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Latest from Red China: News today of bitter fighting - the length and breadth of the land. Reports reaching Hong Kong -- ~~begin~~ telling of open revolt bordering on civil war; of pro-Maoists battling anti-Maoists - from Manchuria in the North to Kweichow in the south - from Szechuan in the West to Anhwei in the East.

Worst fighting of all - they say - in the great industrial city of Wuhan, ~~for~~ For more than ~~so~~ a week now - under rebel control. Hospitals there - reportedly crammed with wounded Chinese Army troops. The situation in Manchuria -- also said to be one of Wild confusion.

According to China-watchers - the current Red power struggle apparently fast-approaching a showdown. With each side - ~~resort~~ resorting to more and more violence; violence that can end only in total victory for one - or total anarchy for all.

HONG KONG FOLLOW RED CHINA

For one brief period - turmoil in Red China threatened to spill over today into Hong Kong. A gang of vicious Red guards -- attempting to swarm across the border for a raid on the British Crown Colony, ~~only~~ to be turned back -- ~~by Chinese~~ by Chinese Army troops.

The Red guards contenting themselves ~~with~~ ^{with} throwing rocks and missiles at Hong Kong police and British Ghurkas, ² who only a day earlier - had themselves blocked a similar incursion from ~~Red China~~ ^{across that border.}

Earlier, in Hong Kong proper - a series of raids by more than a thousand police and British troops, ~~leading~~ to the capture of several secret supplies of arms - a quantity of Communist literature - as well as thirty suspected terrorists.

DEGAULLE

For once - DeGaulle ~~of France~~ may have bitten off more than he can chew. The Chief of France's Republic Independent Party - today calling a caucus of the party's forty-two members in the French National Assembly.

Purpose: To decide whether to withdraw support from DeGaulle - because of his conduct in Canada last week.

According to most predictions - the maverick Republic independents probably will stay on in DeGaulle's present coalition government. But only on condition & they are permitted advance consultation -- on all major decisions in the future. A condition - which DeGaulle may be obliged to accept.

The forty-two Republic independents -- currently giving DeGaulle a majority of one in the National Assembly. And loss of their support would be a death blow - to his pending bid for near-dictatorial powers.

LONDON

In recent years, the United States has far surpassed the Soviet Union - in nearly every field of world power politics. According to a report - published today in London. A report from the influential - Institute for Strategic Studies; a private research organization - carrying great weight in Washington, Moscow and most other world capitals.

"On almost every level of international politics" - says the study -- Russia "has been outmatched by her great opponent" - the United States; "be it in terms of economic - military - political - or scientific influence." Which means - the report went on - that the Kremlin will have to take a hard look at Soviet policies; especially with a long-range view - to relations with Red China.

"Militarily speaking" - says the institute - "an emerging China will be a threat to the Soviet Union - long before she can credibly threaten the United States."

VIETNAM

News from Vietnam tells today of one long series of air strikes against the Communist North. In all - nearly two hundred ~~miss~~ missions; heaviest one-day aerial assault - since the war began. Targets ranging from troop ~~con~~ concentrations on the fringe of that D M Z -- all the way to a key rail line on the main supply route to Red China.

U S officials explaining the record, round-the-clock air ~~to~~ attack - in a single phrase: "Good ~~at~~ weather, plenty of airplanes available."

KUALA LUMPUR

From Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia comes a story
that's
today [^] a direct result of Britain's planned abandonment
of all military bases "east of Suez". Premier Tengku
Abdul Rahman saying that Malaysia - if attacked by Red
China - would surrender rather than fight.

The Premier previously assured by Britain -
that he could count on British air and naval support at
a moment's notice - in the event of such an attack. However,
Premier Tengku Abdul
[^] Rahman contending today that even with British help - there
would be little sense in fighting the Peking Reds.

Said the Premier: "If a big country like China
wants to attack us -- there ^{would be} ~~is~~ no point fighting; we would
surrender - ~~we would~~ just let China take whatever is
Tengku Abdul
worth taking." [^] Rahman adding: "There is no point -
in destroying life and property." *Implying that*
if you are as weak as they are in
Malaysia -- you are helpless.

WOOMERA

At the Woomera rocket base in ^{a remote part of} ~~the~~ Australia - western Europe's four major powers today attempted their long-delayed first space launching. Which turned out -- sad to say -- a four-star flop.

The flight of Europa One - as the space vehicle was called - postponed ten times because of ~~was~~ bad weather and technical faults. ~~And~~ when it finally did get off the ground - it fell back in a matter of minutes, ~~landing~~ about six hundred and fifty miles down range -- in the Australian desert.

Launch officials later saying a British first-stage rocket - apparently burned out three seconds ahead of schedule. A French second-stage rocket - never igniting at all. Both tumbling back to ~~usertk~~ earth -- along with a third-stage rocket from Germany -- and a top-mounted space capsule from Italy.

JAKARTA

Former President-for-life Sukarno of Indonesia

-- the man who took credit for liberating millions - now a virtual prisoner in his own homeland. By order of the new military regime ~~at~~ Sukarno today forbidden from leaving the Province of West Java. Also forbidden from contact with any person in West Java -- without the express~~ed~~ consent of the West Javan military commander.

Sukarno - ~~as~~ you'll recall, ^{already had been} ~~was~~ banned from the capital city of Jakarta - also in West Java. Which ~~means~~ means that for all practical purposes - he is now completely isolated from the world, ~~outside. Something of an exile~~ ~~right at home~~. Living out his life -- at his old summer palace ~~has~~ near the mountain city of Bogor.

NORTHWESTERN

*An international conference on mental illness -
in session today at Northwestern University -- just outside
Chicago. Principal speaker - Dr. Thomas Szasz of New York;
condemning his fellow psychiatrists and mental health
workers - for the practice of committing persons to mental
institutions -- against their will. Calling this a form of
slavery - a "crime against humanity."*

*Main reason - said Dr. Szasz - because the
definition of "mental illness" is so vague and uncertain.
For example -- said he: "Barry Goldwater has been called
a "paranoid schizophrenic" -- Woodrow Wilson a "neurotic"
- and Jesus a "born degenerate" with a "fixed delusional
system."*

*In short - said Dr. Szasz - we seem to be heading
toward a "therapeutic state," where an M D. in psychiatry -
"may be the principal requirement for the position of big
brother." Or perhaps - "Big Daddy." *Sounds a bit weird**

HAMBURG FOLLOW PARIS

~~Speaking of mini things - a story for~~ Today from
Hamburg, Germany. Where police today banned the wearing
of mini-skirts -- in the entertainment sector of ~~town~~ ^{the city.}

This following the arrest of four - ah - four ladies
of the evening; who were wearing ultra mini-skirts - just
a little bit wider than belts. Police ~~rule~~ ruling that such
mini-outfits - are "too enticing" for German males.

All of which - is rather ironic. For now - though
mini-skirts are banned - the world's "oldest profession"
still remains ~~perfectly~~ legal in Hamburg.

SAN FRANCISCO FOLLOW HAMBURG

From one extreme to the other - a little item today from San Francisco - land of the topless. Where the city health department today warned ~~next~~ restaurants and cafes - that the topless is a health hazard - no longer to be tolerated.

Only thing - they weren't talking about topless waitresses. But ~~too~~ rather -- about long-haired hippie males, waiters. Waiters permitted to go topless - in the past; but now required to wear hairnets -- whenever they wait on customers.

PARIS

For years now - the house of Balenciaga has been the final word in Paris fashions. Haughty - austere - strictly "upper crust." Far above anything as demeaning as say - the mini-trend.

Up till now - that is. For in his new winter collection - Balenciaga today ^{was} featuring sheer, organdy mini-bloomers complete with sequined bodice and matching organdy jacket - for formal evening wear.

Balenciaga himself later laughing off the creation - as ^a kind of an inside joke. His real piece de resistance - said he - another little costume; consisting of a mink coat - worn over mink pants.

Warren - wouldn't you like to ~~sound like just the thing for eskimo girls.~~
take your girl to the opera - - or the movies - wearing mink pants?