

PARIS

Thurs. Jan. 30 - '69 -

Setback at Paris. As you may have heard by now today's first free exchange of peace views ended in failure - at least, on the surface. For seven and a half hours - North Vietnamese and Viet Cong negotiators turning back every American peace move.

Both sides agreeing "no progress."

SAIGON FOLLOW PARIS

Saigon reports a sharp increase in Viet Cong terrorist attacks and abduction of some eleven hundred South Vietnamese civilians - over the past week. This seen as a demonstration of Communist "muscle" - perhaps in preparation for another major offensive.

PENTAGON FOLLOW SAIGON

Here at home - Defense Secretary Melvin

Laird was also speculating on the possibility of a new TET offensive. U.S. and South Vietnamese troops are keeping up the pressure said he, in hopes of disrupting any concerted attack. Adding, in any event, "we can contain such an offensive."

Secretary Laird also said he plans to visit the war zone soon.

MIDDLE EAST

The Middle East - again at flash point tonight. With Radio Baghdad charging an attack by Israeli jets - on Iraqi forces in Jordan. Jerusalem firing back - that the charge is an obvious attempt to cover up for turmoil back in Iraq.

As for the two Americans held in Baghdad, still no word as to why. Meanwhile, a report from Cairo - that the United States has asked Egypt to intervene in their behalf.

DULLES

From Washington we hear of the death of master spy Allen W. Dulles - but he was far more than that. The former head of the C I A - an expert at the craft of intelligence for more than fifty years, in the end - the victim of complications resulting from flu and pneumonia.

Allen Dulles' first introduction to the mysterious world of espionage was back in Nineteen Sixteen when he served as a U.S. ~~diplomat~~ diplomatic officer at Bern, Switzerland - a World War One center for spies and counter spies. He later joined the office of Strategic Services during World War Two, then head of the C I A during the Eisenhower years; while his brother, the late John Foster Dulles, was also serving Ike as Secretary of State.

His greatest adventures along the way are still top secret of course. Even so, he was cited for

valor by both the French and Belgian governments -

as well as by his own. But the accolade he appreciated

perhaps best - that from the Kremlin; which once said

if he ever got to Heaven - "he would blow up the clouds, mine the stars and slaughter the angels."

Where black is white and white is black ~~that~~ that was the supreme compliment.

During my own lifetime there have been a few things about which I delighted to boast. One of these was that at The Princeton Graduate ~~School~~ College where I went to study Constitutional Law, under the number one authority, Professor Corwin, there were just two of us in the class. The other student's name was Dulles, and he was definitely ~~the~~ the head of the class! Later Allen became an important person in the State Department, where his grandfather had been Secretary of State; ^{as was} ~~also~~ his uncle Mr. Lansing, and his brother John Foster. Leaving the State Department he became one of the heads of the top New York law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell.

Gentle, soft-spoken, whimsical, scholarly

-- one of the ablest and one of the finest[†] men I ever
knew -- Allen Dulles, age seventy-five.

WHITE HOUSE

For President Nixon - busy day. First, the annual Congressional Prayer Breakfast; where he disclosed his formula for "keeping his cool" - when "problems seem insurmountable." "When everything seems to be coming apart at the seams." The secret - said he - one he learned from his "good Quaker" mother; that of maintaining inner peace.

Next - the Annual Presidential Prayer Breakfast; where the President told how most of the letters he receives - say, in effect, "we're praying for you, Mr. President." "Reading these" said he - "I have realized how great is the responsibility of all of us in government; but, we are sustained by their prayers - and we will meet the challenge of our time."

NEW YORK

Thor Heyerdahl rides again - the waves,
that is. Thor Heyerdahl - ~~as you recall, no doubt~~ -
erstwhile skipper of the Kon Tiki; who drifted ^{on} his
strange balsa craft - some four/thousand miles across
the Pacific. 22 years ago!

~~That was twenty-two years ago - believe it~~

~~or not.~~ Now - another ocean, another ship. On a visit
to New York - the Norwegian adventurer announcing
plans to cross the Atlantic this spring; using a boat
made of papyrus - same as the ancient Egyptians.

His purpose - said he - to prove that it could
have been/done thousands of years ago. Thor Heyerdahl
explaining that ~~was~~ a successful voyage, could add new
credibility" to an old theory; the theory that pre-
historic Inca and Aztec civilizations in Central America
- were inspired, in part, by "Egyptian culture."

How would you like to cross
the ocean in a paper boat, Warren?

NIXON FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

At the White House -
Later j, a visit from the three Apollo

Eight astronauts. After which the President announced that Flight Commander Borman and his family - will embark Sunday on a three week good will trip to Western Europe. At the same time - the President sending to Congress his first message as ~~Chief~~ Chief Executive. This A bid to extend for two more ~~more~~ years the President's authority to reorganize certain branches of the Federal Government.