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The focus on East-West relations - centered again tonight on New York. Where U S Secretary of State Dean Rusk is meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko -- in a sort of summit follow up. Object: Final agreement -- on a nuclear non-proliferation treaty. And maybe - just maybe - a meeting of minds on the mid-east crisis.

Elsewhere in New York - the same objective was undertaken today - by the so-called "non-aligned" members of the United Nations. India and Yugoslavia - at the head of the line, calling for passage of a resolution - demanding immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Israeli forces from conquered Arab lands. For now, at least - side-stepping all other issues.

However, support so far - lukewarm at best.

Indeed, a number of Latin American countries ^{are} now said to be swinging toward the U S resolution, ~~This - so you~~ ~~know~~ calling for direct Arab and Israeli peace talks - with the U N or another third party serving as mediator.

BALTIMORE

While the U N was thus busy wrestling with the mid-east crisis - President Johnson was traveling today to Baltimore, ~~there~~ to deliver a keynote address - to the National Junior Chamber of Commerce.

On the subject of those summit talks, - The President saying that both he and Soviet Premier Kosygin - had achieved ~~Arbitrations~~ "a better understanding" of common "goals and commitments." The meeting further useful - said he - in that both parties had "agreed to maintain direct contact" in the future ^{- this to help} - to minimize "big power" tensions.

Make no mistake though - said the President - a "hard pull lies ahead." A time when we must be prepared to live - with "tension, rough air and a bumpy road."

Turning to domestic affairs - the President also taking issue with those ~~have~~ he called - "the cussers

and doubters" here at home. Said he: "I have not come here today to say that all is right and perfect - but we are not ignoring, running away from, or 'cutting out' on our problems."

HAVANA

As for Soviet Premier Kosygin - he's still in Cuba, ~~Taking~~ taking time for a ~~long~~ bit of sightseeing today - before launching a series of private talks with Cuban Premier Fidel Castro. However, on-scene observers reporting ~~no~~ no apparent change in the coolness of Kosygin's welcome.

Be that as it may - Kosygin and French President DeGaulle seem to be still on the best of terms. The French government announcing today that Kosygin will stop off in Paris Saturday -- on his way back to Moscow -- ~~to~~ ^{and} meet again with DeGaulle - as he did before flying to the U N.

MIDDLE EAST

Meanwhile, a series of related developments - at the scene of battle, including passage of laws by the Israeli government - in effect, annexing the captured old city of Jerusalem. At the same time - Israel today returned some four hundred Jordanian prisoners of war; in exchange for two - Israeli pilots.

Reverse side - Egyptian officials conferring today at Cairo - with a top level delegation from Czechoslovakia; largest arms supplier - in the Communist bloc. This simultaneous with first criticism of Colonel Nasser - in the Egyptian press. A mass circulation magazine blaming Egypt's defeat - on poor organization and timing; the result - it said - of "individual and group egoism."

Finally, a story today from Beirut, reporting a move afoot - to merge the four leftist Arab nations - Algeria, Iraq, Egypt and Syria; in preparation - we're told - for ^{(the next round of conflict with Israel.} ~~the next round of conflict with Israel.~~

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WHITE HOUSE

From Washington - the White House - an announcement that the President will meet tomorrow - with Jordan's young King Hussein - the only Near East ruler who played a battlefield role in the ~~recent~~ recent quick war.

VIETNAM

~~War news~~ ~~from~~ Vietnam/^{today} ~~we~~ ^{we hear} of the apparent

execution - of the highest U S civilian official ever

captured by the Viet Cong. Gustav Hertz ~~of~~ of Leesburg,

Virginia - chief of the U S public administration division

in Saigon - ~~when he was~~ captured two years ago ^{by the Cong, and} ~~now~~

^{now} according to enemy radio - victim of an act of reprisal

for the recent condemnation - of three Viet Cong terrorists.

Coincident with news of Hertz's fate - another

~~major~~ battle is said to be ^{due} ~~brewing today~~ near that phony

demilitarized zone. With the enemy reported massing men

and supplies - as if for a major push. ~~Whatever the case~~

^{there} U S Marines were under heavy fire from mortars, rockets

and artillery ^{today.} The Americans answering back ^{from the air - the} ~~with Big~~

B-Fifty-Twos.

SAIGON FOLLOW VIET NAM

Apart from battlefield action - another ~~big~~ big
raid today on Saigon's thriving black market; selling
American goods at three-to-five times normal prices -
within hailing distance of the U S Embassy in Saigon.

On the political front- Chief of State Thieu today
named a Buddhist leader as his running-mate ~~in~~ in the
forthcoming presidential elections. Thieu, ^{as} we say, ~~have~~, -
~~he~~ balancing the ticket. His chief opponent -
Premier Ky - picking a prominent lawyer for his running
mate, ~~A~~ man heretofore affiliated - with no political
party. And so - beholden to no one - said Ky.

BANGKOK

Bangkok follow Saigon, A later report - from Bangkok. Where former South Vietnamese chief of State Duong Van Minh - today announced himself as the newest candidate for President.

"Big Minh" - as he is ~~perhaps~~ better known - one of the generals who helped overthrow dictatorial President Ngo Dinh Diem a few years ago, only to find himself ousted from South Vietnam - shortly thereafter.

"Big Minh" now admitting - he may be risking arrest by returning home. ^{But he says he's} ~~But he's more than~~ willing - ~~he says~~ to take the chance.

LONDON

The world advertising conference - in session today at London. Beginning with selection of an American - as worldwide "advertising man of the year." Namely - Samuel C. Johnson -- President of S. C. Johnson, incorporated, Racine, Wisconsin. Johnson credited with providing ~~the~~ "A vital form of communication - not only between manufacturer and customer - but also ~~between~~ between country and country."

SAFETY

Elsewhere in Washington - a long-awaited unveiling today; ~~With~~ the new department of Transportation - setting forth America's first federal standards for highway safety.

The new rules calling principally - for mandatory car inspection plus improved driver education. Further providing; that drivers' eye-sight must be examined - at least once every four years; that local authorities must provide emergency medical service - to treat possible accident victims; that appropriate tests shall become standard operating procedure - in cases where a driver is suspected of drinking. - Also, that all motorcycle drivers and passengers - must wear helmets.

States with laws that presently fail to meet the standards ^{or} given [^] till fiscal 'sixty-eight to comply; or else - ~~be~~ face the loss of ten percent of federal highway building funds.

EASTON

This next - a special greeting to a great lady.

Miss Helen Keller - today celebrating her eighty-seventh birthday; among friends and familiar surroundings - at her home in Easton, Connecticut.

Miss Keller - as you know - an old hand at conquering affliction. But now admitting her greatest battle - is that of overcoming the passing years. Through a companion - Miss Keller telling the press: "You get a little tired - at eighty-seven." ~~Yes~~, and some even get a little tired at 67.

Speaking of birthdays - a reminder today from the National Geographic that Russia's fabled Shirali Mislimov - will soon be celebrating his one hundred and sixty-first birthday. Despite a recent rumor that he had died - Mislimov reporting that he "feels better with every passing year."

Perhaps even more surprising - the fact that Mislimov is only one of some twenty thousand Russians - a hundred years old or older. About ten times the number of ~~centenarians~~ centenarians - living here in the United States. Which explains, in part, the reason that a dozen U S medical centers - are currently studying the aging process; trying to determine what causes it - and how to prevent it.

In the meantime - the best advice for a long life, ~~Maybe~~ that of a spry centenarian from Connecticut. Said

he: "Just take as good care of yourself - as you do of your automobile." *(As one lady also in Conn, 115 yrs. old said, don't read newspapers, and don't watch TV or listen to radio and then you won't worry so much. And - S. L. U. T. M.)*