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(Bohemian Grove)

From the Ruasian River, in the Big Tree country of Northern California -- GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY!

At Geneva -- a lengthy meeting today of the International Red Cross Committee; reportedly to discuss the possibility of arranging an exchange of prisoners -- from the War in Vietnam. At the closed of discussion -- Red Cross officials asserting they will pursue "persistent efforts -- on behalf of all victims of the hostilities."

Besides a number of U.S. airmen --threatened with trial as war criminals -- this apparently including nineteen North Vietnamese sailors, captured and held prisoner by American naval forces -- contrary to the usual practice of turning such prisoners over to the South Vietnamese.

Here at home -- Navy Secretary Paul Nitze today reporting

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that the nineteen sailors -- are now being questioned at sea, their fate -- "under current review" -- said he. The implication: That they will be held as reverse hostages-- to insure the safety of American airmen.

VIETNAM FOLLOW GENEVA

On the other side of the globe - American courage and resourcefulness once more in plentiful supply, ~~Saving~~ two separate forces of U.S. Marines - from potential disaster. Another chapter in that week-long battle - near the border between North and South Vietnam.

In the first encounter - a battalion of Marines patrolling a jungle trail - to prevent an enemy withdrawal across the Laotian border, when they suddenly found themselves virtually surrounded - by an overwhelming force of ~~Communist~~ ^{Viet Cong.} The Marines calling in a ring of heavy artillery fire - holding the position with only light casualties.

A little later - a short distance away - the ~~Communist~~ ^{Viet Cong.} ambushed two companies of Marines - attempting to set up a new command post. The Leathernecks pouring back a tremendous volume of fire - enabling ~~them~~ ^{them to} withdraw - again with only light casualties.

CHINA FOLLOW VIETNAM

Meanwhile - Red Chinese President Liu Shao-chi ^{with} the principal speaker at an anti-American rally today in Peking. A mammoth rally - said to have attracted one million Chinese.

Liu declaring that alleged U.S. aggression against North Vietnam - is also aggression against Red China. Adding that "the Chinese people have made up their minds" - to join forces with the North Vietnamese, for the purpose of "dealing joint blows at the U.S. aggressors - at any time and in any place that such actions are deemed necessary."

Liu concluding - "we must warn the U.S. aggressors in all seriousness - do not miscalculate and do not misjudge your opponents."

RUSK FOLLOW CHINA

A related item - from Washington. Secretary of State

Dean Rusk - appearing today at a convention of the International Platform Association; where he was asked from the floor - "Why don't we bomb Haiphong - and to heck with Russian ships" and the threat of Chinese intervention? The question - drawing loud applause from the audience.

Dean Rusk - replying as follows: If we wanted - said he - "we could make this into a larger war very quickly." But the objective - he went on - is to settle the matter "without ^a general conflagration."

Thus - said Dean Rusk - the U.S. is exercising the utmost care - to avoid any ill-considered action; to keep the war in Vietnam - from turning into a nuclear holocaust.

FULBRIGHT FOLLOW RUSK

Be that as it may ^{still} another challenge today to U.S. policy
in Southeast Asia ^{comes} from Senator Fulbright of Arkansas. Fulbright urging
the full Senate - to put a stop to President Johnson's so-called "Asian
Doctrine" before it becomes - as he put it - "an irrevocable national
commitment."

The "Asian Doctrine" - as defined by Fulbright - an effort
to apply to Asia the same principles - as once applied to South America
by the Monroe Doctrine. "This" said he - at a time when the last "vestiges
of the Monroe Doctrine are being fitfully liquidated" - and hopelessly
outdated.

INDONESIA

The final straw today - in worsening diplomatic relations between Red China and Indonesia. Jakarta ordering immediate closing - of its last Consular office in Peking.

Indonesian Foreign Minister A. S. S. Soemarto calling the closing "only natural" - under present circumstances. Such circumstances - said he - the fact that Indonesian diplomats - "cannot continue working properly" in Peking.

This - in effect - a full break in diplomatic relations - between the former allies. Marking a turn full-cycle - from the days when Sukarno reigned supreme over Indonesia.

CRUISE

The story of a pleasure cruise that ended in grim tragedy - comes today from Penmaentool on the East coast of Wales.

The charter vessel Prince of Wales - returning to port from a brief excursion; when it was caught in a rip-tide - slamming into the pilings of a wooden bridge - and capsizing in the raging current.

Five women - killed instantly. A number of other passengers still missing - and more than twenty injured. Port officials saying the toll may eventually reach - as many as a dozen dead, in all.

IOWA

Justice tempered with mercy today at Des Moines, Iowa.

Governor Harold Hughes - cancelling fines totalling some forty-three hundred dollars, ~~was~~ leveled against ~~several~~ Amish fathers - who refuse to send their children to state accredited schools. Some of them threatened with loss of their farms - for lack of money to pay the fines.

The Governor's action - "under executive clemency provisions of the Iowa constitution," In the interest of achieving a "peaceable solution to the Amish school problem." However, the Amish must still pay - about three thousand in Court costs.

SPACE

America's highest flying spacemen ever - returned today to the starting point of their daring voyage # "out of this world." A cheering throng of space workers - turning out to welcome Astronauts John Young and Mike Collins back to Cape Kennedy.

Two-time space veteran John Young - telling the crowd: "You know, Columbus was right - the world is round." Mike Collins - the world's first two-time space-walker - adding: "It was great to leave - and it's great to be back."

The astronauts will remain at Cape Kennedy - for two ~~more~~ days of preliminary debriefing. Returning home to Houston early next week - for a reunion with their families and more debriefing. ^{Then} they'll report to the nation ^{on} August 1.

POLITICS

All's fair in love and war - ~~as they say~~. Also in politics - or so it seems - in this next from Montpelier, Vermont.

We're told that Vermont Governor Phillip ~~W~~ Hoff - Democratic candidate for re-election - has been handing out lapel buttons; spelling out his initials - "P.H.H." - in morse code. A device the Republicans - have now turned against him.

His opponents latching on to as many of the buttons as they can find - and wearing them upside down. The dots and dashes in reverse - spelling "H.H.P." Which - according to the Republicans - stands for "Help Hang Phil." *Isn't you a Vermonter, Warren?*