

Tues. June 20-67.

A moment of ~~rare~~ drama today - at the United Nations, With Secretary General U Thant - hitting back at criticism from Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban. This ~~marking~~ the first time in six years - he has ever rebutted a member-nation on the floor of the General Assembly.

As you may recall - Eban ~~for~~ charged yesterday that withdrawal of the U N emergency force from Egypt - was a major cause of the Mideast conflict. However, U Thant saying Egyptian forces had ~~agreed~~ agreed in advance - they would stay away from established truce lines. ^{But that} ~~there~~ "Israel extended no such cooperation" - said he.

The Secretary General adding, what's more, that Israel itself - refused to accept U N peace forces on its own side of the border. Concluding, therefore, that he was unable to "accept the validity of Mr. Eban's statement."

Perhaps significantly U Thant's brief remarks drawing ~~prolonged~~ prolonged applause.

Next up - U S Ambassador Arthur Goldberg, to
~~Arguing~~ approval of the President Johnson's previously-
stated -- five point plan for peace in the Middle East.
Adding that a "stable and ~~and~~ durable" settlement can be
reached - only through direct Arab-Israeli negotiations;
"with appropriate third-party assistance" -- said He.

WHITE HOUSE

Still ^dpending - the question of whether visiting Soviet Premier Kosygin - will ~~yet~~ meet with President Johnson; For possible face to face talks on Mideast crisis - plus other world problems.

The White House today acknowledging for the first time - that the President has offered to meet the Soviet Premier, ~~Either~~ in Washington - "or some other convenient place nearby" --as he put it; "for either a social visit - or substantive discussions."

However, Kosygin letting it be known - he does not wish to leave New York. Also, that he will be flying home "very soon" - probably in a day or two. ^{So there is} ~~leading~~

little optimism - that the meeting will ever take place.

^{More over there is} ~~is that as it may~~ - a later ~~the~~ report from Administration sources, ~~saying~~ saying there is little to be gained - from such a meeting. Kosygin supposedly lacking the necessary authority - to conduct ^{any significant} ~~meaningful~~ discussions with the President.

CAIRO

Meanwhile, Soviet President Podgorny - is flying tonight to Cairo. There to meet - with Egypt's Colonel Nasser; As part of the Kremlin's continuing drive - to rebuild its prestige among the Arab Nations.

At the same time ^{there is} a report that Moscow is currently pouring planes and arms into the Middle East, ~~there~~ to replace Arab losses - at the hands of that Israeli blitzkrieg.

SHARM EL SHEIKH

All this leading up to a surprise offer today - from Israeli Premier Levi Eshkol, During a visit to Sharm El Sheikh on the Strait of Tiran -- in occupied Egyptian territory.

Eshkol offering to meet personally with Arab leaders - to build a lasting peace in the Middle East. Addressing his message specifically - to Nasser of Egypt and King Hussein of Jordan.

■ Said Eshkol: "I stretch my hand to Nasser and Hussein - not from a position of strength - but willing to forget the past - and devote myself to a constructive peaceful future."

TEL AVIV

This just in: Tel Aviv tonight ordering a full investigation - of that Israeli attack on the U S communications ship LIBERTY. With a special board of inquiry empowered to order immediate prosecution - for any Israeli pilot or seaman who may have been at fault.

VIETNAM

News from Vietnam tells today of U S Navy tactics -- borrowed from Civil War days. With armor-plated "navy gunboats" - much like the Monitor and the Merrimac -- helping American forces to ~~a tremendous~~ ^{quite a} victory, in a river battle - ~~only~~ seventeen miles south of Saigon.

U S infantrymen closing in on a force of Viet Cong -- when they broke and ran for the river; in the past - a classic avenue of retreat. Only this time - the Navy gunboats were ready and waiting. Blasting the ~~enemy~~ ^{VI} - with machine guns and cannon fire.

~~The battle~~ ^{This} one of five major engagements - ranging from the Mekong Delta to the D M Z- accounting for the lion's share - of some three hundred and forty Viet Cong dead, in the brief period - from dawn to dusk.

DRAFT

Here at home - a new four year extension of the U S military draft - was finally cleared today by Congress. The House completing action on the bill - and passing it along to the President for his signature.


Among other things - the new law ^{to} ~~guaranteeing~~ undergraduate deferments for college students; also switching ~~ing~~ the order of induction - so that henceforth, the youngest men will be taken first. However, the bill ~~does~~ ^{does} block ~~ing~~ the President's recent request - for a ~~for~~ draft lottery.

ADEN

More trouble today in the British Crown Colony of Aden - at the southern tip of the Red Sea. With dissident Arab soldiers in ³two barracks - staging mutinies against their British and Arab comrades in arms.

Eye witnesses saying the riotous Arabs quickly seized a machine gun - and riddled a passing army truck with bullets; killing eight British soldiers - as well as a British civilian. Two other Britons also injured in the crash of a helicopter & hurrying reinforcements to the scene.

British officials later reporting - that order was ~~quickly~~ quickly ~~and~~ restored. However, shooting still heard ~~for~~ for hours - in the Arab suburbs of Crater and Sheikh Othman.



ADD ADEN

***During the confusion - Arab Nationalists breaking
into Aden's main prison, ~~R~~eleasing some five hundred
inmates - including both criminal and political prisoners.***

CAPE KENNEDY

At Cape Kennedy - a new and slightly redesigned Apollo spacecraft -- was bolted today atop a Saturn-Five moon rocket, Destined to become the first of two Apollo spacecraft - that will soar aloft, unmanned, in the wake of that Apollo-One tragedy.

Once the new spacecraft is fully hooked up - technicians will begin a long series of tests; to make sure all systems are "go" - all ground support equipment ready, preparatory to its scheduled launch, ~~from~~ hopefully in September.

If all goes well with the two unmanned tests - the first manned Apollo spacecraft will take to the air perhaps next spring. By that time -- the Apollo program will be using a completely redesigned space capsule -- as safe as it's possible to make it.

SVETLANA

Coincident with Soviet Premier Kosygin's visit to New York ^{came} a public disclaimer today from Stalin's daughter, Svetlana, denying certain quotes she supposedly ~~attributed~~ attributed to Kosygin - in a recent magazine article.

According to the article - Kosygin allegedly tried to dissuade Svetlana - from taking the ashes of her late husband to India. Reportedly telling her that India was a "backward, primitive" country - where she could never be as "well off" as she was in Russia.

Not at all - says Svetlana now. Adding that permission for the trip - "was granted almost immediately" with Premier Kosygin -- making no effort to stop her.

MAUNGANUI

A bizarre story is reported today from the Pacific -- off the coast of Maunganui, New Zealand. ^{It all} ~~beginning~~ with a mysterious S O S -- from a boat calling itself the "Tiki Three."

When help arrived - the skipper of the craft was unconscious from loss of blood. Wylie Roberts Junior - age twenty-four - of Birmingham, Alabama. The only others aboard the vessel - Roberts' three year old son - Wylie Roberts ~~as~~ the third; and an English crewman - name of Neville Fineberg. Both dazed and Haggard -- from lack of food.

Fineberg reporting that Roberts had accidentally stabbed himself -- falling on a ~~cut~~ knife during rough weather. But the biggest surprise - yet to come. With the Roberts boat later identified not as the Tiki Three; but rather the yacht South Pacific -- stolen April Fifteen from Brisbane, Australia.

Police speculating the boat was bound for America

when it became lost. ^{They are} ~~Now~~ waiting for Roberts to recover
sufficiently - to finish putting the pieces together.

LANDECK

Some people seem to have all the luck. Take
for example -- pretty Monika Wilhelm of Landeck, Austria.

Yesterday - news that Monika had won a brand new
car - in a drawing sponsored by a toothpaste firm. And now
today - news that she has just won a second car - in a
drawing sponsored by a hair preparations firm.

Only trouble - Monika can't drive. Reason - ^{You see Monika is} ~~she is~~ _^

only eight years old.

CINCINNATI

A final item - from Cincinnati, Ohio, where Mrs. William Bresser - today gave birth to triplets.

Both mother and children - doing fine. The father though - something else again. Mr. Bresser saying that he and his wife - already had eleven children; ranging in age - from two to twenty.

Warren, "So it would seem" - said he "the good Lord has given us too many blessings - all at once," and a-l-u-t-m.