

INVESTIGATION

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Plans for a sweeping congressional investigation of U S military commitments around the world - announced today by Chairman John Stennis of the Senate preparedness Committee; with special emphasis ~~to be placed~~ on U S ability to respond & with ~~its~~ military manpower and material - in the event ~~that~~ of another emergency abroad.

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Senator Stennis observing that the United States - now has formal agreements with forty different countries; pledging U S military assistance - if needed - to combat Communist aggression. It's time - said he - for the Senate to take "a new and sober look" at these agreements.

SENATE FOLLOW INVESTIGATION

A few hours later - the full Senate - over
the objections of Defense ~~Min~~ Secretary ~~Robert~~ McNamara -
approving the first step toward creation of an anti-
missile defense system. An appropriation of a hundred
and sixty-eight million dollars - toward development
and deployment of an anti-missile missile. - ~~as the~~

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VIETNAM

In Vietnam -- a bonanza today for American infantrymen; in their game of hide and seek in "War Zone C" -- about seventy-five miles northwest of Saigon; discovering a huge Communist supply center -- near the Cambodian border; believed to be the Southern terminus -- of the vital Ho Chi Minh supply trail; there destroying nearly seven thousand Communist uniforms -- a thousand tons of rice -- more than nine hundred tons of salt; also twenty-five sampans and two vessels -- used to transport the goods.

The supply center -- wide open when the Americans arrived. Defenders had fled across the border.

VIET NAM FOLLOW PENTAGON

Here at home - a prediction today from the Pentagon - that the full weight of U S military power in Viet Nam - will be brought to bear against the ~~Communists~~ ^{Viet Cong} by next October - ~~for~~ following the monsoon season.

With just a chance - an admittedly slim chance - that the war in Viet Nam can be won - by early next year.

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~~This~~ ^{This} ~~the forecast~~ predicted on a belief that by fall - Communist manpower losses will exceed their ability to find replacements. ~~It's~~ Assuming, ~~in addition,~~ ~~the~~ Red China and Russia - continue to keep "hands off."

WAR

Even if war is what Sherman said it was, there can be grim humor -- even in the worst situation, as illustrated by two items today.

An American soldier, assigned to an ambush in Viet Cong territory -- was startled by a tap on the shoulder. Whirling around -- he found himself face to face with the enemy; a frightened Viet Cong -- clutching a "safe conduct" pass dropped by a U.S. plane. He wanted to surrender .

And-- another Viet Cong was told by his commanding officer-- to gather up all the "safe conduct" passes he could find. Only trouble -- he later explained -- American planes kept dropping so many! Faced with an insurmountable task -- he also surrendered.

HUMILIATION

The ultimate humiliation today - for Kuo Mo-Jo.

A man considered until recently - Red China's leading intellectual.

Beginning of the end - an attack from China's Minister of Culture, accusing Kuo of grossly misrepresenting certain aspects -- of "China's cultural life."

The coup-de-grace - by Kuo himself, ~~quoted~~
Today from Peking ^{word that he} ~~is~~ publicly admit^s his
guilt, ~~said to have far further~~ ^{and} recommend^s that all
he has written --- ~~"should"~~ ["] be burned as useless."

Kuo - at seventy-four - a past-winner of China's state peace prize. Also a vice chairman - of the Lenin International Peace Prize Committee. Widely-acclaimed as a poet and historian; - until his fall from official favor.

RANGE

President Johnson - home on the range tonight.
The President and his family - star attractions at a gala
dinner dance in Houston, for big-money contributors to
the Democratic Party from Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas,
Louisiana and New Mexico.

This the first of several of fund-raising
affairs ~~that~~ the President will attend during the spring
and summer as part of ^{the} ~~the~~ campaign to help elect
Democrats - in the fall elections. A similar dinner
planned ^{for} ~~at~~ Washington May Twel^{ve} ~~th~~ - another ~~in~~ Chicago
May Seventeen~~th~~ - and a third in New York early in June.

NORRISTOWN

A weird story of fear, superstition - and murder - comes today from Norristown, Pennsylvania, following the arrest of twenty-eight year old John Bruno - on charges of murdering five of his neighbors.

As reconstructed by police - ~~the series of~~ *it all* ~~murders~~ began in Nineteen Sixty-One. The motive supposedly revenge - for real or imagined grievances. Most of the victims - elderly Italians. Their friends and family apparently suspecting Bruno's implication in the crimes - but refusing to call authorities.

Why so? Because - said a policeman - they "were frightened by sorcery, witchcraft and the ~~like~~ like, fully convinced that Bruno possessed an "evil eye" - capable of dealing death at a single glance.

INDONESIA

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Another indication today - of Indonesia's changing foreign policy. The Indonesian Army's "Crush Malaysia" command - reporting itself ready as ever for an armed confrontation with Malaysia; adding, however, that it would really prefer - a negotiated settlement of their long-standing feud. This according to a broadcast - ~~to~~ from Radio Jakarta.

Also from Jakarta - news today of a tremendous eruption early this week - at the water-filled Gunung Kelud volcano in East Java. Turning a nearby river into a steaming torrent -- and burying the village of Bambunan under a sea of lava. At least thirteen known dead - ~~plus a number~~ ^{many} missing.
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SHAH

A twenty-one gun salute today in Tehran -- followed by joyous celebration throughout Iran. Marking the birth of another son -- the second -- to Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlevi -- the fabled Shah of Shahs; and also, of course, to his wife -- the Empress Farah.

To be named Ali Reza after the Shah's younger brother -- who died in an air crash. The royal couple's two other children -- Crown Prince Reza, who will be six in October -- and Princess Farahnaz, now three.

The Shah divorced two previous wives, who failed to produce a male heir. Now two sons available to mount the Peacock Throne in the fabled land where Alex-the-Great defeated Darius-the-Great, at the Battle of Issus, remember Warren?

BARNES

At long last - a solution to the New York parking problem -- offered today by Traffic Commissioner Henry Barnes. An idea that came to him - he says - while lying in bed these many days - recuperating from a recent heart attack.

The ~~plan~~ plan - a trade agreement between the United States and Russia. According to Commissioner Barnes - to work as follows: "We ship them three thousand cars from Detroit - in exchange for ~~us~~ twenty thousand parking spaces from Siberia."

Sounds ^{Oh,} ~~just great~~ Commissioner - and ~~we~~
~~hoping you~~ get well soon. We need you!