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*Senate Republican leader Everett Dirksen -
defeated for a third straight time today - in his campaign
for a constitutional amendment - to nullify the Supreme
Court's "one-man, one-vote" rule - in the apportionment
of state legislatures.*

*The final tally - fifty-five to thirty-eight;
seven votes short - of the required two-thirds majority.
Senate Majority leader Mike Mansfield later commenting -
"This will be the end of it," Because - said he - "too
many states have already been reapportioned."*

MCNAMARA

Administration handling of the war in Viet Nam
stoutly defended today by Defense Secretary ~~Robert~~
McNamara; in continuing testimony - before the Senate
Foreign Relations Committee.

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Reports of a bomb shortage in Viet Nam -
dismissed by McNamara as pure 'baloney'. The recent
decline in American air raids in the South - a result
solely of "political disorder" in Saigon -- said he. Noting
that there has been no such let-up -- in American air
strikes aimed at the Communist North.

In Summing up - McNamara asserting flatly
that 'no nation ~~xxx~~ has been as well prepared for military
operations - as this nation is today.' Adding that the
nation should be proud of President Johnson - for the
"restraint" he has used in pursuing the war.

VIET NAM FOLLOW MCNAMARA

In Viet Nam itself - these rapid-fire developments -- at Saigon - angry Vietnamese youths today hurling rotten eggs - at a group of six visiting American pacifists; effectively disrupting an anti-war rally - sponsored by the New England committee for Non-Violent Action. The Pacifists ~~later~~ later told by the ^{Vietnamese} government -- ~~to~~ to leave the country by midnight tomorrow.

In the meantime, increasing signs of renewed political unrest. Buddhist leader Thich Thien Minh, for one, warning a rally of some ten thousand Buddhists - that the ~~military~~ military is plotting to prevent a return to civilian rule. While at Da Nang -- an anti-Buddhist demonstration by some two thousand Roman Catholics. Adding fears of religious strife - to the already tangled web of political crisis.

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On the fighting front- U S warplanes smashing at the industrial heart land of Communist North Viet Nam -

VIET NAM FOLLOW MCNAMARA -2

for the third straight day. Blasting a key bridge ^{within} ~~ten~~
ten miles ~~from~~ ^{of} Haiphong, The closest ~~they have~~ yet
~~come~~ to that vital seaport.

BLACKOUT

For the second time in a month - the French countryside was blacked out today; along with about half the subway and train service - to Paris itself; because of a twenty-four hour strike - of French electrical workers.

This is the first step in a new wave of labor agitation - to force higher wages in French nationalized industries. A two-day national railroad strike - set to begin tomorrow.

FOLLOW BLACKOUT

Meantime, the French reason for withdrawal from Nato ^{was given} ~~spelled out~~ today by Premier Georges Pompidou; in final debate on the matter - before the French parliament.

Pompidou asserting that France ran into "a wall of opposition -- from the United States and other Nato allies - when it called for reform of the alliance; specifically, to remove French troops and French soil - from foreign command: "We are told" said Pompidou - "that alliance and integration were inseparable."

The price of the alliance - thus, too high - said he. Adding that France now "can play her own part - mistress of her own policy" - in the job of "improving relations between East and West."

ADD NATO FOLLOW BLACKOUT

A few hours later - the ^{Paris} Parliament soundly
rejecting a leftist motion - to censure DeGaulle for
his Nato pull-out. The measure defeated - by a margin
of three-to-one.

RHODESIA

A sudden series of racial riots today -- in the breakaway British Colony of Rhodesia. Mobs of black Africans hurling rocks at cars and buildings -- in four separate suburbs of the capital city of Salisbury. Riot, police forced to fire over the heads of demonstrators -- before they were able to disperse the mob.

EDUCATOR

A noted Catholic educator -- center of a controversy -- was permitted to resign today from his post as Rector of a Boston seminary. The Right Reverend Lawrence Riley asking reassignment -- for "reasons of conscience." Request accepted "very reluctantly" said Cardinal Cushing, who had refused him three times before.

CREDIT

At Denver today -- a top aide to Evangelist Billy Graham told of plans for another "christian crusade" in Berlin -- tentatively set for next October. Church leaders from both sides of the Iron Curtain to be invited to attend.

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POOL

Formation of an enormous investment pool - with assets of a billion dollars in outstanding government loans - proposed today by President Johnson. This as a means of ~~freeing~~ ~~and~~ ~~freeing~~ and utalizing government funds - that would otherwise be tied up in long-term federal loans. In the President's own words - a means of "substituting private for public credit."

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ARABS

At Baghdad -- a recent speech by Iraqi Premier Abdel Rahman Bazzaz; calling for "good neighborliness and economic cooperation" -- throughout the Moslem Middle East. And that call re-echoed today at Tehren -- by the Shah of Iran. The Shah of Shahs expressing "the same desires -- the same policy" adding his hope for a quick settlement -- of that long-standing border dispute between Iran and Iraq.

However, the Shah is still at odds -- with Egypt's Colonel Nasser; saying Nasser's policy is one of "subversion or intimidation" -- coupled "with political demagoguery" the greatest threat to Iran -- and to the entire Middle East, -- said the Shah who sits on the Peacock Throne. And what do you say, Warren?

WEATHER

Springtime in the Rockies - and all the way to the Great Lakes - a strange mixture today of cold, snow, rain and sleet, plus a flood or two - and ~~a~~ ~~flock~~ of tornadoes, ~~to boot~~.

In the wake of yesterday's blizzard - temperatures four below today at Casper, Wyoming - three below at Scotts Bluff, Nebraska. With heavy rains blocking highways - at Joplin, Missouri. While the mountain resort of Eureka Springs, Arkansas - continues to clean-up from a devastating twister.

In addition - a tornado watch posted tonight - for parts of Illinois, Missouri and northern Arkansas, along with ~~severe~~ storm warnings - for parts of Texas, Louisiana and Southern Arkansas.