

L.T. BUICK, FISHER. TUESDAY, MAY 4, 1965

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

President Johnson went to Congress today -- for an additional military appropriation of Seven Hundred Million Dollars. The money needed over the next two months -- said the President -- to fight Communist aggression both in the Dominican Republic -- and in South Viet Nam. Mr. Johnson asserting that -- "when we are attacked -- we must not turn tail and run -- we must stand and fight."

Congressional leaders moving swiftly -- to grant the President's request. With approval expected -- no later than Thursday.

VIET NAM FOLLOW JOHNSON

U.S. Marines in Viet Nam are tonight engaged in battle.

A Marine armored column lashing out at a Communist-controlled village -- near the vital Da Nang Air Base. Marine jets joining the battle to sink three boatloads of Communist guerrillas -- attempting to flee the scene of action.

In the air war -- more than a hundred U.S. and South Vietnamese warplanes also were striking deep into North Viet Nam at targets including a munitions train -- a Communist barracks -- and a ferry. The air strike reported -- "highly successful."

DOMINICAN FOLLOW VIET NAM

Back in our own hemisphere -- U.S. Marines and Paratroopers exchanged sporadic gunfire with Dominican rebels today, ~~Across~~ the Ozama River -- in the heart of Santo Domingo.

Meanwhile, a rebel build-up of more than twelve thousand men ~~is~~ reported north and south of the American position. ~~The rebels~~ ^{they are} said to have at least three tanks -- captured from the Dominican Army.

But American military officials ~~are~~ apparently ~~are~~ confident they can ~~handle~~ handle the situation. There are already fourteen thousand U.S. servicemen -- ashore in the island republic, ~~and~~ ^{with} another five thousand -- standing by.

PAKISTAN

Communist China today labeled India -- the real aggressor in its recent border battle with Pakistan. Radio Peking asserting that India actually provoked the Pakistani attack -- in order to strike back, and thus occupy all -- of the disputed Rann of Kutch. The Chinese charge says New Delhi is an out and out perversion of fact.

A perhaps related development. At a closed meeting of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization -- in London, Pakistan is said to have refused blanket support -- of American policies in Viet Nam.

The meeting supposedly called to bolster Allied defenses -- against Communist aggression in the Far East. But with France already a SEATO hold-out -- and Pakistan increasingly in doubt -- that objective now apparently is in double jeopardy.

FLOOD

The greatest flood in the history of the Upper Mississippi -- virtually at an end tonight. The raging father of rivers -- hitting Hannibal, Missouri, today -- in its final gasp. Now receding slowly -- toward its normal channels.

The final tally -- on the river's month-long rampage: fifteen dead -- forty thousand driven from their homes -- and property damage estimated at about two hundred million dollars.

ABEL

The saga of Colonel Rudolph Abel ^{WDA} broadcast today
on a Moscow television station. Colonel Abel -- convicted here
as a Soviet master-spy. Later exchanged by the United States in
Nineteen Sixty-Two -- for American U-Two Pilot Francis Powers.
His life story, therefore, one of the rare instances -- in which
the Soviets have admitted their Intelligence activities abroad.
Today's Moscow
~~The~~ broadcast very careful ~~of~~ on one point, however.
At no time was it mentioned that Abel did his spying -- here in
America.

YEMEN

From the Middle East -- reports today of an end to the three-year-old Yemeni civil war. Rival Republican and Royalist forces -- said to have hammered out peace terms -- after six months of an uneasy truce. This from the semi-official Middle East News Agency. Full details -- to be announced tomorrow.

QUAKE

The death toll in that El Salvador earthquake -- still climbing today. Latest reports indicating -- at least One Hundred and Twenty-Five dead. Another Five Hundred persons -- reported injured. Hardest hit -- the poorer sections of San Salvador -- and adjoining communities.

BASUTOLAND

Last week -- the first elections in the history of Basutoland. That British protectorate -- surrounded completely by the Union of South Africa. The winner -- announced today. It's the Right-Wing Basuto National Party.

The B.N.P. -- as it is commonly known -- a black African party. But pledged, nevertheless, to economic cooperation -- with the white-dominated Union of South Africa. Also pledged to refuse all offers of Communist aid -- in favor of Western aid. This then the friendly government that will head Basutoland -- when it achieves its independence next year -- as the Kingdom of Lesotho.

REACTORS

From Miami Beach -- news of a new breed of nuclear reactors -- that will produce ^{even more energy} ~~more nuclear fuel~~ than they consume. This revolutionary development disclosed ^{today} by Chairman Glenn ~~W.~~ Seaborg -- of the Atomic Energy Commission.

According to Dr. Seaborg -- the new reactors are called "low-grain breeders" -- or "high-grain breeders" -- depending on their efficiency. Because of these terms -- said Dr. Seaborg -- official government reports sometimes sound like documents -- "from the American Kennel Club." Indeed, the Chairman adding that when the new process is finally perfected -- the ultimate reactor will probably be called -- "best of breed."

DRESS

Want a long and happy marriage? Then wear a long wedding dress. That advice to the prospective June bride -- offered today by an official of the Bridal and Bridesmaids Apparel Association -- of New York. Based -- oddly enough -- on a recent study of divorcees -- in the New England area.

The divorcees asked whether they were married in formal ceremonies -- wearing the traditional formal-length wedding gown, ~~or~~ whether they had been wed in so-called "quickie" ceremonies -- wearing a less formal gown -- or perhaps even street clothes. The result: ~~Eight~~ out of ten of the women -- admitting that they had been wed in "quickie" ceremonies, ~~Following~~ briefly -- by "quickie" divorces.

Thus the conclusion, Dick. The shorter the bride's gown -- the shorter her marriage.

DUEL

From Oxford, England -- this report today of a college duel. According to a code of conduct -- dating back to the Fifteenth Century.

The duel touched off by a dispute -- at the St. Edmund College Debating Society. When the President of the Society -- ruled a member out of order. The member's only recourse -- under ancient English law -- was to challenge the President to a duel.

The President -- duly granted the choice of weapons. A fencing expert -- he chose umbrellas. The resulting duel -- concluded in ten seconds. The President promptly felling his challenger -- with a sharp jab to the -- ah -- mid-section.

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In fact, only one real casualty -- ~~and that was~~ the umbrella.