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From the Joint Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee - a somber warning tonight. A warning that Red China may be able to attack the United States with nuclear rockets - "by the early Nineteen Seventies." Such an attack - "suicidal, but ~~xx~~ nevertheless possible" said the committee. Adding that this country has no means at ~~xxxx~~ present - to repel such a strike.

The committee's time table thus moving up by three to five years - earlier estimates of Red China's growing nuclear capability. ^{This is} Presented, ~~whatmore~~ as the most potent argument to date - for ~~sa~~ development of a U S anti-~~missile~~ missile system.

This same ^{Atomic Energy} committee ~~you will recall the spur~~ ^{was the} behind U S development of the H-bomb, the nuclear submarine = the Polaris missile system. ^{it is} Now basing its anti-missile campaign - on the closed-door-testimony of top intelligence experts and U S weapons makers.

HOUSE FOLLOW CAPITOL HILL

Elsewhere on Capitol Hill - the House Ways and Means Committee today approved a three billion a year increase in Social Security benefits. This amounting to a twelve and a half percent boost in old age payments for more than twenty three million Americans. The full House now expected to approve the measure - without change. The extra ~~money~~ money - to come from a simultaneous increase in payroll deductions.

RACE

Six more cities - ~~torn by racial~~ ^{report} violence, ^{with} Perhaps
a dozen more - on the brink of ^{trouble} ~~disorder~~ tonight. ~~With~~ Local
authorities seemingly powerless to stem the wave of big
city riots - ~~currently~~ sweeping the country.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Providence, Rhode
Island - hardest hit in the last twenty four hours. Chicago
and ~~Rae~~ ^{also} Peoria, Illinois; Hartford, Connecticut; ~~Wyandanch,~~
~~Long Island~~ - the others torn overnight by racial strife.

All this - against a background of mounting white
resentment. Police in ~~both~~ Providence and Milwaukee -
hard put to control marauding bands of whites. A Milwaukee
police sergeant saying: "They ^{a now} ~~re~~ trying to take the law
into their own hands; - ~~they~~ want to do our job for us."

~~Meanwhile~~ While in Washington - the President's new anti-
riot commission today was holding its second closed session.
Executive Director David Ginsburg telling reporters -
there is no question ~~that~~ but that "outside agitators"
were involved in some recent riots. He added, however,

there is still no evidence - of a national conspiracy.

SEOUL

Seoul, South Korea -- today's port of call for the President's two special envoys to Asia. Clark Clifford and General Maxwell Taylor -- conferring there with South Korean President Park Chung Hee and other government leaders.

Along the way - Clifford backtracked slightly from his statement of yesterday; when he indicated the President was seeking a consensus of our allies - on some important new decisions about the war in Vietnam. Clifford today saying the goal - was "not to reach any agreement of any kind" with our allies; but rather - to "have discussions on all aspects of the Vietnam war."

VIETNAM FOLLOW WASHINGTON

In Vietnam- fighting comparatively light today - except for a brief action - near Da Nang.

There - a U S marine patrol out checking, when it spotted a force of some forty Viet Cong - attempting to ~~na~~ cross a rice paddy when the Marines called for air support, U S jets and helicopter gunships - caught the guerrillas in a crossfire, and were wiped out.

A later report: the Viet Cong attacking an oil-tank farm near Saigon, leaving row upon row of oil tanks in flames.

MIDDLE EAST

In the Middle East - a machine gun duel today across
^{River}
the ~~Jordanian River~~. Israeli and Jordanian troops - blazing
away at each other for hours; in the ^{stiffest} ~~worst~~ outbreak of
fighting - since ^{an} ~~that~~ Egyptian ~~and~~ Israeli duel across the
Suez)
~~Suez~~ last month.

^{At the same time there is}
~~Be that as it may~~ news today in Jerusalem that
~~two~~ Israel is trying to negotiate a non-aggression pact with
Lebanon; ^{If it does, then} ~~and if that works out~~ another with Jordan as
well. As an added inducement - Israeli officials ^{are} hinting
at the possible surrender of all captured Jordanian territory;
all ~~that is~~ except ~~in~~ the old city of Jerusalem.

Meanwhile, ^{from} ~~in~~ Cairo ^{word that} Egypt today issued an
^{Indeed}
"urgent" call for peace in Yemen. All but pleading with
rebel Yemenites - to end their five year old Civil War; ^{this}
in order to free thousands of Egyptian troops ^{for possible}
use in still another ^{campaign} ~~war~~ with Israel.

THAILAND FOLLOW HONG KONG

Another siege of Red terror ~~is~~ reported today from Southeast Thailand -- near the Cambodian border. A force of provincial policemen -- enroute to investigate the slaying of a former Communist in Prachupa Kirikham Province, When they were ambushed ^{by} Red Guerrillas on ~~the~~ Thailand's main north-south road - ^{only} ~~about~~ two hundred miles from Bangkok.

Five of the ^{Thai} policemen - shot ~~down~~ dead in their tracks. Four more - dying later, ~~of their wounds~~. The dead including Lieutenant Colonel Kambun Krisan'akase' - Deputy Commander of police ^{for Prachupa Kirikham,} ~~in that province. As such -~~ ~~the~~ Highest Thai official so far slain by the Communists, ^{some} during two and a half years ^{of} sporadic violence.

NEW DELHI

In New Delhi - first-stage debate today on a highly controversial government plan - to curb India's alarming population explosion. The idea - to force sterilization of all men - with three or more children; also - to legalize abortion; further, to ban marriage for girls - till at least age twenty. All of which threatens to explode - into a major national crisis

~~The~~ militant Hindu orthodox ^{leaders are} ~~organization~~ already on record in opposition; ~~to the plan~~ Calling it "an encroachment on the fundamental rights - of a man and a woman." In Parliament, ~~the~~ ^{the} opposition leader P N Sapru says ^S ~~the~~ the author of the plan should be examined by a psychiatrist. Even a member of the ruling Congress Party - Arjun Arora, ~~by name~~ ^{is} predicting "there will be a re~~vo~~lution" ^{in India} if the measure is passed.

~~Perhaps the only point of agreement - that~~ But they all something must be ~~been~~ done about the Indian birth rate.

The nation's population - now at more than six hundred million and climbing fast. Unless ~~its~~ checked - India ~~may~~
~~soon~~ ~~expected to~~ have more than a billion mouths to feed ^{that is} by
the year two thousand.

COLORADO SPRINGS

For years now, America's first line of defense against enemy attack - has been the North American Air ~~Fr~~ Defense Command; Norad -- a globe-girdling network of radar stations - with headquarters at Colorado Springs, Colorado. And just how good is Norad? According to a ~~sa~~ status report today - this good:

On June First - two months ago - an unidentified object was launched from a Soviet rocket base in Siberia. Instantly, the Soviet projectile was under surveillance - from a U S tracking station at Thule, Greenland.

Within seconds - the object identified ^{as} a satellite headed toward orbit - Cosmos One Sixty Two; ~~sa~~ and not a deadly missile ~~aimed at the United States~~ ^{any part of our planet,} Tass later confirming ^{that} it was Cosmos One Sixty Two.

Indeed, Norad keeps a continuing up to the minute check - on every rocket, every satellite that is ever launched

into space. A check telling size, shape and attitude of the space vehicle -- even its probable purpose. Further tracking debris from the craft - when they finally plummet to a fiery finale upon ~~reentering~~ re-entering the earth's atmosphere.

Does anything ever get by Norad? Not hardly - says the Air Force. A spokesman explaining: "We have tracked pieces in space that we think are the size of a lead pencil."

At
~~The~~ present ~~man~~ in command ~~of~~ at Norad, is Lieutenant General Bunky Reeves, an able Air Force officer with whom I was chatting at Colorado Springs only two days ago, when I was in Colorado for an old-timers reunion at the World's Greatest Gold Camp - Cripple Creek, Colorado - still one of the most thrilling places to visit in this broad land!

LONDON

From London ~~comes~~ the story today - of another record long-distance flight. British aviatrix Sheila Scott becoming the first woman pilot - ever to fly non-stop all the way from Cape Town to London, a distance of some seven thousand miles.

Sheila Scott setting out from South Africa - on Sunday. Her single-engine Commanche - an American built plane - flying the length of Africa - including through a sandstorm over the Sahara, In this storm her automatic pilot was first to go out. Then her short wave radio. Next her automatic compass - then followed by a blocked fuel pipe over Libya - and later she was buffeted by a big electric storm over France.

But ~~her plane~~ the undaunted Sheila pressed on, until she touched down at London- after two days plus nearly twenty hours in the air.

*Obviously Sheila Scott is quite ~~exhausted~~ a gal,
Warren + s-l-u-t-m*