

Thurs. December 2, 1971

KARACHI

From Radio Pakistan, Karachi, West Pakistan - comes a charge today that Indian troops are now attacking East Pakistan from the East, West, North and South; on that many different fronts apparently as part of a giant encircling movement. Radio Pakistan adding that "fierce fighting is continuing on seven fronts."

In New Delhi - Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, in effect was advising the U.S. and all others to butt-out. "The times have passed" - said she - "when any nation sitting three or four thousand miles away - could give orders to India on the basis of their color superiority." Madame Gandhi adding: "India has changed - and she is no more a country of natives."

JUMEIRA CASTEL

A new nation was born today - in Sindbad the Sailor country where the Persian Gulf meets the Gulf of Oman. The wealthy Trucial states of Abu Dabi and Dubai, also Sharjah, Ajman, Um al Kuwain, and Fujairah - some of them fabulously rich oil sheikdoms - merging as one today to become the Federation of Arab Emirates. The formal declaration - was issued at Jumeira Castle in Dubai.

The fledgling nation - later issuing its first foreign policy statement; condemning Iran for seizing earlier this week - the three nearby islands of Abu Mussa; Big Tumb and Little Tumb.

The federation claiming - these are all "part of the Arab homeland."

GOLDA

Later on - the President meeting with Israeli Premier Golda Meir. Press Secretary Ron Ziegler than issuing a statement - saying "the U.S. will participate in a long range program of maintaining Israel defense needs, hoping to maintain the military balance" in the Near East.

SANTIAGO

*By order to Chile's Marxist President -
Salvadore Allende - a state of emergency tonight
in Santiago; supposedly aimed at stopping ~~a series of~~
street clashes -- between rival groups demonstrating
for and against the government. The ~~substance~~ Chilean
trouble -- sparked at least in part, by the ~~current~~ current
visit of Cuba's Fidel Castro, who is scheduled to make
his farewell speech - at a giant rally late tomorrow.
This assuming, however, that order will have been
restored by then - which is by no means certain.*

SENATE

After two weeks of ~~hissing and screaming~~ ^{up roar} and agonizing - mainly Democratic - the Senate finally worked its will today in the matter of Earl L. Butz; in a showdown vote -- approving Butz nomination for Secretary of Agriculture by a count of fifty-one to forty-four; ~~which was~~ ^{somewhat} closer than ~~many had~~ expected; But ~~still~~ a clear cut ~~win~~ victory for President Nixon and Earl Butz.

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Observers adding that Butz himself apparently clinched his ~~own~~ confirmation - with a personal round of lobbying right up to the eve of the vote. Butz pledging to "work vigorously to protect and preserve the family farming system." Also, pledging to support federal anti-hunger programs.

WHITE HOUSE

The White House -- President Nixon addressed today a final session of that conference on aging. The President pledging to seek a minimum annual income for older people - also, tax relief, improved private pension systems and better ~~and~~ nursing home ~~and~~ care. All in hopes of reversing -- said he - "the growing sense of isolation and insecurity," among people over sixty-five.

The President adding that "any action which enhances the dignity of ~~the~~ older Americans - enhances the dignity of all Americans; for ~~we~~ unless the American dream comes true for our older generation" said he "it cannot be complete for any generation."

VIETNAM FOLLOW PARIS

~~Meanwhile,~~ The U S command in Saigon - ^{today} order ~~ed~~

~~today~~ the withdrawal of an additional three thousand

and fifty ^{of our} American troops; the second installment on

a total of twenty-five thousand ~~men~~ - who will be heading

home this month - just in time for Christmas.

CAPITOL HILL

Capitol Hill again - house and senate conferees today approved a compromise plan - for tax payer financing of Presidential election campaigns. This to delay the start of a projected tax check-off - till campaign seventy-six. Whether the President will accept this we don't know.

Any skiers in your family -- or mountain climbers? If so, here's a suggestion for a Christmas gift. Hal Burton, one of the editors of a spectacularly successful Long Island newspaper, Newsday, has written what to me is perhaps the most interesting book to appear so far about skiing. But, it's far more than that.

It's ^a dramatic account of the creation, trials, tribulations and triumphs of the Tenth Mountain Division.

In case you've forgotten -- I hope you haven't -- our Tenth Mountain Division made a brilliant record in World War Two, in Italy. General Mark Clark ~~once~~ told me it was in his opinion the finest single outfit that went into action during World War Two. The I.Q. of the Tenth Mountain was so high ~~that~~ it was almost embarrassing to some of our military people.

Oh yes, and Hal Burton's book includes a glorious human interest story about a self-affacing

SKI TROOPS - HAL BURTON - 2

young American named C. Minot Dole who is often referred to as the Father of the Tenth Mountain. "Minnie" Dole was given his nickname by a blustering sergeant during World War One who said the name Minot just wouldn't do. Ever since he has been known as Minnie, and the rather remarkable part about it is he has ^{put so} ~~made~~

^{much} red-blooded virility into ^{his} ~~that~~ nickname ~~so much so~~ that

^{H/2} when I or any of his other friends hear the name Minnie, instead of thinking of Mini skirts, or Minnie-the-Moocher we think of a rugged mountain man. The Hal Burton book

"the ski troops" is worth while simply to read about

Minnie Dole.

TURIN

Turin, Italy - jewelry salesman Remo Viglierdi playing the Good Samaritan; stopping at the scene of an auto accident - to help out the injured when he later returned to his own car - discovering that someone had stolen his sample case. Some seventy thousand in gems - gone with the wind, Warren.

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HOUSTON

At the U S Manned Space Center in Houston -
the men of Apollo Sixteen "meet the press." Astronauts
John Young, Tom Mattingly and Charles Duke --
discussing plans for their forthcoming Moon trip, ^{which} at
last report ^{is} still set for March Seventeenth, St.
~~Pat~~ Patrick's Day.

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