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In response to Soviet provocations - Uncle Sam flexes his muscle. The Pentagon announcing plans today - to send some fifteen thousand men to West Germany next month. Their assignment - to take part in Nato war games - only thirty miles from the Czech border. While at Naples - the U S Sixth fleet was announcing plans for a similar show of strength. ^{also} Reporting that two U S guided ~~missile~~ missile destroyers will soon enter the Black Sea, ^{a sea} ~~a body of water bordering Russia~~ ^{belongs to them} ~~that~~ the Soviets like to consider ~~their own~~ ~~territory~~ ~~provinces~~

~~As a matter of fact~~ The Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda ^{was the} first to tell of the expected Black Sea cruise - calling this an American provocation - that "will aggravate further the dangerous tensions in an area ^{so} ~~close~~ close to the Soviet Union." ^{To which} ~~however~~

^{one of our} ~~this from~~ navy spokesman ^{replies:-} "Our ships do periodically operate in the Black Sea" - ^{and he added,} ~~and~~ "and we expect this ~~operation~~ to continue." ^{For every sea should be open to all!}

RESERVISTS

From The Pentagon ^{ward} ~~again - a sort of consolation~~
~~price today~~ for some twenty thousand G I's and ~~disburse~~
their families. These ^{are} national guard and army reserves
~~troops~~ called up at the height of the Pueblo crisis
earlier this year. Now scheduled for return to civilian
life - all of them - by the ~~the~~ end of the next year.
Lopping about five months - off their expected two year
tours of duty.

~~Reverse side - an adjustment in draft calls~~

~~to cover the releases.~~ ^{However} The army predicting an increase
in ^{draft calls} ~~quarter~~ by next spring - ^{some} ~~amounting to about~~ three
thousand men a month.

PARIS

Bit by bit ~~piece by piece~~ the structure of expanded peace talks begins to take shape in Paris. U S and North Vietnamese officials reportedly reaching agreement today - on a half dozen or so key points covering basic procedure. For instance, the conference room is to have only two doors; a victory for the U S - "our side, your side" concept. In return though - the U S sanctioning separate press briefings by the North Vietnamese - also the Viet Cong. This, a victory for enemy's "four sided ~~con~~ concept."

Among the points still to be decided: ~~Whether~~ Whether the conferees will use a square table, an oblong table, a round table - or maybe even separate tables. At any rate, both sides ^{seem planning on} ~~apparently choosing~~ ~~for~~ a start to the talks this coming Wednesday.

SAIGON FOLLOW PARIS

~~Half a world away~~ - In Saigon - another drama was taking place with South Vietnamese Vice President Ky ^{on} ~~taking to~~ television. ^{This} ~~on~~ on the eve of his ~~de~~ departure for Paris to head the Saigon delegation. ~~Ky~~ ^{Ky} Telling his countrymen: "We shall sit at the conference table - showing the nation's ~~absolute~~ desire for peace as well as its readiness to fight to the end any aggression."

~~Ky~~ ^{Then} adding: "We did not lose on the battle field - so there is no reason to let Communist domination come through the gate of negotiation."

SAN FRANCISCO

Former Air Force General William Eckert -

loses
~~fired today from~~ his job as Major League baseball
commissioner. Club owners taking the action - after
the close of a major-minor league meeting in San
Francisco. Buying up the remaining four years on
Eckert's original ~~was~~ seven year contract. ~~As for~~
Reason? - none given. The owners simply saying - a
new commissioner will be selected "soon".

SYDNEY

~~By the way, another~~ Pearl Harbor day ~~is~~ —
~~coming up~~ tomorrow, coinciding with publication of a new book -
by Australian historian Charles Bateson: — "The War
With Japan" - ^{The book} a product of fifteen years research on
the Pacific ^{part of} ~~campaign in~~ World War Two. ^{He} ~~Comes~~ to the
conclusion that Japan sealed its own fate - also, the
fate of Nazi Germany -- with that opening attack on
Pearl Harbor twenty-seven years ago tomorrow.

~~To be sure - it was~~ a "brilliant tactical
victory - but it gained the Japanese no worthwhile
strategic advantages" - ^{Australia's} says [^] Bateson. Adding that
indeed, "Pearl Harbor achieved over night - ~~and~~ what
no other event could have brought about so quickly; ^{that is}
the stamping out of vociferous and influential advocates
of non-intervention -- the uniting of all Americans in
the ~~aim~~ vigorous prosecution of the war. That
^{being} ~~this is~~ a feat never accomplished before in
American history and never since - says ^{the author,} ~~Charles Bateson.~~

EAST BERLIN (possible drop)

~~Meanwhile~~ In Western Europe the Two Germanys draw closer together. East and West German officials announcing today in East Berlin - completion of a new trade agreement, ^{with} ~~including~~ a provision that should end Communist harrassment - of West German traffic to and from West Berlin. Bonn Economics Minister Karl Schiller ~~xxx~~ asserting: "We have done everything we can to improve trade exchanges."

At the same time - West Berlin Mayor Klaus Schuetz was addressing a meeting of the "Indivisible Germany Foundation" also in East Berlin. ^{This in an} ~~Attempting~~ to reopen the Berlin Wall - to permit family reunions during the Christmas holiday.

CHICAGO

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"Man's health and his environment" - subject of a medical ~~conference~~ conference today at Chicago. One of the first speakers though Dr. Edward Suchman of the University of Pittsburgh asserting that the greatest threat to man's well being is not his physical environment but rather his socalled psycho-social makeup.

"For example" - said Dr. Suchman - "the medical cause of lung cancer may be a chemical substance in cigarettes; but the psycho-social cause is behavior - ^{that is,} smoking."

Similarly - said he - "heart disease may be due to cholesterol deposits - but how these deposits got there is ~~substantially~~ behavioral in origin - eating."

^{says}
Summing up ^{Dr.} Dr. Suchman; ~~declaring~~ -
"the prime determinant in a man's state of health - is how he lives - rather than where he lives. I hope you give that ^{deep} same thought, Warren!"

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FOLSOM

First - it was "the Birdman of Alcatraz"
now its two of a kind - "the whirly-bird men of
Folsom prison". Two inmates of the California
"big house" - attempting to make a break ^{with a} ~~via~~ home
made helicopter.

According to prison officials - the plot was
foiled with discovery of a secret cache of component
parts. An automobile differential, an axle - a nine
foot long rotor blade and so on. The two would-be
chopper pilots - ending up in solitary confinement,
where today they are probably telling themselves -

"oh, if I had the wings of an angel... I'd say
solong - until Monday."