

PANAMA

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A new agreement -- abolishing the old Panama Canal treaty of Nineteen Oh Three. Announced simultaneously today by President Johnson in Washington -- and President Robles in Panama City.

The new pact - said <sup>Pres.</sup> ~~Mr.~~ Johnson - one that will "effectively recognize Panama's sovereignty" over the Canal Zone. But including terms - "under which there might be constructed across Panama -- a new sea level canal."

The joint announcement - capping negotiations that began after the canal zone riots of last year, ~~in~~ which twenty-three were killed - including four U. S. soldiers.

Incidentally, no decision yet - as to whether that sea level canal will be built in Panama, ~~or~~ whether somewhere else ~~in~~ Central America. It all depends on studies - still under way.

VIET NAM

*From Qui Nhon in Viet Nam - news today of what appears to be a tremendous government victory.*

*South Vietnamese soldiers - said to have killed more than six hundred Viet Cong, ~~In~~ a pitched battle along a highway - just wenty miles from a major American marine base.*

*The dead - part of an attack force that attempted to over~run a government outpost <sup>but</sup> failed, and was then caught in a pincers movement between two government relief columns <sup>with</sup> U. S. and Vietnamese air support - a major factor in the tide of battle.*

*The victory all the more significant -- in that it foiled what was apparently the Communists' first strike, ~~In~~ a long-rumored full-scale assault on the coastal plains - during the monsoon season just ahead.*


## UNITED NATIONS

At the United Nations - a Russian demand today  
that the United States - end its so-called "aggression" in  
Viet Nam. <sup>Do it</sup> At once - with no preliminary conditions. Just  
pack up - and get out.

Because - said Soviet delegate Gromyko - U. S.  
intervention in Viet Nam - is a clear ~~xink~~ violation of the  
Geneva agreements of Nineteen Fifty-Four. No matter how  
much we now pretend to - "talk of peace."

From U. S. Ambassador Arthur Goldberg - this  
reply:- The Russian tirade - said he <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ "merely a restatement  
of old positions - which have never been accepted by any  
U N body."

"Everyone" he went on - "everyone knows the  
war in Viet Nam - was caused by North Viet Nam's military  
interference. And no amount of rhetoric - can change that  
fact."



## UNITED NATIONS

*The U N General Assembly decided later today  
to hold a new debate on the seating of Communist China  
and with a show of reluctance ~~or~~ also agreed to ~~consider~~ consider  
Peking's ~~human~~ treatment of the people of Tibet.*



## KASHMIR

That Peace in Hindustan seems anything but secure, as India and Pakistan today exchanged repeated accusations -- that each has violated the U.N. ceasefire.

The Indian Government at New Delhi -- asserting that Pakistani forces have crossed the truce-line -- in at least two places, and that pro-Pakistani guerrillas -- have killed eighty-three Indian soldiers, in a new flare-up of fighting -- in Kashmir.

And there's a Pakistani charge that India has violated the truce -- at least four times since it went into effect on Wednesday. The latest an artillery attack -- on Pakistani outposts near Lahore.

## FIRE

A tragic -- and perhaps needless loss of life today, in a blazing fire -- at a top-secret U.S. Navy Communications Center near Tokyo. Japanese firemen -- at first barred from the scene were finally admitted two hours later -- when the flames were totally out of control.

Result: Twelve U.S. servicemen -- killed in the blaze and fourteen others -- seriously injured. The Japanese say they could have saved some -- if they hadn't been locked out.

Nevertheless there is a compelling reason why they were denied entry. The communications center is said to be the largest in Japan; and a key link between Washington and the U.S. Seventh Fleet -- in the waters off Vietnam.

## FLOOD

Another disastrous flood, - ~~reported today from~~

In Morocco, A flash-flood - caused by heavy rains, That swept through a crowded market place in the village of Khemis Nagua - a hundred miles south of Casablanca.

Human bodies, dead cattle and debris - strewn for miles, As the flood-wave raced across the unobstructed coastal plain -- on to the sea. The toll: At least seventy-five dead, <sup>And Many</sup> ~~Dozens~~ more - ~~missing~~ missing.

## ECUMENICAL

*- that was the*  
The nature of Heaven and Hell - focal point  
of debate today at the Vatican. As the Ecumenical Council  
continued its discussion of ~~the~~<sup>the</sup> document - "on the church  
in the modern world."

A Belgian Bishop, for one, challenging the old  
church view - of a paradise in the sky. This - said he - ~~is~~  
totally "out of date in an interplanetary age." More to  
the point - he went on - the church might well consider  
the possibility - that there are living intelligent creatures  
somewhere up there - far out there in Space, on planets  
is far distant galaxies.

By contrast - an Italian Bishop charged that the  
document is faulty - because it "ignores the presence of  
evil." Said he: "We should remind men - of the devil in  
the modern world."



## SUICIDE

*From Fort Worth - the story today of an attempted suicide, ~~That~~ failed - because of an accident in World War Two.*

*The principal character - a thirty-eight year old Texan - with problems bigger than he could handle, ~~so~~ distraught - that he finally fired a bullet into his head. Under normal ~~xxx~~ circumstances - a shot that would have killed him instantly.*

*But somehow - he didn't die. And when doctors probed the wound - they found the bullet imbedded in a steel ~~ps~~ plate. The plate inserted in his head following a service accident - some twenty years ago.*

## SOLDIER

A professional Marine who fought back from dishonor -- was a guest today at the White House and thanked the President personally.

Master Sergeant Carl Buck of Seattle, was a veteran of twenty-two years in the Marines, when he was accused thirteen years ago -- of stealing five hundred dollars worth of chevrons. Subsequent conviction -- resulting in a bad conduct discharge.

But he never stopped proclaiming his innocence. And early this month -- the President was convinced. Buck getting back his rank and his uniform -- and full Presidential pardon. Said he: "I'm proud to be an American -- and I'm proud to be a Marine."

## BULL

The latest in do-it-yourself activities - reported today from a suburb of Mexico City. A tourist hotel offering its patrons a chance at - do = it = yourself bull-fighting!

Traditional bullfighting costumes and equipment - <sup>for</sup> ~~to be~~ guests; Who will then have the dubious privilege - of entering a bona-fide bull ring; There to demonstrate their courage - or whatever you care to call it - against a young fighting bull.

20 The one rule - no killing. <sup>traveller -</sup> ~~Let's hope~~ <sup>I wonder if</sup> they tell the bulls?

## SPACE

America's newest space twins set down today - at Lagos in Nigeria, ~~On~~ the next-to-last stop - of their eight-day goodwill tour of Europe and Africa. Astronauts Cooper and Conrad - later to present Prime Minister Balewa - with a picture album of their flight.

Back at the ranch - that is, <sup>at</sup> the U S manned space center at Houston - a news conference today <sup>where a</sup> ~~was~~ question <sup>was</sup> asked of Dr. Charles Berry - medical director of the U S space program. To wit: "Are we now ahead of Russia in the space race?" <sup>P</sup> Said ~~Mr~~ Dr. Berry: "We're not sure we were ever behind."