

Wed. Apr. 23-69.

In the Sea of Japan -- the tension mounts. With North Korea warning today -- that U.S. reconnaissance activity could provoke "another total war in Korea." The Soviet Union also expressing a growing concern -- over the U.S. naval build-up in that area.

Meanwhile, the pace quickens ashore, too. With North Korea charging that U.S. troops -- today fired "thousands of bullets and shells" across that Korean truce line. The Americans also ~~saying~~ <sup>are</sup> said to be moving up heavy guns and equipment -- in alleged violation of the existing Korean armistice agreement. Radio Tyongyang ~~(Soviet Union)~~ calling these clearly -- "war provocation moves."

From the White House though -- ~~a deadly silence.~~ <sup>not a word.</sup>

President Nixon standing by his earlier statement -- that U.S. reconnaissance missions "will continue, -- they will be protected!"

<sup>This</sup> Apparently in keeping with his previous pledge -- that he will issue a warning once -- and one time only.

The U.S. State Department merely adding today -- that Russia's complaint would be better addressed to North Korea ; on the grounds it is that country -- not ours -- chiefly "responsible for tension."

BEIRUT

Crisis in Lebanon. At Beirut -- the Lebanese government  
~~today~~ declaring a five-day state of emergency <sup>in an</sup> Attempting to curb a  
series of anti-government demonstrations <sup>which observers say could bring</sup> -- ~~bordering~~ on civil war.  
~~The latest sending~~ <sup>streaming</sup> Thousands through the streets of Beirut  
demanding freedom of operation for anti-Israeli Arab Al Fatah  
commandos.

SUEZ FOLLOW BEIRUT

At the same time -- another tank and artillery duel ~~today~~ --  
the full length of the Suez Canal. Cairo further asserting it will  
never cease and desist -- as long as Israel continues to build up its  
fortifications.

Be that as it may -- Britain <sup>was</sup> joining the U.S. and the U.N.  
~~today~~ <sup>in an</sup> appealing for restraint on both sides while the search for  
peace goes on. Warning that unless the shooting stops -- all may be  
lost.

CRIME

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Turning to the domestic front -- the war against crime in the U.S. begins to pick up steam. President Nixon asking Congress today -- for an extra twenty-five million under the Safe Streets Act. This in addition to the three hundred million -- originally ~~xx~~ requested by ~~then~~ President Johnson. The new money -- to be used to double anti-Mafia operations.

In the same vein -- the President also announced plans to expand federal wire tapping activities -- to set up twenty regional anti-racketeering field offices -- to establish a unique federal state racket squad in New York City.

LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles -- the verdict is in -- as you doubtless know by now. The same jury that found Sirhan Sirhan guilty of first degree murder last week -- today setting his penalty at death in the gas chamber. Demanding the ultimate "an eye for an eye" -- in the slaying last June of the late Senator Robert Kennedy.

Formal <sup>date of</sup> sentencing <sup>is</sup> now set for May Fourteenth, ~~At~~ which time Judge Herbert Walker could -- if he so desires -- reduce the penalty to life imprisonment. However, he has done so only once before -- in fifteen years on the bench. ~~Suggesting~~ <sup>an appeal</sup> ~~as~~ <sup>maybe</sup> Sirhan's last hope; <sup>and</sup> ~~is~~ that -- a long shot, ~~at best~~.

PARIS

On the French money markets in Paris, Marseilles, Bordeaux -- a flood of French francs, ~~today~~. Thousands upon thousands of Frenchmen -- converting their cash into U.S. dollars, West German marks, gold, anything but francs. ~~With~~ <sup>today was</sup> the Bank of France forced to dip deep into <sup>its</sup> reserves -- to keep the bottom from falling out.

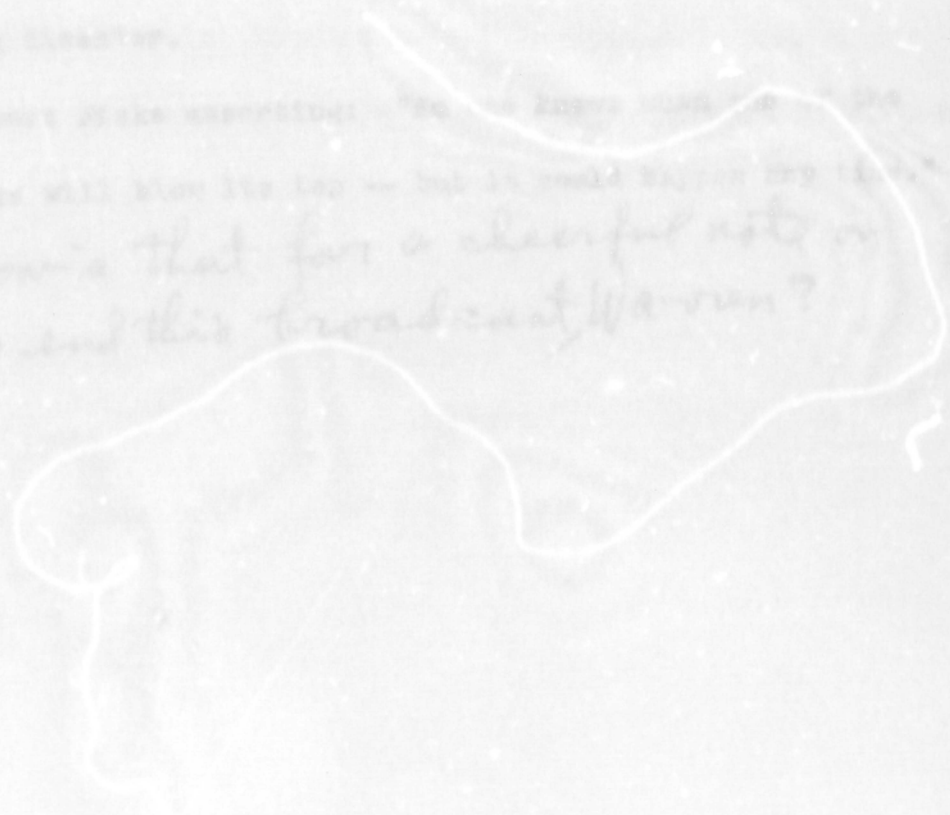
The reason -- as you know -- a growing fear that DeGaulle may be finished; that he will lose Sunday ~~in~~ in the national referendum on which he has staked his political future. ~~Indeed,~~ <sup>Le Grand</sup> ~~DeGaulle meeting~~ <sup>Charles met</sup> with his Cabinet today in regular weekly session -- later saying he will meet with the Cabinet again next Wednesday <sup>as he put it,</sup> "in principle". <sup>Paris this is Pres.</sup> According to ~~the French~~ -- DeGaulle's way of saying <sup>French</sup> that come another Wednesday -- there may be no Cabinet.

BONN

At Bonn, West Germany -- a century of German legal precedent ~~has~~  
finally <sup>been</sup> reversed, ~~today~~. The West German Cabinet -- voting to abolish  
a twenty year statute of limitations on murder. This -- in keeping  
with a U.N. resolution. <sup>All of</sup> which means that Nazi mass murderers, <sup>even today</sup> can no  
longer count on escaping punishment -- by simply hiding out and biding  
their time.

BELFAST

We hear ~~how~~<sup>the</sup> threat of civil war in northern ~~Iris~~ Ireland ~~perhaps~~<sup>may have been</sup> narrowly averted today. With Premier Terrence O'Neill -- whipping into line his own Protestant-dominated Unionist party. ~~Assuring~~<sup>Demanding</sup> passage of a "one man, one vote" election reform -- aimed at giving Roman Catholics a bigger voice in government. ~~The only question now~~<sup>the Ulster</sup> will it be enough? Tension in the north of Ireland tonight!





WASHINGTON

Washington again -- <sup>the</sup> a fiftieth anniversary of the American Geophysical Union, <sup>where those attending heard</sup> ~~hearing~~ a report that volcanoes swell like balloons -- before they burst into firey eruptions.

This -- according to Richard Fiske of the U.S. Geological Survey; who says the top of Mount Kilauea in Hawaii swelled three feet -- up and out -- during the two years immediately preceding ~~the~~ a recent spectacular eruption. Adding that it's time we started to monitor the Cascades here in our own country -- for similar signs of impending disaster.

Scientist Robert Fiske asserting: "No one knows when one of the Cascade peaks will blow its top -- but it could happen any time."

How's that for a cheerful note on which to end this broadcast, Warren?

OKLAHOMA CITY

From Oklahoma City comes news today that film star Joel McCrea -- has just been named a member of the Hall of Fame of Great Western Actors. The man who made "Wichita Town" -- "Ride the High Country" and so many other memorable movies -- only the second living person ever so honored.

Who was the first? John Wayne? Hop-Along-Cassidy? Roy Rogers? Gene Autry? No, sirree, Bob! The first living Hall of Famer -- lovely Amanda Blake -- perhaps better known as "Miss Kitty" of T.V.'s "Gunsmoke." Like Joel McCrea -- a throwback to the days when men were men -- and women were glad of it.