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The possibility of a new basis for peace talks in Viet Nam - raised by an article published in Moscow over the weekend. The Communist Party newspaper Pravda calling American bombing of North Viet Nam - the only "major obstacle" to greater U S Soviet cooperation. Hinting that Russia might drop its demand for full U S troop withdrawal from Viet Nam - as a prerequisite to peace negotiations.

Be that as it may - the Communists were apparently back at the old stand today at the United Nations. The Polish Ambassador to the U N demanding an unconditional cessation of hostilities - as the first step to a negotiated peace in Viet Nam. There can be no peace - said he - as long as the U S continues to bomb North Viet Nam - or as long as "a threat to resume the bombing persists."

VIET NAM

On the other side of the globe--American forces today consolidating hard-won positions; near the so-called demilitarized zone.

With warships and heavy bombers--blasting targets in and along the No Man's Land. And crack American paratroops moving in--to reinforce the Marines who originally secured the area.

At the same time--the Leathernecks transferring two of their division headquarters farther north. In another apparent move to prepare for that big monsoon offensive--the Viet Cong has planned.

To the South--American commanders today call in "Operation Irving"--even more of a success than they first imagined. For the first time--the U.S. First Air Cavalry able to capture more of the Viet Cong--than it had to kill.

Viet Cong stragglers who once fought to the death--still surrendering today--to allied troops--armed with nothing more than loudspeakers.

AMBASSADOR

Elsewhere in Washington - ⁷~~Dr.~~ Alexis Johnson

was sworn in today - as our new Ambassador to Japan.

Johnson a veteran career diplomat - formerly ~~deputy~~ deputy

under-secretary of State for political affairs. In his

first official statement - calling relations between Japan

and the United States - "the keystone of peace and

prosperity in the Pacific.'

Secretary of State Dean Rusk at his elbow -

also emphasizing the importance of those ties ~~ga~~ between

the two countries, ^{this} in an open address to Japan - ~~Dean Rusk~~

telling the Japanese that in Alexis Johnson - "you are

getting one of our best."

MADRID

The first mid-space collision between a pair of Earth-orbiting satellites--was disclosed for the first time today at Madrid, at an opening session--of the Seventeenth Astronautical Congress.

Dr. Hilliard Paige of General Electric reporting that two unmanned U.S. satellites--drifted together and bumped each other last year at a speed of about twenty thousand miles and hour. Both surviving the crash--and both still in operation, thanks mainly to their built-in--"earth-orbiting gravity gradient stabilization systems," says Dr. Paige who dismisses the accident as nothing more than a natural risk--of what he called "outer space in a rush hour."

CAPE KENNEDY

Speaking of space - this next from Cape Kennedy. America's final flight in the two-man Gemini space series - today set for November Ninth.

Astronauts Jim Lovell and Ed Aldrin - to pilot Gemini-Twelve. Their mission - to rendezvous with an Agena target rocket; later to soar to an altitude of four ~~hundred and sixty~~ hundred and sixty miles, Preparatory to extra-vehicular activities - including a "space stand" and a "space walk."

The Gemini wrap-up to be followed in less than a month - by the first flight of the three-man Apollo series. This perhaps as early - as December Fifth.

The American space program edging ever closer - to ~~that~~ manned flight to the Moon.

ALGIERS

From Algiers - news today of devastating floods and widespread destruction; the result of week-long rains - in western Algeria.

Officials reporting at least twenty dead - many of them children swept away by the raging waters. Thousand more - left homeless. Emergency ~~Xfk~~ "food lifts" now being organized - to supply villages cut off for days by the flooding.

SIERRA MADRE

The storm they once called "the great Hurricane Inez"--
Inez blowing herself out--against the Sierra Madre Mountains
in Western Mexico. Weather experts predicting the end of the
hurricane--in a matter of hours. And for those who felt her
wrath--none too soon.

With sixteen days of meandering across the South Atlantic
--the Caribbean--and the Gulf of Mexico--Inez claiming at least
three hundred victims. Even in her death throes the great
storm still a potential threat to life and property. The
Mexican federal weather bureau predicting flash floods through
tomorrow--south from Ciudad Victoria and Westward from Tampico;
as Inez unleashes the last of her fury.

NEW YORK

Tried in absentia--Congressman Adam Clayton Powell was found guilty today by a New York jury--guilty--on five counts, of criminal contempt. All of them arising from his failure to appear for examination--in connection with a judgement of a hundred and sixty-four thousand dollars; won against him--by a Harlem widow.

Each of the five counts--carrying a possible thirty day jail sentence. Powell is expected to appeal.

SUPREME COURT

A busy day today ~~for~~^{for} the U S Supreme Court.

The high tribunal disposing of more than forty cases, in all - in its first decision day of the new fall term.

In the case ~~■~~ that attracted the most interest - the Supreme Court rejecting an appeal by a group of ~~A~~Atheists, attempting to nullify state tax exemptions accorded churches - on the grounds that they constituted a subsidy of religion. Not so - said the court.

Among its other rulings - the court agreeing to consider a new legislative ~~reapportionment~~ reapportionment plan for Florida. ~~Upholding~~^{Also} a ~~■~~ New York State Law - that makes it a crime to distribute obscene literature to persons under seventeen. And, finally, agreeing to review libel judgments - of about a half-million apiece; awarded by southern juries to retired Major General Edwin Walker - and former University of Georgia football coach Wally Butts.

And that brings us to you, Warren.

HARTFORD

From Hartford, Connecticut--news today that still another bastion of male supremacy--has finally crumbled before the inroads of femininity. The Fuller Brush Company announcing that it will soon start hiring--Lady Fuller Brush Men.

Times are changing--said a Fuller spokesman--and "we must change with them." The new "Fuller Brush Man"--to be known as "Fullerettes."