

L.T. BUICK FISHER. TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 1965

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

U.S. jets today smashed to within fifty miles of Hanoi -- the capital of the Communist north, Viet Nam while additional American and Vietnamese war planes -- blasted Communist positions south of the border. More than two hundred and thirty air strikes -- in all.

On the ground -- not so good. A government outpost at the provincial capital of Loc Ninh -- said to have been overrun during the night by a force of Communist Viet Cong.

PAY

The House Armed Services Committee today approved a bill -- that would give U.S. military personnel a Billion-dollar-a-year pay increase. The proposed pay boost -- averaging out to about eleven per cent per man -- more than double that requested by the President. The vote -- thirty-three -- to one. An effort to raise military pay -- to the level of comparable civilian employment.

CRASHES

At Fort Benning, Georgia - a mid-air collision today between two giant helicopters - loaded with infantrymen - on a training mission. The choppers plunging to earth in a dense forest and swamp area - then bursting into flame. At least eighteen soldiers - said to have died in the accident.

The fiery crash of an American supersonic bomber - reported earlier today from Le Bourget Airfield ~~at~~ Paris. Of the three-man ~~ax~~ crew aboard that plane - one was killed instantly. Another critically burned. The third - ~~Virtually unka~~ virtually unhurt.

The aircraft - a B-fifty-eight Hustler. Scheduled to take part - in the Paris air show at the same airport. Indeed, the plane flew in so low over the crowd - that people leaped from their cars in fear that it might hit them.

Ironically, the plane - almost identical to an earlier model of the B-fifty eight, One that flew low over

ASTRONAUTS

Astronauts Jim McDivitt and Ed White returned in triumph today to their alma-mater - the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. There to receive duplicate degrees - as honorary doctors of aeronautical science.

Jim McDivitt responding first - in an emotion-choked voice. Said he: "I know I'll never receive anything that means as much to me as this." Ed White next up - with a quip for the occasion. Said he: "I can hardly get used to ~~pp~~ people calling me Colonel - so I know in a million years - I'll never get used to people calling me doctor."

CHURCHILL FOLLOW ASTRONAUTS

In London -- the widow of Sir Winston Churchill -- returned today to the House of Lords, ^{had} where she watched from the gallery -- as her husband made some of his greatest wartime speeches.

Only this time -- it was Lady Churchill -- the center of attention. Taking her seat among the assembled peers as the Baroness Spencer-Churchill of Chartwell. In order -- as the Queen put it -- to preserve for the nation -- her many years of wisdom and experience.

The ceremony itself -- as somber and stiffly-formal ~~formal~~ as ever. Except at the end -- when on her way out -- Lady Churchill paused to shake hands with the Lord Chancellor of the House. As she did so -- that historic hall reverberated to a loud "hear-hear." Which is just about as close as ~~the~~ ^{it} ~~the~~ ~~House of Lords~~ ever gets -- to a real cheer.

HIJACK

From Moscow -- the story today is a life-and death struggle - high over the Soviet Union. A passenger in a Russian airliner - said to have pulled a gun on the plane's crew -- ordering them to fly to the West.

Instead, the pilot jerked back the stick- and the plane zoomed into a steep climb. At the same instant -- the other crewmen jumped the gunman. A mechanic fatally wounded in the ensuing struggle.- before the man was finally disarmed.

The would-be hi-jacker, ~~was~~ ~~identified only as a~~
~~long time criminal who wanted to capture a plane to get~~
~~A good welcome aboard.~~ He was turned over to police -
along with a girl friend aboard the plane. The mechanic
awarded posthumously - the title of "hero of the Soviet
Union" - Russia's highest honor.

HUSSEIN

From Amman in Jordan -- news today that King Hussein will fly to Europe -- for a thorough medical check-up, ~~This immediately~~ following the Afro-Asian Summit Meeting -- ~~set for~~ ~~late~~ this month in Algiers. The Arab monarch -- ~~said to be~~ suffering from a ~~painful~~ spinal injury, ~~in~~ incurred when he crashed his car -- while speeding to the site of a recent Israeli raid.

STOCKS

In New York, the stock market went sharply down -- then sharply up today -- in its most dramatic change of pace in more than a year. The Dow Jones Industrial average -- skidding nearly six points this morning in unusually heavy trading. I happened to be on the floor there part of the time because Capitol Cities Broadcasting in which both H.V. Kaltenborn and I were much interested went on the Big Board today -- a special triumph for our friend Frank M. Smith.

Then presto! The sudden fall -- turned into a sudden climb. The Dow Jones Industrial average -- completely reversing itself. Up nearly six points -- for the day; on a total volume of more than nine million shares -- the biggest turn over since the Dallas tragedy.

KALTENBORN

Name any earth ~~aking~~^{shaking} event of the of the last forty years -- and H.V. Kaltenborn was there or telling the world about it. And how he could tell it!! H.V. -- pioneer among radio newsmen -- and a star all the way, who passes on at the age of eighty-six, vigorous, full of quips and light-hearted right up to the end. What a man.

H.V.'s career as a radio newsman began in April, Nineteen Twenty Two. In What may have been the first newscast -- in radio history. His proudest achievement -- when he covered the Munich crisis in Nineteen Thirty-eight; with more than a hundred broadcasts -- in eighteen days; translating, summarizing and interpreting -- the speeches of Hitler, Mussolini and Daladier -- as they were given.

His voice and his style were inimitable -- although there were many who tried to mimic him; up to and including President Truman -- who later became his ~~his~~ friend.

H.V. Kaltenborn -- the second great personality in this field to leave us in the last two months -- and like Ed Murrow --

who preceded him in death -- a great credit to the profession. I wish I could devote this entire broadcast to a tribute to my friend of some 35 years. The one and only H.V. Kaltenborn. I repeat -- what a man!

LOLLO

Italian film star Gina Lollobrigida -- set off a mob scene today outside a Rome court. "La Lollo" -- as she is known in Italy -- summoned to answer a charge that she outraged public morals -- by performing in the nude in a recent film.

But before she could get to court -- Miss Lollobrigida was waylaid by some fifty "paparazzi" -- free-lance photographers. And it took a flying wedge of Rome police -- to save her from the resulting free-for-all.

Once inside -- Miss Lollobrigida told the judge that her role -- "wasn't obscene in any way." Adding that the alleged nude scene -- "can be considered only apparently immoral." "I wasn't nude" -- said La Lollo -- "I had on flesh-colored tights."

- Dick -
The judge -- apparently convinced, ~~he~~ shook her --- hand -- and sent her home.

BEATLES

Three British war heroes today joined a distinguished Canadian - in renouncing their membership in the order of the British Empire. All because Queen Elizabeth has nominated the Beatles - to ~~xxxxxx~~ membership in the same order.

One of the war heroes ~~xxx~~ asserting in London - that "when people like the Beatles are given the M B E - the whole thing becomes debased and cheapened." (Another arguing that the Beatles had already been amply rewarded - ~~xxx~~ "by the applause of their teen-age audiences -- and their bank managers.")

This retort - from Beattle Ringo Starr. Said

He: "We never asked for the ~~xx~~ award -- but what is wrong with it?" ^{Then} ~~Ringo~~ adding that in his opinion - "people are just being childish."