

MIDDLE EAST

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Crisis in the Middle East -- marked today by a sudden new outbreak of war jitters, with the news that three Soviet warships -- are steaming, even now toward Egypt.

The first announcement -- from Cairo; calling the Soviet show of strength -- officially "a goodwill visit." Asserting in the same communique -- that Egypt "is not bent on a new act of revenge."

However, Cairo also adding that the Soviet ships will dock at Port Said -- <sup>not far from</sup> ~~near~~ where the Israeli destroyer Elath was sunk last Saturday. A clear warning to Israel -- to "cool it" or else.

Be that as it may -- another brief artillery duel today at Port Suez. Shells from both sides booming across the Suez Canal -- through smoke and flames from Egyptian oil fires still raging unchecked.

## UNITED NATIONS FOLLOW REACTION

What of the United Nations? Little help there--  
at least not yet. The U.N. Security Council today  
sidestepping--conflicting Russian and American proposals.  
Approving, instead, a stop-gap resolution--condemning  
both sides in this latest Mideast crisis; while the  
search goes on for some permanent solution--mutually  
acceptable to both ~~sides~~. *Arabs and Israelis.*

## REACTION FOLLOW MIDDLE EAST

~~Meaning~~ Reaction in Washington? -- ~~a tense attitude~~  
of wait and see. American officials saying they do not  
anticipate -- any direct Soviet military involvement in  
the Middle East. And yet -- there's always the <sup>at</sup> chance  
of an accident.

As for Jerusalem -- a growing fear in the Israeli  
capital -- that the Jewish state may, indeed, have to  
fight another war <sub>^</sub> ~~but still a public~~ <sup>with an avowed</sup> determination --  
to avoid it if at ~~all~~ <sup>all</sup> possible. As one Israeli put  
it: "This is a lousy ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> peace -- but it's the only  
one we've got."

# VIETNAM

In the skies over North Vietnam -- again a dramatic demonstration today of U.S. air power, ~~With~~ two waves of American jets -- practically buzzing the residence of President Ho Chi Minh in Hanoi; en route to another <sup>air strike on</sup> ~~cripping blow~~ -- ~~against~~ the vital Paul Doumer Bridge; the one span -- over which all rail traffic from Red China must pass.

American raiders also blasting North Vietnam's ~~biggest~~ <sup>main</sup> ~~and best guarded~~ air field ~~in~~ for the second straight day. Same as yesterday -- all bombs on target. And this time -- not a single ~~an~~ enemy plane rising to give challenge.

To the ~~2nd~~ South -- the American command today disclosing ~~the~~ start of a massive fall campaign <sup>to</sup> ~~carrying~~ the ground war at last to a longtime enemy sanctuary -- in the Central Highlands ~~Highland~~ <sup>bordering</sup> Laos and Cambodia.



WHITE HOUSE

On the home front -- still another Medal of Honor ceremony today at the White House. With President Johnson presenting the nation's highest award -- to Marine Major Howard Lee for bravery in Vietnam.

The President also taking <sup>advantage</sup> ~~opportunity~~ of the occasion -- to point out what he called the "absurdity" of those who talk of a "yellow peril" in Asia. "We have fought side by side with Asians at ~~Bat~~ Bataan and Corregidor -- in Korea and now in Vietnam" -- said he. ~~Adding that thus~~ <sup>hence</sup> "we have utterly repudiated the racist nonsense of an earlier era."

"Indeed" -- said the President -- "we have made a commitment in Asia -- because we believe that no man -- whatever the pigmentation of his skin -- should be delivered over to totalitarianism;" because we believe "that freedom -- is not a privilege reserved only for white Europeans or Americans."

## SUPPORT FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

At the same time -- a strong endorsement today of U.S. involvement in Vietnam; from a blue-ribbon committee of prominent Americans -- including former President Eisenhower -- former President Truman -- General Omar Bradley and others.

The committee statement reading, in part: "America cannot afford to let naked aggression -- or the suppression of freedom -- go unchallenged. This <sup>is</sup> why we fight in Vietnam -- to make the price too high and the risk too great for the aggressor." The paper further crediting President Johnson -- with following a "sensible road between capitulation and the indiscriminate use of raw power."

Why this statement -- at this time? "We are concerned" -- said the committee -- "that voices of dissent have, thus far, received attention -- far out of proportion to their actual numbers."

CAPITOL HILL

Elsewhere <sup>in Washington</sup> ~~on Capitol Hill~~ -- Senator Long of Missouri, ~~was~~

<sup>was</sup> formally cleared today by the Senate Ethics Committee, of a

charge that he rigged a Congressional investigation -- to help out Teamster boss Jimmy Hoffa. Best available evidence showing -- said the committee -- there is "no basis for public hearings." In other words -- case closed.

HONG KONG

Here's a bit of <sup>a</sup> surprise: From a British newspaper in  
Hong Kong -- a variation today on the theme of "Yankee --  
go home." But ~~wait, this has to do with~~ ~~wait, this has to do with~~ ~~it's not what you think.~~

~~The full story -- a grim commentary on~~ a demonstration  
Sunday by American students in Hong Kong; mostly exchange  
students from the University of California -- protesting  
U.S. policy in Vietnam.

<sup>Hong Kong</sup>  
Said the British paper: "Local Communists are one  
thing -- but this is more than we can be expected to  
tolerate." The article concluding: "These Yankees -- go  
home!"



KATHMANDU

**RELEASE**

In the mountain kingdom of Nepal -- *at the foot of the* ~~near the "roof of~~  
*towering Himalayas, Annapurna, Mt Everest and those*  
*giants* -- a royal send-off today for a pair of royal

travelers. Nepal's King Mahendra and his wife -- Queen  
Ratna -- departing from Kathmandu airport on the first leg  
of a state visit to Washington.

The royal couple flying to the states -- by way of  
Bombay, Cairo and Paris. They'll arrive in New York  
Monday -- then on to Washington for two days. The King ~~is~~  
and Queen later planning a hunting expedition to Alaska --

before they head for home. *King Mahendra is an*  
*expert hunter -- usually shooting tiger from*  
*the howda of his elephant. In Alaska no*  
*tiger, but lots of bear, one of the largest*  
*animals in the world. And no elephants*  
*in Alaska to ride! Warren.*

## MOORE FOLLOW HONG KONG

In our own corner of the world -- Archie Moore -- next up. The former light heavyweight boxing champion of the world -- appearing as star witness before a House subcommittee; where he charged today that "world communism is waiting with bated breath -- for black and white Americans to turn on each other full force."

Archie Moore going on to say: "I am a Negro -- and proud to be one; I am also an American -- and proud of that." The champ admitting, what's more, that he is a "staunch advocate of the Negro revolution -- for the good of mankind." But the job calls for "qualified man of both races" -- said he -- "and not some punk kid -- ranting the catch phrases put in his mouth by some paid hate monger."

Lest he be misunderstood -- Archie Moore adding: "I'll fight the man who calls me Uncle Tom." Needless to say -- no takers.