

VIET NAM

The Viet Nam crisis still much in the news today.

First, in Moscow, that a mob of several thousand Asian and Russian students attacking the U.S. Embassy with rocks and ink bottles, smashing more than two hundred windows-- in the ten-story building. Also beating an American correspondent who was then held by Soviet police for seven hours--on a charge of "improper conduct."

In Washington, the State Department later calling the whole episode--"an outrage." The U.S. protesting what it termed "inadequate" police protection--accusing the Russians, in effect, of permitting the demonstrators "to damage and deface our Embassy." The Russians agreeing to repair the damage.

Meanwhile, in Viet Nam itself, Communist Viet Cong guns today shot down three American helicopters--killing one U.S. crewman and wounding eight others. The downed aircraft-- part of a fleet of fifty-one U.S. helicopters in a mass airlift of Vietnamese paratroopers--assigned to a jungle trouble-spot only thirty miles south of Saigon.

The new American casualties occurring in the midst of the mass evacuation of nearly two thousand U.S. wives and children. The first of those U.S. dependents arriving today in Honolulu -- not bitter - just/ tired but resigned. One service wife perhaps summing up the feeling of all. Her comment: "I didn't want to come back without my husband, but that's the Army."

CRASH

The best and fullest resources of the Federal Aviation Agency were massed today in a single effort. To determine the cause of that plane crash in the Atlantic--the one that claimed eighty-four lives.

As part of the process, an armada of search vessels still probing the waters off New York's Long Island--site of the tragic accident. Guided by helicopters and sonar devices, the searchers slowly recovering bits and pieces of the plane--as well as bodies.

But at latest report, federal investigayors said: -
"we haven't the faintest idea of the cause."

DISABILITY

On the question of presidential disability--a word of caution today from the Attorney-General-designate. Nicholas Katzenbach calling for more clarification--of the proposed Constitutional amendment designed to cover all contingencies.

As it now stands, the measure would permit the Vice-President to take over the duties of President in the event of Presidential disability, with the President only temporarily disabled--the amendment would seem to require him to get Congressional approval--before resuming his duties.

The solution, according to the new Attorney - General - a provision to allow the President himself to terminate any period of disability-which he himself has declared.

LABOR

Nearly a million steelworkers went to the polls today- in what could be the most important U.S. election of Nineteen Sixty-Five. At stake--the helm of the nation's third largest union -- the United Steelworkers of America. Incumbent President David McDonald facing the challenge of his one-time ally--Secretary-Treasurer I.W. Abel.

The election, one of the bitterest, with the rank-and-file vote reported tonight--at "near one hundred per cent." The outcome is expected to have an important bearing--on pending contract talks in the basic steel industry.

Let's go out to East Africa for another minute or so in that tree. Here I am back in Kenya.

TREETOPS

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

I doubt that I left you in much suspense, when I took you to Treetops, and only told you how we got there, and then said nothing about the animals. Actually, it's a rather large building in a huge tree on a hill in Kenya surrounded by the forest, a forest that apparently is full of wild game of all kinds - a unique place to watch the big game. Treetops, the structure up in the tree is build largely of bamboo. And evidently it's enough like the tree to fool the animals of the forest.

If you look down from one of the porches of Treetops, or the deck, right under you is the big waterhole. When we arrived in mid-afternoon, the jungle was asleep, except for one lone big bull elephant who was already at the waterhole, and a few ugly wart hogs, and two or three impala. Hayes-Newington, the Britisher who presides over Treetops for the new owners, Sir Malin and Lady Sorsbie, - he told us that it's always a gamble, that sometimes only a few animals put in an appearance during an entire night, sometimes no elephants come at all. And, it is really the elephants that visitors come to see - wild elephants.

Just at dusk they turn on floodlights - floodlights that cover the area between Treetops and the edge of the waterhole, an area about one-third the size of a football

field. Lots of suspense. Then everybody wondering -- will the elephants come? A huge rhino lumbered up. Also several mean-looking buffalo, the animal that hunters regard as the most dangerous of all in Africa. And then, along about six p.m. out of the jungle came a half a dozen elephants. And everybody was delighted, and everybody felt...well.. the trip to Treetops, now we're sure it's a success. You might think those flood lights would frighten off the big game. But not at all. They seemed to take it as, oh....maybe part of the moonlight. But, we didn't have a chance to get our dinner, and I'll tell you about that in the next one.

Solong.....

MARS

"Keep Mars Clean" -- that plea today from seven U.S. space experts. The message delivered to more than a thousand scientists -- in attendance at a Denver symposium on unmanned exploration of space.

The seven space experts arguing that at present Mars presumably is inhabited only by Martian life -- if any. But warning that the U.S. and the Soviet Union -- in their continuing space race for Mars -- could easily contaminate the entire planet. The scientists noting that one earth-born germ -- dividing once every thirty days -- could populate Mars in eight years with just as many microbes as there are on the whole earth today.

~~In short,~~ "Keep Mars Clean" -- say the space experts! -

But Dick, maybe Mars has its own dirty bacteria
~~or, bacterially speaking, Mars will soon be as "dirty" -- as the~~
~~earth is now.~~

IRELAND

There was a top-secret, hush-hush rendezvous today -- in Dublin, Ireland. Terence O'Neill, Premier of Northern Ireland, arriving quietly, unannounced -- to confer briefly with his counterpart in the Irish Free State, Premier Sean Lemass.

The new talks marking another step along the road to economic cooperation between the rival states started at their historic meeting in Belfast last month. The two heads of state thus conferring twice in less than forty days -- where their predecessors had snubbed each other -- for some forty years!

Reaction in Washington and elsewhere. It seems to

be, wait-and-see. Last weekend--after the death of eight Americans in that Communist raid at Pinar, President Johnson, as you know, ordered retaliatory attacks.

This time the President called another emergency

meeting of the National Security Council, a session lasting