

L.T. SUSTAINING, TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1967

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

In France the Stars and Stripes were lowered for the last time today at the U.S. Command Post at Camp Des Loges -- just north of Paris.

The ceremony in compliance with that order from President De Gaulle demanding withdrawal of all American forces from France no later than April First. General Lyman Lemnitzer who accepted the flag calling the departure "a sentimental occasion for all." With some French in tears -- I wonder. Anyhow, a happier occasion is on tap for tomorrow when the same flag will be flown over Stuttgart, Germany, new headquarters for the U.S. European Command.

GENEVA

Today in Geneva -- the Fifth Anniversary of the start of that U.N. nuclear disarmament ~~meeting~~⁹ conference. A Seventeen Nation parlay that began in the chill of the Soviet-American cold war. And so passes another milestone today with the United States and Russia joining forces for the first time in launching an all out effort to achieve agreement at last on a treaty banning the further spread of nuclear weapons.

U.S. and Soviet cooperation on such a scale virtually unprecedented in the recent past; yet apparently necessary if the world's two super powers are to win treaty approval from smaller nations, non nuclear powers who claim the treaty could pose a threat not only to their security but also to their economic development.

Will the power play work? Yes, we are told. American delegate William Foster asserting, for one that the treaty now "lies within our immediate grasp."

RED CHINA

Crisis in Red China marked today by news or still another bloody clash in Canton. Reports reaching Hong Kong of a fierce encounter between Chinese Army troops and striking factory workers. With several hundred persons said to have been clubbed or stoned to death before the fighting ended.

The battle apparently set off when Communist troops were assigned to take charge of strike bound cantonese factories. The soldiers met by a mob of workers wielding clubs and shovels but no match for Army gun butts. The troops finally beating their way through the crowd to complete a take over.

At last report a temporary truce in effect. The workers agreeing to refrain from further violence in return for a promise that, henceforth, the army will respect their rights.

NEW ORLEANS

A dapper, twenty-five year old insurance salesman was a star witness today in that continuing New Orleans investigation. Terry Russo of Baton Rouge, Louisiana telling of a meeting in September of Nineteen Sixty Three; where he allegedly heard Lee Harvey Oswald, David Ferrie and Clay Shaw discussing plans to assassinate President Kennedy.

Russo's testimony was a preliminary hearing for Shaw who is currently charged with conspiracy in connection with the President's death.

For a change President Johnson and Robert Kennedy were on the same side of the political fence today on an issue concerning Vietnam. Both denying vigorously published reports of a bitter exchange between them last month, when the Senator was linked with an apparently non-existent peace feeler from Hanoi.

According to "Time" magazine -- in the "Washington Post" -- the President supposedly telling Kennedy; "If you keep talking like this within Six months you won't have a political future in this country." Also supposedly warning the Senator that "the blood of American boys will be in your hands." Whereupon Kennedy was supposed to have told the President: "I don't have to sit here and take that." Also, later allegedly calling LBJ, quote, an "SOB."

Not at all said Robert Kennedy today. Branding the entire report untrue -- unaccurate." The White House adding: "Almost nothing like that took place."

TEDDY FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Meanwhile, the President was on the receiving end of a bouquet today strangely enough from Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, in a speech to delegates from the National League of Cities attempting to get local support for the President's pending crime fighting program.

The younger Kennedy telling municipal leaders: "I hope you will have the wisdom to follow the President's lead, for with his leadership in Washington and your support in the communities we in Congress will be able to provide the programs and resources the nation needs to bring crime under control."

That from Senator Edward Kennedy.

DODD FOLLOW TEDDY

Elsewhere on Capitol Hill a second day of conflicting evidence today, in Senate hearings on the tangled financial affair of Senator Thomas Dodd of Connecticut.

Two fund raisers for Dodd saying the money from a certain testimonial dinner was intended "to be used for any purpose Senator Dodd saw fit." However, a solicitation letter also introduced in evidence implied that the dinner was intended to raise campaign funds.

VIETNAM

Over in Vietnam a new day has already begun. The early hours of Wednesday marked by another Viet Cong terrorist attack on that big American air base at Da Nang. First reports telling of heavy mortar and rocket fire on an oil storage area. Some of the shells also landing on a flight of jets -- we hear.

Earlier, a sudden flurry of activity near the Cambodian border. Viet Cong mortarmen pounding American troops with nearly six hundred shells in the space of twenty-four hours. In at least one case, however, American artillerymen returning fire with deadly accuracy touching off at least five big explosions in Viet Cong country.

TOKYO

In Tokyo a long awaited triumph today for Japanese industry and engineering. With emperor Hirohito riding to the opening of the Japanese diet -- in the first Imperial limousine ever bearing the title -- "Make in Japan."

The car, an eight passenger Prince Royal model, two years in the building; a product of Nissan motors -- at a cost of Forty Two Thousand Bucks. With every part -- the work of Japanese labor -- except one.

That -- an automatic clutch. Courtesy of -- you guessed it -- Detroit.

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COPENHAGEN

News of another royal romance -- comes today from Copenhagen. With Princess Benedikte, the so-called "forgotten Princess" of Denmark, happily getting her man.

The middle daughter of King Frederik the Tenth and Queen Ingrid officially betrothed to a handsome German nobleman, Prince Richard Zu Sayn-Wittgenstein-Berleburg. With the wedding to take place probably in late summer.

Benedikte commonly called the "forgotten Princess" because her two sisters have perennially held the limelight: The eldest and heir to the throne, Princess Margie the, who is soon to wed a French nobleman; the youngest, Queen Anne Marie of Greece, who is soon to have her second child.

SENATE

From the California engineers testifying before a Senate subcommittee -- a jewel of an idea today for the disposal of junk, to wit: Build parks with it.

Frank Bawerman of Aerojet General, saying that solid waste can be stamped down between layers of earth. A little seeding -- some trees -- and presto!! It's a park.

This is a most attractive alternative -- said he -- to dumping and burning refuse. And no questions asked that it can be done. Detroit, for example, boasting a ski mountain made of junk that has been a busy ski area now for eight years.

I've often skied on junk -- but of a different kind.

MEGOPOLIS

You have all heard of the so-called American great urban complex from Washington to Boston, also called the nations first "megopolis." But not the last, if we can believe a prediction today from Michigan economic expert Peter Spivak.

The next great one of these says Spivak is almost certain to be a "Great Lakes megopolis;" stretching from Pittsburgh all the way to Milwaukee and even north to Montreal; to serve as the heartland of North American drive and energy.

Spivak predicting, whats more, that by the year two thousand "it will be the Great Lakes megopolis -- that will predominate," in the nations affairs. The greater New York area all the way from Boston to Baltimore to Washington to be Number Two. What about the West Coast -- San Francisco to ~~the~~ L.A. and San Diego? No mention. Maybe that area will still be ~~the~~ "out-in-the-sticks."

TEIGMOUTH

The saga of current events rife with storeis of burglars and thieves, willing to risk imprisonment in their lust for the "long green." Such is the case in this item from Teigmouth, England. Where one Ivan Hitchcock today was convicted of theft and placed on three years probation.

His crime: Stealing the entire green at the second hole of the Teigmouth Golf Club. His big mistake: Replanting the grassy surface on his own lawn where club members quickly spotted it. And now from Aspen, Colorado, where it's snowing and has been all day -- solong until tomorrow.