

Two weeks of debate - finally ended today at the United Nations. The General Assembly beginning consideration at last - of a number of specific resolutions; each - in its own way - intended to end once and for all the lingering Mideast crisis.

Russia - for its part - quickly pressing for action on a resolution - offered by a number of non-aligned powers; a resolution calling for immediate Israeli withdrawal - from all captured territories. Even so - there is expected to be no voting - at least until the middle of next week.

Informed sources in Cairo say that Egypt prepared to give up control of the Gulf of Aqaba, the immediate cause of the East War, if it is taken over by the Security Council.

Anything more than this one concession, the sources say, would be cause for another war.

The emerging Egyptian position would rule out any direct negotiations with Israel, or recognition of the Jewish state. Israel would still be banned from the Suez Canal.

Her forces would have to withdraw from all Egyptian territory. And the border and the Gulf would have to be guaranteed by a United Nations presence.

All this amounts to a return to the status quo which prevailed before Egypt blockaded the Gulf of Aqaba and began the crisis which finally led to war. One source says: "If the Israelis prove obstinate and refuse to withdraw, we shall have to fight again, even if only to retain our self-respect."

The government has prepared the public for such a war Friday, by making a nationwide broadcast of a sermon

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and our lives is the path leading to dignity and pride," the
sermon said. It was echoed in other mosques throughout
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VIETNAM

News from Saigon tells - of still another massive American air strike on the outskirts of Haiphong.

But U.S. planes had scarcely returned - when Moscow was charging a Russian freighter had been hit and damaged in Haiphong Harbor. If true - second such incident in less than a month. And - it apparently was true. The Pentagon quickly admitting - that U.S. planes may have accidentally attacked the Russian ship.

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SAIGON FOLLOW VIETNAM

Another bombshell today - on the Saigon political front. With Premier Ky - bowing to pressure from his fellow generals; withdrawing from the race - for president of South Vietnam. Instead - he'll run as a candidate for vice president; on the ticket headed by his former chief rival - Chief of State Thieu - who currently heads the ruling military junta.

LBJ RANCH

Here at home - President Johnson formally signed into law - that recently-passed four-year extension of the Draft Act. Immediately taking advantage of the new law - to issue an executive order; giving the Secretary of Defense standby authority - to draft nineteen-year-olds first.

The President also issued a new directive - simplifying the terms of undergraduate and graduate student deferments. In effect, banning the use of examination ratings and class standing - as a guide for local draft boards. With a student required to prove, henceforth - only that he is satisfactorily pursuing a fulltime course of instruction.

All this at the LBJ Ranch - where the President and Mrs. Johnson are spending the Fourth of July weekend. Staying as close as possible to daughter Luci, her husband Pat Nugent - and, of course, little "Lyn", their first grandchild.

WASHINGTON

Back in Washington - a statement was issued today in the President's name; applauding ratification of the new Kennedy Round trade agreement - earlier today at Geneva.

This "a proud chapter in the history of international commerce" - said the President. One that will "open important new trading opportunities to each nation - and contribute to the prosperity of all."

American business experts - even more emphatic. Calling the Kennedy Round trade agreement - "the most comprehensive assault on barriers to international trade - that has ever taken place.

Further predicting the benefits will soon show up - in the American marketplace. In the form of price reductions - on some sixty thousand different products ranging from shirts to skis - from goose liver to champagne.

HONG KONG

Latest count on that Hong Kong plane crash; A total of twenty-four persons - killed or missing. Only swift emergency action - saving the lives of fifty-six others aboard the plane; when it crashed into Kowloon Bay - during a driving rainstorm.

Many of the passengers - known to be Americans. Including at least thirty-four - from the area of Sacramento, California; mostly school teachers - on a "Culture of the Orient Tour." However, names and nationalities of the crash victims - temporarily withheld.

EL SEGUNDO

From El Segundo, California - news of the selection of four new military astronauts. Including Major Robert Lawrence of Chicago - who thus becomes America's first Negro astronaut.

The new appointees scheduled to join twelve other Air Force officers - already in training for the military's first manned space venture; the launching of a manned orbital laboratory - set, hopefully for Nineteen-Seventy.

JACKSON HOLE

The watchword today at Jackson Hole, Wyoming - "stay loose." Perhaps best summing up the gist of a resolution - passed unanimously at today's closing session of the Republican Governors Conference.

In more formal terms - the resolution itself addressed to Republicans throughout the land. Urging state organizations to avoid commitment, wherever possible - to any one Presidential candidate - prior to the 'Sixty-Eight National Convention.

VATICAN

At the Vatican - a final day of ceremonies today; completing the elevation of those twenty-four new Princes of the Church - including four Americans.

At the same time - the Pope announced a number of major changes - in the Vatican Curia and diplomatic corps. Chief of these: the appointment of Archbishop Paul Philippe of France - to the post of Secretary of the powerful Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; formerly known as - the Holy Office.

Closer to home - the appointment of Archbishop Luigi Raimondi - as new Apostolic Delegate to the United States. Archbishop Raimondi - an Italian by birth; prior to his present assignment - Apostolic Nuncio to Mexico.

CHICAGO

Just like in the song - there's a hot time brewing tonight in the old town of Chicago. The city getting braced for the expected arrival this weekend - of some eight hundred thousand members of Lions International. Returning to the city of their origin - for a gala Fiftieth Anniversary convention.

The Lions bill themselves - as the "world's largest, most active and most representative service club organization." Their anniversary convention -also promising to be very large and very active. Beginning with a four-hour parade - later including a speech from Secretary of State Dean Rusk - and closing with a prize of twenty-five thousand dollars; to the youngster who has written the best essay - on the "Search for Peace."

MUNICH

This next -- from Munich, West Germany. Latest European city -- to boast an American-style drugstore.

"Der Drugstore" /-- they call it; with the official grand opening -- set for July Fifteenth. / And in keeping with the current trend toward non-heroes / "Der Drugstore" is sponsoring a "non-beauty" contest to mark the event.

The contest open to any and all -- / of the city's estimated estimated two thousand beatniks / To find out which one -- is the dirtiest, raggedyest, most miserable of the lot.

First prize -- by the way: A hundred marks in cash -- a new suit /-- plus a shave, a bath and a haircut.

More on the same - right here in New York. With acquittal today - of thirty-nine so-called hippies; arrested in a recent battle with police - in New York's East Greenwich Village.

As it developed in court - the hippies were staging an improvised "be-in" at the time; peaceably playing their guitars, tom-toms, bongos, cymbals and bells - in a neighborhood park; when police arrived with orders to break it up - and soon started banging heads.

Result - a near-riot. Leading to charges of disorderly conduct, resisting arrest - all now dismissed.

On testimony by public officials - that hippies had just as much right as anybody else; to "be-in" that particular park - at that particular time.

Judge Herman Weinkrantz adding - that all are entitled to "the equal protection of the law;" even "the unwashed, unshod, unkempt and uninhibited" - said he.

OKLAHOMA

From Oklahoma City -- the story today of an amateur golfer; who would seem to have a legitimate beef -- against that great greenskeeper in the sky; ¹ who remains, nevertheless -- a true connoisseur of the sport.

Gentleman in question -- one Delbert Helm. Plaintiff in a seventy-seven thousand dollar damage suit - filed against one Fred Sanches. Helm charging that Sanches hit a ball that struck him in the eye -- causing permanent damage.

To back up his case ^f Helm listing six ways in which his fellow golfer was supposedly at fault. Number Six asserting that Sanches used a seven-iron for the shot ^f when it called for only a nine iron.

HOT DOGS

Today marks a significant anniversary. That grand old delicacy, the Hot Dog is exactly one hundred years old. It was on this date in Eighteen-Sixty-Seven, that one Charles Feldman slipped a sausage into a roll and named the creation Frankfurter after his birthplace in Frankfurt Germany. So today the event was marked at Nathan's - that renowned frankfurter palace at Coney Island. And Walter Paul won a prize of sorts by eating one hundred and twenty-seven hotdogs in one hour flat - he ate them with relish - also with ketchup and mustard. Paul received a trophy for his efforts, proclaiming him the worlds champion hot dog eater.

Good Night.