

PEKING

Thurs. Aug. 3-77.

Red China's vast liberation army - in a state of turmoil tonight. Radio Peking admitting ~~publicly~~ for the first time - that the army is split wide open in the ~~current~~ ^{so-called} "cultural revolution!" - ~~so-called~~.

Forces loyal to Chairman ~~Pu~~ Mao -- doing their ^{to} best support the the Central government--says Peking.

On the other hand -- hostile troops ^{are reported} ~~said~~ to be inciting mass strikes in industry; also accused of urging peasants "to storm into the cities" - to vent their wrath against the Maoists.

Peking citing only one trouble spot by name - the rebel-torn city of Wuhan in Central China. However, the Soviet News Agency Tass reports something akin to "civil war" -- in South China, as well.

Tass quoting travelers from China - as saying that "thousands have been killed and wounded," ~~with~~ normal services paralyzed - and famine sweeping the land.

TAXES

Mounting repercussions from the war in Vietnam

~~were~~ *making headlines here at home today. President Johnson asking Congress - for a temporary ten percent surcharge on private and ~~corporations~~ corporate income taxes; four percent more - than he first asked in January.*

This principally to check the threat of inflation - arising from our ~~ex~~ efforts in Vietnam - said the President. Adding that the extra money will be used - "to give American fighting men the weapons, the equipment and the help they need" also "to hold the budget deficit within limits - and to continue our education, health, poverty, urban and other vital programs." However, congressional reaction lukewarm, at ~~sp~~ best.

At the same time - more troops for Vietnam.

The President's tax message disclosing authorization for an increase of about fifty thousand ^{more.} ~~men~~ - ^{hoping it} ~~in the U.S.~~ ~~troop commitment to that part of the world. Raising authorized U.S. troop strength~~ to more than half a million men.

WASHINGTON

Elsewhere on Capitol Hill - the Senate judiciary committee today formally approved the nomination of Thurgood Marshall; ~~to be the~~ first negro ~~ever~~ to serve on the U S Supreme Court. With final confirmation by the full Senate - now a virtual certainty.

Thurgood Marshall - to succeed retiring Justice Tom C. Clark. Proving - as President Johnson put it - that a negro can reach "the top of the heap."

VIETNAM FOLLOW WASHINGTON

~~Halfway round the world - an astounding~~ ^Q repeat

today of a "one in a million" accident. With a U S
ammunition transport plane ^{WTA} attempting to land at a
special forces camp in the northernmost province of South
Vietnam, when it was stuck by an American artillery shell -
fired at the enemy.

The plane - cut in half. Three men aboard - fatally
injured. A similar accident - last month near Saigon, when
a U S Phantom jet - accidentally crossed the path of a U S
Howitzer.

In ground fighting - a series of battles today
North of Danang. U S Marines claiming the lives of some
seventy Viet Cong -- as against eight of their own dead.
Meanwhile, U S casualty figures for the week - lowest
since mid-February; showing the loss of a hundred and
fourteen men - versus enemy losses of nearly fourteen
hundred men.

JORDAN RIVER

For a third straight day - the sound of gunfire
~~echoed and re-echoed~~ ^{historic River} across the Jordan, ~~River today.~~
Israeli and Jordanian troops ^{involved in} ~~peppered away at each~~
~~in still~~ another breach of that shaky mideast ceasefire.

Nevertheless, Egypt and Israel~~s~~ are said to have
agreed today - to terms put forward by U N truce supervisor
General Odd Bull. Terms providing that both will abstain
from navigation of the Suez Canal -- for a period of one
month. This perhaps a first step - toward reopening that
vital waterway.

KHARTOUM FOLLOW JORDAN RIVER

While at Khartoum in the Sudan - more talk today at that Arab Foreign Ministers meeting. Egypt presenting a plan for peace with Saudi Arabia in Yemen - where they both are embroiled ~~was~~ in Civil War - on opposing sides. The Arabs also reported close to an agreement ~~to~~ to tone down their radio propaganda wars against each other. This supposedly to pave the way for an Arab summit meeting late this month -- to plot future strategy against Israel.

All of which gives the facade of Arab unity ~~which~~ when, in fact, nothing could be further from the truth. Middle East observers noting ^l that Libya, Jordan and Kuwait -- along with Saudi Arabia - are more afraid of Nasser than ^A Israel. In addition - Morocco and Algeria are still at odds in a border dispute; Socialist Syria and Algeria - ~~are~~ a constant threat to the more conservative Arab states. Not to mention Morocco and Tunisia - allegedly pro-western in outlook.

Then why all the talk - about another 'holy war'

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***against Israel. The answer - we're told -- in an old Arab
proverb, to wit: "Defeat is not dishonorable - only
acceptance of defeat."***

HOUSTON

Navy Commander Scott Carpenter -- one of America's original seven astronauts - soon to leave the U S space program. The announcement ~~today~~ today - from Houston.

Scott Carpenter - first man to experience the hostile environments ^{both} of deep space ^{and} of the deep sea. And ^{to} ~~now~~ concentrate on the latter. Joining U S Navy experts - in preparations for Sealab Three; an experiment that will put men six hundred feet below the ocean's surface - for two months next year.

ESSEN

The last of the great Krupps - Alfried Krupp

*Von Boklen and Halbach -- was laid to his rest today in
So Essen, Germany. The burial in a family plot - in a
Wagnerian-setting of thunder and rain; against a somber
backdrop of towering smokestacks - from the Krupp
industrial empire.*

*The eulogy - by President Eugen Gersenmaier
of the West German parliament, praising Krupp - a
convicted war criminal - for standing by his motto in
life; a pledge to - "bear responsibility for the firm".
Said Gerstenmaier: "Under this motto - Krupp, the
fearless one, went before the American military tribunal -
to take responsibility for himself, his name, his firm and
for all of Germany. And for that - Germany thanks him."*

MOSCOW

Seventeen residents of Glassboro, New Jersey -
~~were~~ ^{were} on tour today in Moscow, ~~winding~~ ^{winding} up three weeks
in the Soviet Union -- ~~are~~ trying to spread "the spirit
of Hollybush," ~~As~~ a follow-up to that recent Glassboro
summit meeting - between President Johnson and Soviet
Premier Kosygin.

What impressions have they gained so far?

A spokesman for the group saying that all the Russians
they met -- were "friendly, hospitable and also obsessively
afraid of war." As for the American^s - said the spokesman -
they have all learned at least one Russian word: "Mir" -
the ^{word} ~~word~~ for peace.

On the debit side - at least one sobering note.

The group reporting that apart from Soviet officials -
most Russians had never even heard of that Glassboro
meeting. The Soviet press - having almost totally ignored
the event.

MEXICO CITY

Here's a "believe it or not" -- from Mexico City.

News today that waterfront workers in three of Mexico's gulf ports -- have just requested a reduction ~~ky~~ in wages.

That's right - they want a pay cut. The workers explaining -- their cost of living is much too high. So they're counting on lower wages -- to force lower prices.

~~Believe it or not.~~ How about that?

HOT DOGS

In Paris -- they call it "Un chien chaud". South of the border -- it masquerades as a "chili chihuahua." Here at home - ~~the~~ the ever-popular "hot dog". Subject ~~of~~ of a special gastronomical report today - from the National Geographic.

The hot dog, ~~as you know~~ - originally born in Frankfurt, Germany. A "Frankfurter" - or "Daschund sausage" & as it later came to be known. German immigrants carrying the recipe with them - when they migrated to the United States ~~was~~ back ~~in~~ in the Eighteen-Forties.

It remained, however, for American ~~ing~~ ingenuity -- to popularize the "Frankfurter". At the turn of the century, an enterprising concessionaire of New York's Polo Grounds -- selling his "Daschund sausages" in specially-made long buns; calling them "red hots" -- which soon became "hot dogs."

Today the hot dog ~~is~~ a favorite snack -- the world

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over. In Africa - they're made of lamb and antelope.

In Finland - ~~its~~ reindeer meat. In Japan - whale meat.

In Alaska bear meat. No not really, anyhow
~~But~~ the good old U S A ^{is} ~~is~~ still the hot dog capitol of the

world. Americans annually consuming ~~upwards of~~ ^{some} ten

billion hot dogs, Warren

~~Would you say they've passed the mustard, Warren?~~