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For the first time in the present Mideast crisis -
a compelling U S military presence today in the Arab
world; ~~In~~ the form of a giant American aircraft carrier -
The Intrepid -- with eighty powerful jets lining her decks,
as she sailed through the Suez Canal - ~~on into~~ ^{down} the Red
Sea; ~~and~~ past the Gulf of Akaba ~~currently under~~ ^{and that}
Egyptian blockade.

~~According to~~ Washington ^{says} the Intrepid is proceeding
^{to South East Asia - to} ~~directly to the Far East - to join~~ the war ^{there} ~~in Vietnam.~~

However, no mistaking the impression she made - on
shouting Egyptians who watched her go by. Even Nasser
demonstrating a nervous edge - assigning two Egyptian
submarines to shadow the great ship.

Here at home - a public acknowledgement today
from the U S State Department; an admission that the
United States and Britain - are both trying to rally the
maritime powers of the world; trying to rally them in a
campaign of pressure against Egypt -- to reopen the Gulf
of Akaba. Up to now ~~though~~ not much success.

YEMEN

Another ominous note - sounded today in Yemen, where some fifty thousand Egyptian troops - are currently fighting in support of Yemen's new Republican government.

Opposition royalists force ~~is~~ charging that the Egyptians are now using poisonous gas, in what is said to be a desperate effort - to wind up the Yemeni civil war, ~~in order to~~ ^{and} free the Egyptian troops - for possible use against Israel.

In one attack alone - the Egyptians allegedly dropping fifty poison gas bombs on a pro-royalist village. This and other poison gas attacks - reportedly ~~kill~~ killing about three hundred and sixty persons over the last month.

A further note - from Bonn. The West German government disclosing today - that Israel has asked for ~~And early tonight --~~ the loan of twenty thousand gas masks. ~~However, the~~

~~The request granted. loan temporarily held up by international red tape. Nato policy barring shipment of any military equipment - into areas of tension.~~

PARIS

As hoped - as planned - a tremendous "giant step" today - for America's "Jolly Green Giants." Those two big Sikorsky helicopters - landing this afternoon at Le Bourget air field near Paris; to complete the first ~~non~~ non-stop helicopter flight ever - across the Atlantic.

The two choppers touching down - opposite the U S pavilion at the Paris air show, ~~To~~ thunderous applause from U S air force officers - American diplomats - newsmen and tourists - and even French ground crews. ^{This} In recognition of a ~~tremendous~~ tremendous flight # covering much the same route as that of Charles Lindbergh - forty years ago last week.

Seventy-eight year old Igor Sikorsky - who pioneered the helicopter - also on hand to greet his two babies; ^{and} Expressing his "deep admiration - for a brilliant achievement." One - said he - that "takes us another step forward -- along the famous Lindbergh path."

KERALA

U S peace corpsmen in Kerala, India - under fire today from that state's leftist government. Kerala officials appealing to New Delhi to withdraw the volunteers - because of their alleged "corruptive" influence.

The peace ~~corps~~ corpsmen - about sixty, in all; assigned mainly - to poultry farms. As for the Kerala government - it's a coalition arising from February's general election; but led mainly - by pro-Peking Communists.

WASHINGTON

More on the Peace Corps - from Washington.

Where President Johnson today forecast a saving of nearly six million - on next year's Peace Corps program; even though it will still meet its projected goal - of some seventeen thousand volunteers.

The savings to be due in part - to "much stricter selection standards" - said the White House. Standards that have already cut the corps' attrition rate - about twenty percent. Additional savings -- expected to come from advance training overseas; ~~instead~~ instead of at universities here at home - as before.

VIETNAM

~~Halfway round the world - bitter proof today of~~
~~the quickening tempo of war in Vietnam.~~ With publication
of figures - showing record U S ground and air losses in
Viet Nam -
A reflection of savage fighting on the northern frontier -
coupled with increasingly deadly Communist air defenses.

On the ground - American casualties hitting a new
high for the second straight week. A total of two thousand
nine hundred and forty-one men - killed, missing or wounded.

While in the air - American forces were losing a record
thirty-~~seven~~^{air} planes for the month of May.

What of the enemy? His losses ~~even worse~~ far worse.

Viet Cong dead - totaling more than twenty-two hundred
last week; a ratio of four to one -- over allied dead. The
North Vietnamese also losing a record twenty-seven Migs
in the air - and another dozen or so that never got off the
ground.

THOMASTON

The story of a needless traffic death - ~~comes~~
~~today~~ from Thomaston, Georgia. ~~Victim~~ Mrs. Louise
Whitehead Harris, ~~who was~~ out for her first driving
lesson with a friend -- when their car plunged off a small
bridge into a creek.

The friend, - only shaken up. Mrs. Harris -
for her part -- also physically unhurt; but nevertheless -
dead on arrival at a nearby hospital. Doctors reporting
she apparently died of - quote, "extreme fright." at
^{age}
~~she was only~~ fifty-four.

CHICAGO

Depending on where you live - it's possible to dial for the time - dial the weather - dial a prayer - dial a joke, and now dial-a-killer. ^{That is - a} Weed-killer. -- ~~that is.~~

The new service - announced today in Chicago, Under sponsorship of the International Minerals and Chemical Corporation -- world's leading supplier of fertilizers and herbicides.

The way it works -- a farmer or gardener phones his problem into a central location; the information is run quickly through an automatic data processing system - and presto! An exact formula -- for use of specific weed killers to correct the situation.

What's more -- the method said to be tried and true, ^{already} Having been tested in some three thousand cases - ~~we're told~~ with better than ninety percent success.

NEW BRUNSWICK

~~Some sage words of advice reported today~~

~~from the campus of Douglas College in New Brunswick,~~

~~New Jersey. Advice from U S Supreme Court Justice~~

William Brennan ^{today told} ~~to~~ some five hundred spring graduates;

urging the young people ~~to~~ not to lose faith with their

elders. Said he: -

~~Justice Brennan telling his youthful audience:~~

^ "Some of your ~~wise~~ elders feel, ~~that as Americans~~

~~we've lost our way in the woods,~~ that we don't know where

we're going - if anywhere. But ^{he added,} "don't you get infected with

that silly virus. - ~~said he.~~

Truth is - the jurist went on - "we have just
outgrown that adolescent time - when everything that was
wrong with America was the fault of the Communists."

And there's a brighter day coming - said he; if only young
folks can be "patient and understanding - with the old
folks who sit home and wring their hands."

LEBANON

Next up: A riddle - by way of Lebanon, Oregon.

*Question: What do you get if you mix together -
three hundred pounds of flour - twenty-five pounds of
baking powder - two-hundred-and-seventy-five pounds of
sugar -- two-hundred pounds of fresh ~~ka~~ milk -- a hundred-
and-eighty pounds of fresh eggs - sixty pounds of salt -
and a ton ~~of~~ or so of fresh strawberries?*

Answer: A five thousand pound strawberry shortcake

And what do you do with it - once you've got it?

*You invite twelve thousand people - to help you eat it;
which is just what they've done for the annual Lebanon
Strawberry Festival - running from today through Saturday.*

BLACKPOOL

From Blackpool, England - a tale of two cities.

Disclosing today for the first time - the strange double life of one James Ellis-Morris.

In his native Blackpool - Ellis-Morris generally considered the next thing to a pauper. A familiar sight - shuffling through the streets of town; wearing ragged clothes - selling razor blades, pencils, anything to make a bob. His only friend - a Salvation Army singer by the name of Miss Annie Greaves - with whom he occasionally passes the time of day.

The "other" James Ellis-Morris -- a dashing, debonair gentleman who turned ~~up~~ up two or three times in Paris. A familiar sight at the famed Follies Bergere - always occupying the same front-row seat. Also cutting a wide swath - among the tall French beauties of the chorus line.

All this coming to light - with Ellis-Morris' recent death at age seventy-five. His will - disclosing

an estate of more than a hundred thousand ^{dollars} ~~America~~

of which he left about a thousand apiece -- to two of ^{these} ~~his~~

~~same~~ ^{girl} French friends. And all the rest - ninety-eight

thousand bucks - to the pure and honest Annie Greaves.

Virtue & triumphs again, Warren & e-l-u-t-m.