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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Indian and Chinese Communist troops clashed briefly today -- high in the Himalayas on the frontier -- the Sikkim border. In the first exchange of fire between the opposing forces -- since the Chinese raids of Nineteen-Sixty-Two. This time the Chinese Reds crossed into Sikkim -- over the more than sixteen-thousand-foot Nathu-la Pass. About a hundred Chinese in all -- according to New Delhi. Mr. Shastri's spokesman says they were met and stopped by a superior force of Indians -- who eventually forced them to retreat back over Nathu-la into Tibet.

A later dispatch -- from Peking says that India has now dismantled all its "military structures" -- on the Chinese side of the Sikkim border. If true -- this would mean a major Indian concession.

The Chinese -- as you know -- demanding that India dismantle fortifications in both Sikkim and Ladakh -- do it by noon tomorrow, or face the consequences.

KASHMIR FOLLOW CHINA

Be that as it may -- the twentieth session of the United Nations -- opened optimistically today. Amid reports that both India and Pakistan ~~have~~ ^{have} agreed to accept a U.N. demand for a cease-fire. One that would end for now -- their undeclared war over Kashmir.

Indian Prime Minister Shastri ^{is} said to have notified the U.N. -- that he will order a "cessation of hostilities," ^{that} ~~is~~ immediately "on being informed -- of Pakistan's agreement to do likewise."

~~The rumor is that~~
~~For his party~~ President Ayub Khan of Pakistan ~~is~~
said to be preparing a similar notification.

RIOTS FOLLOW KASHMIR

Peace of a sort -- perhaps at hand -- China permitting.

But, the population of Pakistan is apparently far from satisfied as demonstrated today -- by two violent anti-Western riots.

The first -- in Karachi, where two U.S. facilities were the main targets -- of a mob that numbered in the thousands. The U.S. Information Library -- sacked and set afire -- with serious resulting damage. The U.S. Embassy -- also stoned; and its flag -- pulled to the ground, before the rioters were driven off -- by tear gas.

The second -- in Lahore. Where a smaller mob hurled rocks and missiles -- at the U.S. Consulate and the U.S. Information Service Office.

The State Department later expressing a "strong concern" -- over the riots . In return, a Pakistani promise of strengthened police protection -- in both cities.

VIET NAM

The cost of ~~that~~^{the} air war in Viet Nam -- going up, according to a report today from Saigon, ~~with~~^{with} Eight American aircraft -- said to have been lost in the last twenty-four hours. Making it one of the most costly days -- our ~~airmen~~^{airmen} ~~flyers~~^{flyers} ~~so far have had~~^{so far have had} ~~have yet experienced~~^{have yet experienced} in Viet Nam.

Nevertheless, U.S. fighters and bombers -- today continued their ceaseless barrage ~~Against~~^{Against} Communist targets ~~in~~ⁱⁿ both North and South Viet Nam.

While on the ground -- the Hundred and First Airborne -- completed a mop-up of "Operation Gibraltar" near An Khe. A final tally of the battlefield -- disclosing seventy-one more Communist dead. Raising Viet Cong losses in the day-and-a-half of fighting -- to two hundred and twenty-six.

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U.S. forces also uncovering -- a large quantity of opium, ~~which is~~^{which is} said to explain the "half-crazed" look -- of some of the Viet Cong, ~~who~~^{who} continued to charge U.S. positions -- after they had been shot four and five times.

VATICAN

At the Vatican in Rome -- a last-ditch attempt by conservatives, ~~To~~ block a vote -- on that controversial declaration of religious liberty. Promptly overruled -- by Pope Paul.

The result -- overwhelming approval -- in today's initial ballot. The Ecumenical Council voting more than eight-to-one -- in favor of the document.

The declaration now reverts -- to the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, ~~where~~ it will be revised in line with suggestions -- made during recent debate.

Final approval of the ~~document~~ ^{new church doctrine --} in essentially its present form ^{is} ~~λ~~ thus virtually assured.

GAMES

Some sixteen hundred American paratroopers -- dropped in on Turkey today, Along with about five hundred -- of their Turkish counterparts. In an assault -- on a make-believe "enemy" Attempting to gain a foothold on the Kocaeli Peninsula -- about fifty miles from Istanbul.

The military maneuver -- launching a defensive test of NATO's southern flank, That will eventually involve -- about sixty thousand NATO troops. Along a fifteen-hundred-mile front -- smack up against the Iron Curtain.

FLOODS

Rivers and creeks poured out of their banks today -- in parts of Oklahoma, Iowa, Kansas, Wisconsin and Illinois. Following a night of violent storms and tornadoes -- that dumped up to eight inches of rain -- across the midlands of America.

Hundreds of families in Guthrie, Oklahoma, and Stranger Creek, Kansas -- forced to flee their homes in the face of raging waters. Tornado damage in Wichita alone -- set at more than two hundred thousand dollars.

SUKARNO

They laughed when Sukarno sat down -- to talk about "the bomb." When he predicted recently that Indonesia would soon set off -- its own nuclear test blast. But reports from Jakarta and Hong Kong tonight -- would seem to indicate that Sukarno's words were more than just an empty boast.

From Jakarta comes news that increasing quantities of Chinese man and equipment -- have been arriving of late in Indonesia; at Sukarno's request.

Meanwhile, in Hong Kong, there is a rumor that Red China has agreed to set off its third atomic bomb -- somewhere on Indonesian soil. Most likely -- in the territory of West Irian -- New Guinea. Probably to coincide with the next Afro-Asian summit meeting -- set for November Fifth in Algiers.

Not exactly -- as Sukarno predicted. But if true -- a tremendous psychological advantage, nonetheless.

TWINS

From Belgrade, Yugoslavia -- the story today of a young peasant woman, ~~who~~ gave birth to two children -- in the space of twenty-five days.

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The first -- Nikola -- a bouncing baby boy born on August fourteenth. He weighed -- five-and-a-half pounds.

The second -- Miro -- a twin brother born twenty-five days later. *This second one a* bouncing behemoth -- weighing eleven pounds,
~~Exactly~~ twice as much -- as his older brother.

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The mother -- astounded at the second birth -- as was the local midwife. The father -- more so, ^{Warren,} Said he: "I hoped to become a father again -- but ~~I~~ never dreamed it would happen so soon."

SIGNING

At the White House -- President Johnson today signed into law -- a bill establishing the Assateague Island Seashore National Park. A Federal preserve -- along thirty-three miles of the Maryland and Virginia coastline.

The President noting that Assateague Island -- "is the last undeveloped seashore between Massachusetts and North Carolina." Adding that the remaining shoreline-"within reach of our major cities"-must be preserved, "If future generations -- are to remember us more with gratitude than sorrow."