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Business as usual today at the United Nations - where Thanksgiving is considered strictly an American holiday. And today's business - more heated debate on that tense situation in the Middle East.

African delegates from Nigeria and Mali - both telling the U N Security Council, in effect, to "quit stalling." To get on with the business of censuring Israel - for its border raids two weeks ago against Jordan. Further ~~ins~~ insisting on a clear warning that any more such retaliatory raids - and the U N will respond with stern actions.

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Latest report: The Security Council finally expected to approve a compromise motion on censure - sometime tomorrow. A compromise between those who want it - strengthened -- and those who want it watered down.

MIDDLE EAST

Meanwhile, reports from the Middle East tell today - of the start of a massive military build-up in Jordan itself. A build-up said to be designed primarily - to meet head-on any future Israeli "aggression". But also reportedly to defend Jordan -- if necessary - from possible attack by neighboring Arab ~~and~~ Socialist States; and at the same time - to head off bubbling unrest at home.

As part of the build-up -- King Hussein ordering a draft of all men between the ages of eighteen and forty; ^{also} accepting an offer ~~to accept~~ of twenty thousand fighting men - from King ~~Faisal~~ Faisal of Saudi Arabia; and, sending armored cars into the streets of Jerusalem - where dissident Moslems have threatened new disturbances.

WEST BERLIN -

In West Berlin - a surprising defense today of Kurt Georg Kiesinger; the former Nazi chosen by the ruling Christian Democrats - to become the new Chancellor of West Germany.

Surprising because it comes from Dean Heinrich Grueber - a German clergyman who fought the Nazis when they were in power - who went to a concentration camp for saving German Jews -- who later served as a key witness against Adolf Eichmann.

Dean Grueber conceding that Kiesinger - at the start -- was clearly "a fellow-traveller" to the Nazi movement. Asserting, however, that Kiesinger later spoiled his career as a lawyer - was never prompted as an army officer - and was finally practically drummed out of the party for renouncing "all anti-Jewish actions".

Dean Grueber addressing his remarks especially to American Jews - whom he charged with wrongly condemning Kiesinger out of hand. Said he: "A Jew

who lived outside of Hitler's sphere of power - who
neither risked his own life nor sacrificed his own
fortune -- should feel like a fellow culprit and not
a judge."

WASHINGTON

Here at home - the American Broadcasting industry under fire today - for so-called "irresponsible" reporting - in that recent mid-term election.

The charge filed by the Free Society Association - of which Barry Goldwater is ~~Honorary Chairman~~ Accusing the various networks of distorting - and possibly influencing - the outcomes of a number of races.

The Association specifically asserting that the networks declared winners in several races - before a single ballot was officially counted; projected victory margins in other races -- that turned out to be - quote - "almost unanimously wrong"; and in at least two cases - allegedly guessed the results of races - before the polls were ~~xx~~ even closed.

The Association contending that, henceforth, the networks must either police themselves- or some public agency must do it for them.

VIETNAM

An ambush today in the Central Highlands of Vietnam.

A ten truck convoy -- carrying men and material for an American civilian contractor. The Viet Cong blasting the first truck -- to block the road; then proceeding to riddle the rest of the convoy -- with grenades and automatic weapons.

First casualty reports indicating about twenty dead -- at least four of them Americans.

BRATISLAVIA

From Bratislava in Communist Czechoslovakia

-- news today of ~~a~~ *an air disaster* ~~terrible plane crash~~ behind the Iron
Curtain. A Russian built Bulgarian airliner - on a flight
from Sofia; when it went down near the Bratislavian airport
-- while apparently attempting an emergency landing. Of
seventy-six passengers eight crewmen aboard ~~the~~ *no survivors,*
~~ship all reported killed.~~

CAPE TOWN

"Home is the sailor - home from the sea".

That famous quotation especially appropriate to a strange story today - from Cape Town, South Africa.

The "sailor" in question -- one Josia Salves Ribeiro; who stowed away on the British freighter Oakbank - out of Buenos Aires, Brazil, in Nineteen Sixty-Four. Ribeiro discovered when the ship was ~~three~~ three days at sea - but he was refused permission to land at the ship's next port of call - because he had no papers.

Same story in Spain - Italy - India - China - all over the world. For more than two years - Ribeiro unable to set foot on soil - because no country would have him. A man apparently doomed to sail the Seven Seas - for all eternity. Until The Oakbank arrived this week - at Cape Town; and another desperate appeal to the Brazilian Consulate - finally resulted in a change of heart.

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**Josea ~~Salves~~ Ribeiro - granted permission to
return to Brazil. The man without a country - going
home at last.**

PLYMOUTH ROCK

At Thanksgiving - the nation's thoughts turn almost instinctively - to the first Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth Rock. Which calls forth a reminder today from the National Geographic -- 'about the remarkable past of Plymouth Rock itself.

Plymouth Rock - we^are reminded - is just what it's name implies. A giant boulder - deposited on the the shores of North America by some long-ago glacier. Measuring about six to eight feet - when the Pilgrims first used it as a stepping stone to the new world in Sixteen-Twenty.

In the years that followed - Plymouth Rock was all ~~but~~ but engulfed by docks and wharves; and finally decimated in Seventeen Seventy-Four - on the eve of the Revolutionary War; when American patriots chiseled away the top third of the rock - and dragged it to the Plymouth town square. Placing it under a newly-erected liberty pole - to rouse public spirit to the cause of the ~~xs~~ colonies.

Then, Having served ~~its~~ ^{that} purpose - Plymouth Rock once
again was neglected and nearly forgotten. The top
fragment in Plymouth town square - slowly reduced in
size by the chipping away of souvenir hunters. The
remaining base of the rock - half-buried in waterfront
squalor.

The turning point - in Eighteen-Eighty, When a
group of public-spirited citizens restored the fragment
of Plymouth Rock - back to its original resting place.

The city later clearing its waterfront - creating a small
park - and permitting a patriotic women's society to erect
a classic granite colonnade -- to protect the wandering
stone.

~~Now~~ There it stands today - Plymouth Rock - the
magnet for a million visitors every year. A poignant
reminder of the brave men and women - who lived through
that first ~~to~~ ^{trying} year in the new land; ^{and} who observed
the first Thanksgiving -- three hundred and forty-five
years ago this month.

THANKSGIVING FOLLOW PLYMOUTH ROCK

All of which prompts ~~one~~ one final thought for Thanksgiving. Living as we do - in a time of strife and world tension -- it is perhaps fitting today to recall the words - of the first President ~~to~~ ^{who} proclaim ~~an~~ ^{ed} an official day of Thanksgiving here in the ~~United States~~ ^{of} United States; words of faith and hope - designed to rally the nation in the midst of ~~a~~ ^a desperate ~~and terrible~~ war.

The proclamation beginning by taking note of that war - as a conflict of "unequaled magnitude and severity." But it went ~~on~~ on to say that the year then drawing to a close - had been "filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and beautiful skies;" that even as the war continued - "needful diversions of wealth and of strength - from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense - have not arrested the plow, the shuttle or the ship."

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"No human counsel has devised - nor hath any human hand worked out these things" - said the message - "for they are the ~~gr~~ gracious gifts of a most high God."

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The proclamation concluding that, therefore, it is only
"fit and proper - that these gifts be solemnly, reverently
and gratefully acknowledged -- as with one heart and one
voice - by the whole American people." It was signed -

Abraham Lincoln. For it was Lincoln who was
the first to proclaim an official day of
Thanksgiving.

L B J RANCH

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Thanksgiving at the LBJ Ranch - "a quiet family day" - we're told. The President working at his desk this morning - on budget matters affecting several government agencies, Before joining friends and family this afternoon - for a traditional Thanksgiving feast.

The Johnson ~~bill-of-fare~~ bill-of-fare including: Two turkeys - one domestic and one wild; plus giblet gravy green beans Amadine - whipped sweet potatoes with marshmallow topping - asparagus - molded cranberry salad - Ambrosia - and Angel Food Cake.

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Tomorrow, no doubt - back on a diet - just like ~~the rest rest of~~ ^{so many others}. Whenever you are I hope you have had or will have a Thanksgiving Dinner like that! That includes you, Warren - + s-l-u-t-m,