevalier telling newsmen - he now

intends to start on a world tour; to visit once more - all

the places where he has been most happy as a man and a

performer. The tour to last a whole year - until his

eightieth birthday; and "then I shall retire" - said he.

This drawing a roar of laughter from the

assembled newsmen - to which Chevalier replied: "You

don't believe me? Well, you might be right, after all."