

DOMINICAN

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An inter-American peace force - established

today in the Dominican Republic. The first in the history

of this hemisphere. U.S. troops - still providing most

of the ~~power~~ ^{power}. Nevertheless, ^{they are} now joined by military

forces - from Brazil, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras

and Nicaragua. All - under the command - of a Brazilian

General.

Meantime, ~~an~~ an informal cease-fire -- remains

in effect. Rebel-held downtown Santo Domingo - taking

on an air of normalcy - for the first time in a month.

^{With} ~~and~~ peace talks aimed at a ~~permanent~~ permanent settlement -

continuing tonight behind closed doors.

VIET NAM

In Viet Nam, American war planes today blasted six more bridges and a P T boat - in the Communist north. But on the ground - Communist guerrillas ambushed a government battalion. In a forest about a hundred and fifty miles - southwest of Saigon. Of the two hundred man government force - more than a hundred ~~was~~ killed, missing or wounded. One American adviser - also killed. Another missing.

FERRY

From Malawi - in Central Africa - news of what may be that country's worst recorded disaster.

More than two hundred persons thrown into the crocodile-infested Shire River - when a ferry boat capsized in mid-stream. More than a hundred and fifty feared dead - most of them women and children.

The victims - returning from a political rally - about thirty miles north of the capital city of Zomba. Singing and shouting -- when a cable snapped - and the ferry keeled over.

QUEEN

Queen Elizabeth journeyed today to Stuttgart - ancestral home of her grandmother -- the late Queen Mary. Indeed, the visit more like an heroic homecoming - than an official state tour. Hundreds of thousands of Germans - cheering madly. (The Queen herself - dropping her usual reserve: To return the cheers with smiles - laughter - and waving hands.)

Later, the Queen told of her grandmother's many happy memories of Stuttgart. Adding what was - to Germans, at least - the crowning touch of her tour - Stuttgart - in an area once known - as the Duchy of Swabia; which the Queen noted when she announced firmly -- "I have Swabian blood in my veins."

Ironically, a British Cabinet member was strongly criticized in England only a few years ago, for saying essentially the same thing.)

EVEREST

Another Indian military expedition - today scaled the crest of Mt. Everest. The third team of Indian mountaineers - to conquer the world's highest mountain -- in less than a week. The Indian government tonight calling their accomplishment - "the hat trick". Trick or not -- it's no mean feat. The Indians very nearly duplicating - the remarkable success of an American expedition - headed by Norman Dyhrenfurth, The first to send three teams to the top of Mt. Everest - in May of Nineteen Sixty-three.

CAPE

At Cape Kennedy -- all ^{is} in readiness tonight -- for the launching of a Saturn-One super rocket. Blast-off scheduled for three thirty tomorrow morning -- Eastern Daylight Time. The night launching almost certain to give Cape Kennedy - one of its most brilliant fireworks displays in years.

The Saturn-One - nearly two hundred feet tall. That's quite a Roman candle. Described as the free world's -- mightiest space booster. Its job - to launch a winged Pegasus into orbit. The Pegasus - a meteroid detection satellite.

CHURCH

Church meetings - much in the news today.

At Geneva - the first joint meeting - of Roman Catholic and protestant church leaders. First step in a campaign to replace religious competition - with ~~in~~ inter-church cooperation.

Meanwhile, at Columbus, Ohio - the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, ^{where the} ~~and the~~ subject ^{was} ~~the~~ inter-marriage. Two minister^s - one white, the other negro - asserting that color should be of no consideration, when a father evaluates the man - his daughter wishes to marry.

Their discussion - based on a proposed new church pronouncement, ~~stating~~ that there are "no theological grounds" for prohibiting marriage - solely because of race. A vote on the issue - scheduled for tomorrow.

WATER

Now that New York City water shortage. Public fountains and car washes - ordered to shut down. Restaurant owners threatened with a fifty dollar fine -- if they serve water to their customers - without being asked for it. The city's up-state reservoirs - nearly half-empty. Perhaps your town -- is in the same fix.

From Johannesburg, South Africa - word of a real water shortage. A fierce drought from the Limpopo Bushveld in the North - to Eastern Cape Province in the South.

The breadbasket of South Africa - once lush and green -- this year an arid wasteland. Wide, free-flowing rivers - have dried up. Green pastures - sunburnt and barren. No rain in some places -- for more than three years. And winter -- the dry season in South Africa -- has just begun.

Hundreds of white farmers - facing financial ruin, and thousands of black Africans -- facing misery and

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hunger. (Most of them -- just trying to hold on in the hope that next year - will be better. But South African agriculturalists warn that even if it were to rain for a month - starting tomorrow - it would take at least two or three years - to restore the land to its former fertility.)

DOG

President Johnson played host today - to Italian Foreign Minister Fanfani. And as part of the White House tour - he introduced the Italian to his white collee - Blanco.

At that - Fanfani remarked that he had a dog in Italy - that would give him his paw. So the President commanded - "shake, Blanco shake". No luck. Whereupon Foreign Minister Fanfani remarked: "Ei molto bianco - ma poco obbediente." "He is very white - but not very obedient."

With that - the President again ordered Blanco to shake hands - and this time he did. As one observer noted dryly - our first international triumph - in weeks. Said Foreign Minister Fanfani - this time "E molto bianco - e molto obbediente." A rividera, Dick.

UGLY

Lady Bird Johnson today declared a national war - on ugliness. The First Lady's war-cry -- launching a two day White House conference - aimed at producing a more beautiful America. "Ugliness has been allowed too long" - said Mrs. Johnson. "It is time to say 'enough' -- and to act." The First Lady adding that beauty - is a national concern. And it's up to each of us to do our part. Junk yards, ugly signs and billboards. A national war on ugliness. Down with ugliness wherever it is.

SMALL

Dominic Donatello of Anchorage, Alaska - today was named the small businessman of the year- by presidential proclamation. Donatello - the son of an Italian immigrant. Honored for best exemplifying - "the imagination, initiative and independence - that are characteristic of America's millions of small businessmen."

Donatello founded the Don Chemical Company - shortly after World War Two. Working nights and weekends - in his basement. With the help of a government loan - he now has a modern manufacturing plant - seven employees and a thriving business. - in the boom city of Anchorage Alaska.