

NATO

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IN PARIS--FOURTEEN NATO NATIONS TODAY OFFICIALLY TURNED THUMBS DOWN--ON DEGAULLE'S LATEST CHALLENGE TO THE ORGANIZATION. THE FOURTEEN STATING THAT NO SYSTEM OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT--CAN BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE NATO ALLIANCE. THUS, IN EFFECT, REJECTING DEGAULLE'S DEMANDS-- THAT ALL NATO UNITS ON FRENCH SOIL MUST BE PLACED UNDER FRENCH COMMAND.

THE JOINT DECLARATION STRESSING--THAT NATO IS MORE THAN AN INSTRUMENT FOR COMMON DEFENSE, IN THAT IT REFLECTS THE DETERMINATION OF NORTH ATLANTIC COUNTRIES--"TO CONSULT AND ACT TOGETHER IN THE FURTHERANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE, PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY."

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MEANWHILE, SOVIET AMBASSADOR VALERIN ZORIN--CONFERRED TODAY WITH DEGAULLE FOR NEARLY AN HOUR. CLOSE ON THE HEELS OF HIS STATEMENT--THAT RUSSIA WILL SIGN A NON-AGGRESSION OR FRIENDSHIP TREATY WITH FRANCE--ANYTIME DEGAULLE WANTS IT. BUT WHAT THEY TALKED ABOUT--^{- that's} A CLOSELY GUARDED SECRET.

TIGER

FOR YEARS--THE COMMUNIST CHINESE HAVE REFERRED TO THE UNITED STATES--AS A "PAPER TIGER." THE SAME NAME ^{was} APPLIED TO RED CHINA TODAY--BY RETIRED MARINE GENERAL SAMUEL ~~#~~ GRIFFITH THE SECOND. LATEST CHINA EXPERT TO APPEAR BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

GENERAL GRIFFITH ASSERTING THAT EXCEPT IN REGIONAL TERMS-- "CHINA IS A PAPER TIGER." CAPABLE OF MOUNTING A MAJOR WAR--ONLY IN NEIGHBORING LAND AREAS. AND LIKELY TO REMAIN SO FOR AT LEAST FIVE TO SIX YEARS--UNTIL IT DEVELOPS AN EFFECTIVE NUCLEAR CAPABILITY.

IN THE MEANTIME--SAID THE GENERAL--THERE IS NO COMPARISON BETWEEN AMERICAN AND CHINESE MILITARY STRENGTH.

"IT'S A RATIO OF TEN TO ONE"^{in our favor}--SAID HE.

PROTECTION FOLLOW VIETNAM

American troops in Vietnam we hear -- soon will be the best armed, best protected fighting men in the world. If they are not that already.

This by virtue of an Army order today -- for an additional one hundred thousand M16 rifles -- to be used in Vietnam. Plus a second order for new bullet proof vests -- to be issued to all helicopter crewmen.

The M-16 -- a lightweight weapon -- with increased firepower at short range. Also a hollow stock -- that prevents it from sinking in water. The new bullet proof vest -- tough enough to stop a machine gun bullet at a thousand yards.

VIET NAM

THE CITY OF DA NANG IN VIET NAM--PARALYZED TODAY BY A GENERAL STRIKE. MARKING THE RESUMPTION OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATIONS--OVER THE OUSTER OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL NGUYEN CHANH THI. THE PROTEST SPILLING OVER INTO NEIGHBORING BINH DINH PROVINCE--ALSO TO THE COASTAL CITY OF GUANG NGAI. AND UNLIKE YESTERDAY--WHEN HE OPOSED THE MOVEMENT--GENERAL THI TODAY APPARENTLY GIVING IT HIS TACIT APPROVAL.

IN THE WAR ITSELF--GROUND ACTION AT A VIRTUAL STANDSTILL TODAY. NOT SO--IN THE AIR. GOVERNMENT DIVE BOMBERS--SWOOPING ACROSS THE ROOFTOPS OF SAIGON, TO BLAST A COMMUNIST POSITION--BARELY TWO MILES FROM THE CITY'S CHINESE QUARTER.

INDONESIA

Sukarno of Indonesia -- who seems to have more lives than a cat -- presumably has just used up another one of them. Reports from Jakarta tell of a bloodless military coup, followed by the arrest -- of fifteen leftists ministers, with Sukarno himself -- now confined to his country retreat.

The power grab announced by Suharto -- Indonesia's new military strongman; who says that Sukarno and the Fifteen ministers are in "protective custody" -- to save them from "the anger of the people." But we hear Sukarno will remain a figurehead President. Partly because of his popular following -- partly to give the Army's new government some semblance of constitutionality.

INDIA

Twenty-seven prominent Punjabi Hindus -- arrested today by Punjab state police. Two of them -- key members of India's ruling congress party. All of them -- charged with inciting riots. The aftermath to week-long violence -- in protest against the government plan to establish a separate Sikh State in the Punjab.

Nevertheless, renewed rioting today at Sholapur -- about three hundred miles from Bombay. Situation complicated still further -- by General Secretary Yagya Dutt Sharma of the Jan Sangh Party, promising a fast to the death -- unless the plan for a Sikh State is dropped.

SPACE

Neal Armstrong and David Scott -- heading home from that wrong side of the world landing, hand an engine failure on their military transport -- eight hundred miles East of Hawaii. But, as usual, the other three engines -- were enough, and the two Astronauts now due back at Houston -- tomorrow morning, where they will try to help unravel the mystery -- of the perilous flight of Gemini Eight.

LEONOV FOLLOW SPACE

By the way Soviet Cosmonaut Alexei Leonov -- on the first anniversary of his history-making walk through space, reported that as he stepped to the door of his own spaceship -- it began suddenly to rotate. Evidently -- from the shift in weight. The trouble apparently similar -- said he -- to difficulties encountered by the American astronauts in Gemini Eight; though not nearly -- so severe.

INDIAN

ROBERT LAFOLLETTE BENNETT--A FULL-BLOODED ONEIDA INDIAN--
TODAY WAS SELECTED THE NATION'S NEW COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN
AFFAIRS; THE FIRST OF HIS RACE TO HOLD THE JOB--SINCE THE
DAYS OF RECONSTRUCTION NEARLY ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

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BORN IN WISCONSIN--RAISED IN ALASKA--BENNETT IS A VETERAN
OF TWENTY-NINE YEARS IN THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

HIS APPOINTMENT--BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON-- MARKING THE FIRST
TIME IN MEMORY--THAT THE JOB HAS GONE TO A GOVERNMENT CAREER
EMPLOYEE.

MAN

From London, a report on Actor David McCallum; fearless master spy -- on "The Man from U.N.C.L.E." television series.

McCallum was making a personal appearance -- at a local theater, when he made the mistake of stepping into the audience -- to accept a kiss from a teen-age fan. Before he could say "UNCLE" -- dozens of girls were climbing all over him. Tearing at his clothes -- screaming their undying affection.

The theater manager quickly doused the lights and McCallum fled by way of the back door. The man from UNCLE -- just chicken, would you say, Warren?

COMPUTERS

You've heard of computerized match making? Listen to this from Needham, Massachusetts. Three teen-age boys enlisted the aid of a computer; trying to find compatible dates -- for a high school dance. How'd it work? One of the boys -- was paired with seven different girls. But the other two boys -- they with each other! Who would want to leave such an important matter up to IBM?