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VIET NAM

In Viet Nam today, the U.S. served final and complete notice of an end to military retaliation strictly on an eye-for-an eye basis.

A mighty armada of U.S. And Vietnamese war planes blasting red military installations in Communist North Viet Nam in the biggest air strike of the war. In all, one hundred and sixty planes joining in twin attacks on a Communist Naval base and an ammunition depot. Destroying from seventy to eighty percent of the targets.

Three previous air strikes against North Viet Nam had been considered acts of retribution for six attacks on U.S. forces. U.S. officials emphasize that the new raids are not intended to represent any specific retaliation against any specific Communist attack. Instead this massive air strike is labeled a part of America's "Continuing actions made necessary by the continuing aggression of others."

Reaction from Soviet Russia--swift, and just what

you might expect. Radio Moscow denouncing the attacks as "piracy"--warning that the bombings "worsen and already tense situation." The Soviets charging that "the Pentagon acts like a gambler run amuk." That from the Kremlin.

INDONESIA

The State Department announced today that it has undertaken a full reappraisal of the U.S. Aid Program toward Indonesia. That aid amounting to about one point four million dollars, over the last six months. A State Department spokesman saying:--"We are reviewing our entire aid program there, with our future activity in Indonesia dependent on this review."

This follows along series of anti-American incidents in Indonesia--including recent mob attacks on U.S. property and the seizure of U.S. rubber plantations.

ULBRICHT

East German Communist Leader Walter Ulbricht left the United Arab Republic today just as he came, -- with a bang. Ulbricht capping his controversial Seven day visit with a ringing attack on what he called the "Imperialist West German Government". The Communist Leader telling a crowd at port said that "It is we -- meaning the Communists," who speak for the German people." Calling his own government that of "the First German Peace State". So says Ulbricht

BERLIN

But even, in East Berlin there is a slight difference of opinion about that. An East German Communist border guard today attempted to flee to the West. But he was caught by his comrades half way across the no mans land that separates the divided city. Later on, Soviet Premier Kosygin also paid a visit to the Berlin Wall; -- surveying U.S. "checkpoint Charlie" in a swirling snow storm.

His first trip to the refuge barrier since succeeding Khrushchev as Red top leader. But no speeches. Kosygin merely staring over the wall--glum faced and silent.

Incidentally, Kosygin's welcome in East Berlin-- was as chilly as the weather. For Khrushchev East Berlin crowds normally were ordered out to cheer and wave flags. For Kosygin--nothing.

CENTAUR

At Cape Kennedy today--a ^{new} kink in our lunar space program. An Atlas-Centaur Moon Rocket exploding in a flare of orange flame--seconds after blast off. The silvery rocket--more than a hundred feet tall--lifted about three feet off the ground. Then crashing as two of its three engines quit. Liquid fuel spilling out and exploding in a tremendous fire ball. Fortunately, no one hurt. But today's launching, was to be the first of two moon shot rehearsals, with the Atlas-Centaur which is scheduled to fire the first surveyer probe to the moon this Fall. So, our U.S. effort to land a spacecraft on the moon is now set back a few more months.

HOUSING

President Johnson today asked Congress to establish a new government agency of Cabinet rank, -- a Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The President calling the deterioration of our central cities "one of our most critical domestic problems." Asking as initial appropriation of One Hundred Million dollars for the new department; to finance water and sewage facilities in needy communities.

The Program much the same as that proposed previously by President Kennedy, with this notable exception. Mr. Johnson also seeking to provide federal assistance in the form of supplemental rent payment for elderly or handicapped persons of limited means.

EDUCATION

Meanwhile the House Education and Labor Committee today endorsed the President's one-point-two billion dollar school aid bill, and then some. The House Committee tacking another hundred million on the original Administration proposal. This a series of amendments designed to ensure that the bill does not violate the constitutional concept of separation of church and state.

MORRISON

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people -- their fame spread and spread until today Morrison & Knudson, so far as I know, is the biggest construction firm in all the world. Four Hundred Million Worth of business on their books right now.

Knudson is dead. But rugged Harry Morrison who has just had his 80th birthday, -- still chairman of the Board -- is in his Boise office every day. Jack Simplot, -- and Herb Richards, -- took me to see him at Ten o'clock at night and I'll tell you about that tomorrow night.

CORRECTION FOR AVALANCHE STORY

AVALANCHE

"White Death" in the Alps -- that ~~sexy~~ story today from the Austrian Province of Salzburg. A snow avalanche hurtling down on a bus loaded with Swedish tourists on a ski holiday. The bus bound for Radstetter-Rauren Pass -- swept over the edge of a cliff and smashed to bits against a tree a Hundred and Fifty-feet below. At least Fourteen dead -- most of them young students.

LATIN

A Quarter of a Million dollar drive, by the American Classical League, to pump new life into the study of Latin and Greek in our schools. Campaign Headquarters in Washington, with a professional staff. Latin a dead language? Not at all says the American Classical League. Dick, how about a burst of Latin from you -- A Latin salute to General Motors?

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MOSCOW

Moscow reports the capture of a Nazi collaborator who had hidden in a cellar--for more than twenty years. The wartime collaborator identified as Ron Raymond Melder who was finally seized by two farmers. Melder armed with a rifle and a knife--wounded both his captors in a fierce struggle; but finally beaten into submission.

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