

HONG KONG

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For the second straight day - a full scale riot today in the ^{teeming} Kowloon District of Hong Kong. With thousands of leftist workers - battling massed British police; in a teeming refugee district - housing more than a hundred thousand Chinese.

The rioters setting fire to trucks, cars and shops - then trying to prevent firemen from reaching the scene. Police fighting back with tear gas and riot sticks -- dodging bottles and missiles thrown from surrounding high-rise apartments. In the end - scores injured on both sides -- and scores more ~~are~~ arrested.

Britain's entire military garrison in Hong Kong - including a brigade of tough Gurkha troops - now on stand-by alert, ~~Against~~ the threat of mobs of Chinese - still roaming the streets past midnight - in defiance of a British curfew.

VIET NAM

Reverse escalation - reported today from Vietnam.

Viet Cong raiders attacking in the dark - with the most powerful rockets they have ever used in the Saigon area.

Blasting a pair of ~~air~~ air bases that launch most American strikes - against enemy targets inside South Vietnam.

A U S spokesman later reporting - six killed, more than a hundred wounded in the rocket ~~ata~~ attack.

Also, two American jets destroyed - and twenty-five more damaged.

At the same time - Viet Cong batteries to the North were launching an hour^s-long attack - against U. S. Marines bases near the D. M. Z. / mortar and artillery shells pouring from hidden enemy gun emplacements - inside that supposedly demilitarized zone.

Dr. Martin Luther King -- ~~the nation's~~
~~foremost~~ Civil rights leader -- under fire today from
Senator Brooks of Massachusetts -- the nation's
highest elected Negro, ^{Criticized} for mixing anti-war sentiment --
in the fight for Negro rights here at home.

Dr. King's anti-war stance -- "a tactical
error -- strategically unwise" -- causing wholesale
desertion from the cause of civil rights -- said
Senator Brooks. Further asserting of Dr. King: "His
advice to young men not to obey the draft laws -- is
dangerous; his advice as to a ceasefire -- which means
our troops would have to stop firing -- is suicidal."

The Senator adding that he, too, favors every
possible effort -- to bring about peace talks. But for
now -- said he -- the needs of our men in Vietnam "must
take priority;" and ^{then} added: "funds for poverty and
disease" -- must come from somewhere else. Perhaps
the Space Program," -- said he.

SEA OF JAPAN

Cold war confrontation in the Sea of Japan - suddenly ~~no~~ ended today. A U.S. Navy task force - having completed anti-Submarine maneuvers, as scheduled.

With Russian and American ~~wx~~ warships -- both returning to friendly waters.

Back in Washington - the State Department today denying widespread speculation[✓] to the effect that Russian ships may have twice bumped an American destroyer - for some reason related to Vietnam. Nothing at all to support such a claim - said the State Department.

Be that as it may -- American and South Korean ships begin a two-day exercise tomorrow -- in the same area. And one thing is sure -- they'll be ready for anything.

WALTER REED

The best possible kind of news today -- from Walter Reed Army Hospital. Word that former President Eisenhower -- is well on his way to recovery from that attack of gastroenteritis. Showing so much improvement -- in such good spirits -- that he may be going home this weekend; home to Gettysburg -- to complete his recuperation. General Ike proving once again -- he's a tough man to keep down.

ABINGDON

John Masefield - Britain's poet laureate for thirty-seven years - dead today at his home in Abingdon, England. At eighty-eight - the victim of a lingering heart ailment.

John Masefield - the author of more than seventy books of verse, plays and novels. Who continued plying what he called his "trade" - right up to his final illness.

The great poet first to admit that he wrote so much - it couldn't all be first quality. Yet ^{at} eighty-three winner of the coveted William Foyle poetry prize; for "the Bluebell and other verses" - his twenty-seventh book of poems.

A sailor ~~to have~~ ~~begin~~ ~~with~~ - he gained perhaps his greatest fame - from the ~~poet~~ poem "Sea Fever". The one that begins: "I must go down to the sea again - to the lonely sea and the sky."

John Masefield - now an immortal.

VATICAN

At the Vatican -- a call to prayer today from Pope Paul; on the eve of his peace pilgrimage -- to the Shrine of Fatima in Portugal.

The Pontiff urging Catholics and Protestants the world over -- to join in veneration of the Virgin Mary. To pray for peace -- in the name of the "Mother of the Son of God."

Meanwhile, hundreds of thousands of lay pilgrims -- were descending today on the village of Fatima itself, in anticipation of the Pope's visit -- set for tomorrow.

Church leaders also announcing today -- that the Pontiff will meet Sister Lucia on his trip to Fatima. Sister Lucia -- now sixty; the last survivor of three children -- who said they saw the Virgin Mary of Fatima -- fifty years ago tomorrow.

WINDSOR

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor, back in the news today. Accepting from their New York apartment a long awaited invitation to attend a royal function June Seventh in London. First invitation ~~for~~⁹ ever from the royal household -- and including the American born Duchess.

The expected family reunion to follow by four days the Duke and Duchess; thirtieth wedding anniversary, for which the Windsors have already taped a radio interview marking the occasion.

At one point, the Duchess was asked if she were ever saddened by the thought of what her husband had give up to marry her. Before she could answer -- an interruption from the Duke. Said he: "Whatever I gave up -- has been more than repaid."

HOLLYWOOD

From the West Coast -- news today of an off-beat Hollywood romance. Played by former silent screen star Betty Blythe -- filmland's first "Queen of Sheba"; and Manuel De Encio -- a retired New York movie executive.

Miss Blythe -- seventy-three -- and Mr. De Encio -- seventy-four -- announcing they will be married in June; at the Motion Picture Industry Country House and Hospital -- where they first met a few months ago.

But no whirlwind courtship this -- "falling in love at our age -- is a gradual thing" -- said Miss Blythe. Adding that both she and the groom-to-be -- were "too old for spontaneous" combustion.

Maybe so. But where there's smoke -- well, what do you think, Warren?

NEW YORK

America's Nineteen-Sixty-Seven "Mother of the Year" -- Mrs. Minnie Guenther of White River, Arizona. By appointment from the American Mothers' Association -- meeting today in New York.

Mrs. Guenther -- the widow of a Lutheran Missionary; who helped bring religious education and medical treatment -- to the Apache Indians of early Arizona. Along the way -- raising nine children of her own. And at Seventy-six -- still living and working among the Indians she has served so long.

Congratulations -- Mrs. Minnie Guenther of White River, Arizona -- and a Happy Mother's Day to all. *And s-l-u-Munday.*