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DETROIT

The trouble ~~insurrection~~ in Detroit ~~on the verge of an~~ open guerilla ~~warfare.~~ ^{- we hear has become almost} Snipers - white and black - blazing away at police, National Guardsmen, and ~~the~~ ^{the} Army ~~troops~~ ^{too, all these} fanning anew the flames of racial terror - spreading across the Nation.

By midafternoon - Detroit's death toll ~~hit~~ ^{up to} thirty-five.

Equal to that - of the infamous Watts riot. Michigan's Governor

Romney ruefully admitting that "the sniping in the daytime today" -

was "worse, than" ever, ~~before~~. The governor and all concerned -

~~unwillingly~~ ^{may} ~~fearfully~~ to predict what night ~~might~~ bring.

Riot scarred Detroit - obviously the hardest hit of American cities, ~~but~~, by no means - alone in its plight. Violence flaring overnight in at least six other Michigan cities - as well as three in neighboring Ohio. Chicago, New York, Rochester, Phoenix, Sacramento, and Cambridge, Maryland - also caught up in the violence.

This ~~according to historians~~ ^{we are told} the most wide-spread outbreak of racial strife since the post-Civil War period, ^g when Southern whites killed hundreds of Negroes - in defiance of Northern dominated reconstruction.

NEW YORK FOLLOW DETROIT

In the midst of the crisis - a single statement today from four of the most prominent negro Civil Rights leaders in the United States. Dr. Martin Luther King - A. Philip Randolph - Roy Wilkins - Whitney Young - all ~~condemning~~ the race riots as totally senseless, ^{and} calling for criminal prosecution - of those who incited the violence, ^{and} along with those who committed ^{the} violence; ^{and} those who continue to commit it.

The statement asserting that "killing, arson, looting are criminal acts and should be dealt with as such." Adding: "there is no injustice ^{and} which justifies the present destruction of the Negro community and its people."

WHITE HOUSE

Against this background of racial violence - an appeal for sanity today from ^{the} President ~~Johnson~~ in brief remarks at the White House ^I to nearly a hundred young delegates to Boys Nation.

The President telling his young guests - it is their birth-right to be reformers. He added though: "to be a reformer - is to be responsible; it is to be a remaker - not a wrecker ~~of~~ of what man has made; it is to be a restorer - not a destroyer of truth and good."

"It is, beyond all else" - the President went on - "to respect the laws of society - to rebuild society by changing law, improving law, using law; lest we accidentally or willfully weaken the foundations of law - and bring all that we have achieved crashing down upon our heads."

GETTYSBURG

More on the same - from Gettysburg. Where former President Eisenhower said today - he feels there may be an organized pattern to current race riots throughout the country. Suggesting, what's more, that the FBI should be empowered by Congress - to deal effectively with the situation.

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Said Ike: "When there is a good reason to believe that there is some national organization bringing about this trouble - the FBI should be allowed and directed to make an investigation and report."

At the same time, the General also commended President Johnson - for sending Federal troops to Detroit. "Exactly the right thing" - said he.

RED CHINA

Continued chaos in Red China. Reports reaching Hongkong - telling of wide-spread fighting in South China. With a revolt at Wuhan, ~~in particular~~ said to border on open civil war.

All this - prompting a government sponsored million-man troop rally today in Peking. Only leaders loyal to Mao - threatening to throw his enemies "into the garbage heap" - as they put it.

As for Wuhan - the Red Army newspaper promising to "destroy" the rebel military garrison there. Further blaming the Wuhan revolt on, the quote - "a handful of stupid persons."

HONGKONG FOLLOW RED CHINA

Hongkong itself - beset again today by troubles of its own. Including at least nine bombings - in key locations around the British Crown Colony. One of the bombs going off in a crowded streetcar terminal - wounding eight, including three school children.

~~The worst - maybe yet to come~~ A Hongkong detective tonight ^{ed} ~~fell~~ into a raging mob of Leftist demonstrators - killing one. Leftists leaders promptly calling for massive demonstrations - to protest the shooting.

DE GAULLE

His Canadian trip cut short - ~~French President Charles~~
De Gaulle is flying home tonight, leaving behind a political
time bomb - in the French speaking Province of Quebec.

De Gaulle winding up his visit - following a sharp
rebuke from Canadian Prime Minister Lester Pearson. This
because of De Gaulle's repeated endorsement of the French
separatist movement during his brief stay in Quebec.

Nevertheless, De Gaulle telling his French Canadian hosts -
in parting: "I would like you to keep the idea that De Gaulle
in Quebec ^{saying} - a Quebec master of itself - may have contributed
to your progress." Pearson's reply; in effect; goodbye and good
riddance.

ETHESUS

For touring Pope Paul - a visit today to the most sacred Christian shrine in Turkey. The Pontiff traveling by car - to the ruins of Ephesus. There paying pilgrimage - to a tiny home.

According to legend - the last residence of the Virgin Mary - before she ascended into Heaven. *Also Paul preached there.*

The Pope's tour cut short by a blazing sun - that sent temperatures soaring to a hundred and thirty degrees. The Pontiff - sixty-nine - visibly affected by the heat.

Later, though - he addressed a delegation of patriarchs and primates of the Eastern Orthodox Church, *citing* what he called "real differences" - that separate the Roman and Orthodox branches of christianity. But "this pilgrimage" - said he - "has given us the opportunity to better understand and appreciate a profound unity - in the faith preached and proclaimed" by both churches.

With that, the Pope was off again by jet - back to Rome.

VIET NAM

War in Viet Nam marked today by a big B-fifty-two raid on the communist North. First such air strike - in three months.

The Superforts pounding enemy artillery and troop concentrations - just North of the D.N.Z. Pulverizing a mile and a half square built-up area - menacing U.S. Marine positions just across the buffer zone.

In ground action nearby - government troops report killing seventy-five Viet Cong. This in a running gunbattle - across the Northern Provinces. To the South, though - allied forces apparently powerless to stem a new wave of Viet Cong terrorism. Guerilla raids on civilians last week alone - claiming sixty-five dead, a hundred and ten wounded, seventy-five missing.

BANGKOK

Meanwhile, a series of conferences today in Bangkok - for President Johnson's two special envoys to Southeast Asia. General Maxwell Taylor and Clark Clifford meeting for three hours - with Prime Minister Thanom Kittikachorn and other high ranking Thai officials.

No official word - as to what they talked about. We hear though that the two Americans urged Thailand to commit more troops to the war in Viet Nam.

Thailand's answer - not known as yet - and maybe not till Friday; when a formal statement will be issued - at the close of the Bangkok meeting.

Jerusalem

In the strife torn Middle East - Israel and Egypt are again at loggerheads today over the future of the Suez Canal; currently the line of demarkation - between their two opposing armies.

This the burden of an announcement - from Jerusalem,

Following talks ~~of/with~~ between Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan - and General Odd Bull of the U.N. Peace Keeping Mission. Dayan making it plain that Israel insists on the right to send its patrol boats - into the Eastern waters of the canal; thereby refusing Nasser's earlier insistence - that the canal must remain all Egypts.

What next? Observers saying Israel may try again to patrol the canal - in which case there is almost certain to be more shooting. Or more likely - both sides now will observe a period of watchful waiting.

Either way - the Suez Canal stays closed; and likely to remain so - for some time to come.

BRUSSELS

This next - a brief item from Brussels. Pinpointing still another danger - added recently to the perils of modern motoring.

By order of the Belgium government - road signs are going up all over the country. Road signs - bearing a cartoon; showing a crackup between two cars - caused by a leggy female pedestrian. The caption further warning: "Motorists - do not be distracted by miniskirts!"

Here in the West - land of the topless - a good idea ^{warren to} watchout for soft shoulders too, & Slut-m