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**MOSCOW**

*The shock waves from the bombing of that Soviet cultural building in Washington - a source of growing agitation today on both sides of the Iron Curtain; especially in Moscow - where the Kremlin promptly rejected an American apology. Instead - filing a "very strong protest." Also, a number of additional delegations of Soviet citizens - visiting the U.S. Embassy in Moscow; continuing to protest alleged acts of "Zionist hooliganism" - directed against Soviet diplomats and others traveling in the U.S..*

## **STATE FOLLOW MOSCOW**

**Here at home - the U. S. State Department today condemned the bombing; calling it an act - which "can only sicken and dismay all law-abiding citizens." At the same time, ordering a twenty-four-hour guard - on all Soviet buildings in Washington.**

**Various Jewish groups - quickly joining in the condemnation. Dr. William Wexler - international president of B'Nai B'Rith - for one, calling the bombing - "a reprehensible act of terrorism;" adding that it "can only exacerbate the plight of Soviet Jews - and provide another pretext for Soviet harrassment of American officials in Moscow."**

## **SAIGON**

**Turning to the war front - U.S. Defense Secretary Melvin Laird arrived today in Saigon. Meeting first with General Abrams - also, U.S. Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker; who will join him later in talks with Admiral Moorer, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff - and Admiral Grant, the U.S. Pacific commander.**

**One subject almost sure to come up - if it hasn't already - ~~is~~ the possibility of a U.S. airlift to Cambodia; to bring in oil and gasoline supplies - to take the place of those cut off by Communist forces.**

PHNOM PENH FOLLOW SAIGON

*Speaking of which - the government of Cambodia today ordered the rationing of electricity in Phnom Penh; Haming a shortage of diesel fuel - to run the city's generators. This in addition to gasoline rationing - which has been <sup>in</sup> effect since last month.*

*Meanwhile, three battalions of Cambodian troops - attempting to break an enemy hold on vital Highway Four; the road that leads to the country's only oil Refinery - at Kompong Som. However, the Cambodians advancing just so far - <sup>and</sup> then they beat a hasty retreat. An Army spokesman saying - the Communists were "on all sides of us and behind us - like a bull's horns."*

# JERUSALEM

*In the Middle East - at Jerusalem - U.N. special  
peace envoy Gunnar Jarring met today with Israeli leaders  
- Premier Golda Meir, Foreign Minister Abba Eban and so  
on. Abba Eban later telling reporters: "I feel very good  
about the talks." And he added that Jarring's visit - had  
proved "very useful."*

## AMMAN FOLLOW JERUSALEM

While this was going on - Arab guerillas reporting a new outbreak of violence in Jordan. Charging that King Hussein's armored forces - today attacked a Palestinian commando base north of Amman; apparently seeking to avenge the death of an Army soldier - who was killed earlier by commandos. The fighting said to have spread later - to nearby Jaresh. Whereupon Damascus radio called it all ~~part~~ part of "a military conspiracy - mapped out in London, Washington and Tel Aviv - to liquidate the Palestinian revolution."

# UNEMPLOYMENT

*The U.S. unemployment rate - up again last month.*

*According to a government announcement today - hitting six per cent of the nation's total work force; the highest figure since Ninety-Six<sup>Ken</sup> One<sup>--</sup> the first year of the Kennedy Administration. In part, because of a sharp increase in unemployment - among the ranks of highly-paid professional and technical workers.*


*Reverse side - Labor Secretary James Hodgson - saying he hopes this will represent the high-water mark of the current business slump; in which case - said he - the jobless rate could well get down to four-and-a-half per cent - by the end of Ninety-Seventy<sup>Ken</sup>-One. He also noted that the unemployment rate for Nineteen-Seventy as a whole - was four-point-nine per cent; which is bad enough - indeed, the worst since Nineteen-Sixty-Four. For what it's worth though, the figure that year - the first full year of the Johnson Administration - a full three tenths of a per cent higher.*

*At the Vatican in Rome - another important step today in the liberalization of Roman Catholic doctrine. Pope Paul asking his bishops the world over - to study a recent recommendation from the Vatican's Department for the Discipline of Sacraments; a recommendation urging the elimination of obligatory confession - in all but cases of "grave" sin. Vatican sources adding the suggested new policy could become church law within a year - assuming, of course, the bishops approve.*



NEW YORK

*New York City - a meeting of international newspaper advertising executives; hearing today from Miles Kirkpatrick - newly-appointed chairman of the Federal Trade Commission; who charged that ads and commercials - are all too often "insulting to good judgment and taste;" also, "tawdry and calculatedly uninformative" - he continued; thereby arousing - "suspicions and mistrust."*

*Kirkpatrick then going  on to say - the government has no control in this area and certainly seeks none. But the fact remains - said he - "if the public's image of American business is an increasingly tarnished one" - then it must be due "in some measure to business' most visible product - it's own advertising."*

*That - from Chairman Miles Kirkpatrick of the F.T.C.*

ATLANTA

What with his term as governor scheduled to end next week - Lester Maddox of Georgia is about to embark on a new business career; including a number of ventures - one of which, he announces, will be the marketing of novelty items. Among them - a Lester Maddox rag doll; also, a Lester Maddox - "Wake Up, America" alarm clock; not to mention - a Lester Maddox "jack-in-the-box."

This last containing a Lester Maddox doll - when a crank is turned yelling: "Let me out! Let me out!" When it's pushed back - saying simply: "Phooey!"

Courtesy of the Army Medical Research and Development Command - a study today dealing with the sleep habits of American men. Coming to the conclusion that each one of us - needs a minimum of about six hours sleep a night; but beyond that - we are told - it's apparently a matter of personality.

For example, the Army notes ~~a~~ <sup>that so-called</sup> short sleepers - "are more likely to be active, outgoing, flexible and sociable;" whereas long sleepers - "are usually introverted and creative." The Army adds that long sleepers ~~are~~ often found wanting ~~when~~ when it comes to "sustained work." Further observing that "long sleepers aren't necessarily lazier than short sleepers - but they do need more dreaming time."

All ~~of~~ <sup>d</sup> which would seem to call for some comment, Warren - but first - I think I'll sleep on it.

## LONDON

*From London - the story today of a real-live "kissing bandit." A fellow with nine lives, it seems. At any rate, Keith Long - age twenty-seven - accosting nine different girls in the streets of London - kissing them profusely; when he was hailed into court - getting away with suspended sentences.*

*When he tried with Number Ten though - it was just one too many. Keith Long facing at last - a no-nonsense judge; who reviewed his record - and promptly sentenced him to two years behind bars. For London's "kissing bandit" - a sentence doubtless something akin to a "kiss of death."*