

ADEN

Good Eve

Maurice Webster, April 4, 1967

The British colony of Aden -- a virtual armed camp tonight. Following the assassination of a leading member-- of the Cairo-backed Arab Nationalist Organization.

Haider Shamsher -- only twenty-two -- shot dead by rival Arab nationalists; during a massive street demonstration -- in the Crater district of Aden. Two of the victim's companions -- also wounded; in continued fighting between the two Arab groups -- vying for supremacy when the British leave next year.

Shamsher's funeral -- held almost immediately But it was more a political rally -- than a eulogy. Only a massive show of strength by British troops -- preventing a new outbreak of violence.

Today's troubles growing from the visit -- of a special three-man United Nations Commission. Its members charged with devising a formula -- for self-rule for Aden and the neighboring Federation of South Arabia.

However, both sides -- refusing to cooperate with the commission; and threatening reprisals -- against any Arab who does. As a result -- the U.N. team forced to hole up a second straight day. For safety's sake -- the three men confined to a heavily-guarded hotel.

RED CHINA

Crisis in Red China -- marked today by an all-out drive against President Liu Shao-Chi. With his arch rival -- Chairman Mao Tse-Tung -- said to be mobilizing "millions" of Red Guards, soldiers, workers and peasants; in a massive hate² campaign -- unprecedented even in Red China.

Latest ~~product of the drive~~ ^{result} -- a giant Army-sponsored rally today in Peking. With speaker after speaker -- taking turns at lambasting the President. Among other things -- Liu accused of trying to reach an understanding with, quote, "imperialism" -- meaning the United States. Mao himself further quoted as calling Liu -- the "Khrushchev of China;" which is said to be -- the worst insult ~~that Mao can think of.~~ ^{he could}

In view of this -- China-watchers saying a showdown is imminent between the two Red leaders. Or else -- it has already taken place -- and Liu has lost. If the latter -- , Mao supposedly trying to goad Liu into a public confession; and then -- suicide.

HUMPHREY

Touring Vice President Hubert Humphrey -- in a fighting mood today in London, we hear. Reportedly telling members of the British Parliament -- there's no hiding in a nuclear age; that the United States will and must meet aggression -- wherever it occurs on the face of the earth.

~~Hubert~~
Said Humphrey: "The United States would meet aggression in Europe or Latin America -- so you can only expect it to meet it in Southeast Asia, too."

Later, the Vice President and Mrs. Humphrey -- dining with Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip at Windsor Castle. They fly to Bonn tomorrow -- on the next leg of their seven-nation tour.

NEW YORK

United Nations Secretary General U Thant -- off today on another trip around the world. First stop -- Geneva in Switzerland; ^{due to} ~~where he will~~ preside over an annual meeting -- of the U.N. Administrative Committee on Coordination. After that -- it's on to Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Nepal and Ceylon.

Announced purpose of the trip: Solely to permit Thant -- to discuss "matters of mutual interest" with key Asian leaders. Rumors persist, however, that his schedule may well include -- new contact with emissaries from Hanoi. As did his last visit -- to Southeast Asia.

VIETNAM

On the war front -- news today of furious air action --
over both North and South Vietnam.

To the North -- the biggest American air strike in five
months. From four-to-five hundred U.S. jets -- blasting
Communist targets from one end of the country to the other.

To the South -- big American B-Fifty-Twos staging two
strikes -- in that War Zone C near the Cambodian border.
While U.S. Marine jets -- were hitting a Viet Cong mountain
sanctuary in the Central Highlands.

The Marine flyers -- using new "burrowing blockbuster"
bombs; designed to penetrate fifty feet below ground --
the better to reach suspected Communist tunnel hideouts.

POWELL

Ousted Harlem Congressman Adam Clayton Powell -- apparently headed for a sudden setback; in his effort to regain his House seat -- through legal means.

A federal judge in Washington -- hearing oral arguments in the case; when he conceded today -- it would be very difficult to force the House to reinstate Powell. The statement following remarks -- from an attorney representing the House; who said a court order to seat Powell -- would set up a "head-on collision" -- between the legislative and judicial branches of government.

Judge George Hart agreeing -- telling Powell's attorney: "If you can figure out some method of enforcing" such an order -- "I'd welcome it." But as yet -- none forthcoming.

TROWBRIDGE

The so-called "eternal triangle" -- basis of a grisly item that comes today from Trowbridge, England. Figures in the tragedy including -- Mr. and Mrs. Aeronwen Hopkins -- their three small children -- and the inevitable "other woman."

The way police tell it -- Hopking brought his lady friend home with him; demanding a divorce -- so that he might remarry. Whereupon his wife made a scene -- and the lovers soon left.

When Hopkins returned home alone -- later -- there was no need for a divorce. His wife had just killed herself -- and their three children as well.

TANGIER

From Tangier, Morocco -- a story today of reckless courage and ambition; on the part of a daring young airline pilot -- from Miami Florida.

Tall, muscular Hugo Vihlen -- laying in stores and making final arrangements; for the start of a four thousand mile solo voyage -- across the Atlantic. Hoping to complete the passage -- in a sailboat only six feet long.

Vihlen saying he's been planning the voyage -- for fifteen months now. Studying trade winds and weather charts -- perfecting survival techniques; to the point where he feels he can make the trip -- in less than two months.

Vihlen declaring: "I'm out to set a world record -- for an ocean crossing in the smallest boat ever." A record -- he added -- that "could stand for twenty or thirty years."

By the way, Vihlen calls his boat -- the "April Fool."
A final story -- in a moment.

LONDON

This next -- from London. Where a lady doctor today reported discoverey -- of a new "space age" ailment. A malady said to be sweeping Britain -- and likely to turn up here in the States, too, if we're not careful.

Victims of the illness -- all women. With its "chief symptom" -- we're told -- "a chronic numbness in the upper leg" -- or thigh; giving way occasionally -- to "severe and recurrent aches" in the affected limb. All this -- supposedly caused by sitting in a ~~strapped~~ ^{stuffed} ~~chair~~.

The name of the affliction. It's called -- "the mini-skirt syndrome."

This is Maurie Webster -- and that's it for tonight.