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At U N Headquarters - approval of what Ambassador Arthur Goldberg called one of the most momentous international agreements ever presented to the United Nations. The General Assembly' main Political Committee approving at last the joint US - Soviet treaty banning the spread of nuclear weapons. A number of non-nuclear countries India, Brazil, West Germany and others harbor misgivings. They see no progress toward nuclear disarmament, since the five nuclear powers keep their weapons without any international control. The non-nuclears worry about their security in the face of nuclear pressure - and they wonder whether the world is being divided into first and second class powers. Two of the nuclear powers, Red China and France, are not joining in the treaty.

SAIGON

On the war front -- another Saigon battle comes to a close. South Vietnamese Rangers -- ~~have crushed~~ ^{HAVE CRUSHED} the last remaining Viet Cong stronghold in the capital. Forcing the surrender of thirty-four diehard guerillas -- who had been holed up in the Cholon district for nine days.

Be that as it may -- General Westmoreland warning today of perhaps still more rocket attacks to come. Saying it "is almost an impossibility" to prevent all such attacks -- "because of the very difficult country around Saigon." This in a farewell news conference -- as Vietnam Commander.

Westmoreland going on to say -- "it is unrealistic to expect a quick and early defeat of the ~~Hamlet led~~ enemy." "But the enemy can be ~~starved~~ ^{WORN DOWN}" -- said he -- "the price can be raised and it is being raised -- to the point that it could be intolerable" to ~~the enemy~~ ^{HANDS}.

tonight, Vietcong guerrillas hit downtown Saigon with 12 rounds of rockets and mortars.

NORFOLK

Norfolk, Virginia -- a fifth day of hearings -- into the disappearance of the U.S.S. Scorpion. With a Navy admiral today questioning the adequacy -- of the nuclear sub's main ballast system. Rear Admiral Edgar Batcheller saying the system was not adequate -- in his "personal opinion" -- for emergency surfacing. This -- said he -- because of more demanding operational requirements -- since the sub was first built eight years ago.

A later witness testifying, however, that the sub's main ballast system was "very adequate and sufficient" -- at approved operating depth. [Raising again weekend speculation -- that the Scorpion was perhaps engaged in a dangerous game of hide-and-seek with a Russian submarine -- at the time of its disappearance.]

SUPREME COURT

From the U.S. Supreme Court -- ~~2:28 PM~~ ^{APPROVAL} today for so-called "stop and frisk" laws. The High Tribunal ~~is~~ ^{is} ruling that police do have the right -- to stop and search a suspect; providing they have reasonable suspicion -- that he is carrying a dangerous weapon.

In another decision -- the Supreme Court also upholding state laws -- permitting parochial school students to borrow public school text books.

MEADVILLE

New York's Governor Rockefeller -- first of the nation's major Presidential aspirants to resume public appearances. Under heavy security guard -- the Governor delivering a commencement address today -- at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania.

This -- in effect -- a eulogy ^{OF} the slain Robert Kennedy. Praising the Senator as a man who tried to bridge the chasm between different groups -- between "all generations." Rockefeller adding that "such is the test of leadership" -- which "we desperately need, in American society today."

PARIS

At Paris, France -- a two-week national election campaign began with a bang today. Person or persons unknown -- hurling molotov cocktails into two Gaullist Party buildings. At the same time, a series of battles between strikers and would-be strikebreakers -- at several Citroen automotive plants. The Communists also demanding inclusion in the next French government -- if the Gaullists are beaten at the polls.

ROME FOLLOW PARIS

Meanwhile, in Rome -- Christian Democrat Mariano Rumor was given the job today -- of trying to form a new Italian government. Rumor a former Chief lieutenant -- to resigned Premier Aldo Moro. If he fails -- Italy is also expected to face new national elections.

MENNINGER

A psychiatrist looks at assassination. World-famed Dr. Karl Menninger asserting today that "every assassin since Brutus -- has been a faceless man." Some -- apparently convinced they were doing their duty; but the rest -- we are told -- "all little fellows⁹, zeroes, ciphers;" perhaps best characterized as -- "anonymous, embittered, disorganized attention-seekers."

["Unfortunately -- says Dr. Menninger -- "one way to become famous instantly -- is to do something to famous people; or go up to the top of a tower -- and shoot a mass of people." Either way -- he adds -- the psychological motivation is seldom political or social; but rather -- deeply personal.]

PHNOM PENH

At Phnom Penh in neighboring Cambodia -- the release today of two captured American soldiers. Prince Norodom Sihanouk saying he was turning them loose -- as a gesture to the memory of Senator Robert Kennedy.

The two men identified as Ronald Lehrman of Mangum, Oklahoma -- and Jerry Tester of Boone, North Carolina. Both assigned to a Philippine tug boat -- detained last month for allegedly violating Cambodian territorial waters.

CAMBRIDGE

From Cambridge, Massachusetts - the story today of a concerned priest. The Very Reverend John Coburn - dean of the Episcopal Theological School; who is leaving that post shortly - to become a staff member of the street academies of the New York Urban League.

In his new post - Dean Coburn will work with high school drop-outs - who wish to resume their education. This an effort - said he - "to help change men's hearts; so that reconciliation may be effective - person to person, race to race, class to class."

In short - said Dean Coburn - "I wish to practice - what I preach."

This is Richard C. Hottelet, CBS News - as Lowell Thomas would say, so long until tomorrow.