

BATON ROUGE

Mon, Jan. 10-72

At Baton Rouge - capital of Louisiana, there was a demonstration today by more than a thousand blacks - leading to death - and widespread violence.

Initial victims - including two deputy sheriffs and two negroes. Louisiana's Governor McKeithen- quickly declaring a state of emergency. Calling out eight hundred of the National Guard in an attempt to restore order. At last report - situation still extremely tense.

PHILADELPHIA

If at first you don't succeed - try, try again; so the old saying goes. Hubert Horatio Humphrey doing just that today. For the third time in a long and distinguished career - declaring himself a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President.

In a speech at Philadelphia, the one-time Vice President pledged to remove all U S troops from Vietnam - and revitalize the U S economy. Humphrey adding that "history will note the failures of the Nixon administration- and," said he, "they will also be the subject of this Presidential campaign."

SAIGON

From Saigon - a report today telling of additional U S troop withdrawals - with total American military strength in South Vietnam now ^{down to a} ~~set at a~~ hundred and fifty four thousand men; ~~the~~ the lowest figure - in nearly seven years; as compared with a maximum of some five hundred and forty thousand = in April of Sixty-Nine.

WHITE HOUSE

From the White House comes an announcement that President Nixon will be concentrating on domestic affairs during the next few days; chief of these being the preparation of his State of the Union message, scheduled for next week; also, the preparation of a number of forthcoming messages to Congress. The White House adding that one such message - will deal with the economy exclusively; while another we hear will be a sort of "state of the world" report.

ADVANCE FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Back from Peking today - the President's twenty-five man advance party for his forth coming trip to Red China.- White House Press Secretary Ron Ziegler spokesman for the group - saying ^{the} ~~his~~ journey had proven most successful. ~~"We received"~~ "Excellent cooperation" said he. ^{Then} ~~A~~dding: - "more later."

DACCA

At Dacca, in what was once East Pakistan - a triumphal home coming today for Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The new President of the new state of Bangladesh, when he arrived at Dacca airport, was nearly engulfed by a crowd of more than a million. Had it not been for Indian troops - he might have been crushed. The crowd shouting over and over - "Sheikh Mujib Zindabar" - long live Sheikh Mujib." Later, say eye-witnesses -- "a mind-numbing motorcade - to the center of Dacca. The streets along the way, crossed with arches of flowers; the spectators - tossing rose petals in his path. At one point - as the parade inched along - a joyous Belgali handing the Sheikh two white doves.

And then - at a race track in his homecoming address, the Sheikh pledged that Bangladesh shall remain a free and independent nation. Adding that

"all links" with the West Pakistanis -- "are snapped
for good." "Let them be free in their own country"
-- said he, - "and let us be free in our country."

PENTAGON

Last week ^{we had} ~~you may recall~~ an announcement that the U S planned to maintain a small naval task force in the Indian Ocean - "indefinitely." Now a Pentagon report that the task force in question - has already left the Indian Ocean; with its flagship, at least - the Air Craft Carrier Enterprise - headed for Subic Bay in the ~~far off~~ Philippines.

Purpose, - we are told, - to provide "liberty" for the crew. ^{Meanwhile} ~~but another reason, perhaps - the~~

~~fact that~~ the Russians are ~~also~~ still there.

About twenty ships, in all - says the Pentagon. ~~Adding~~ ~~that this is~~ Probably the biggest Russian Naval flotilla - ever to operate in the Indian Ocean.

HONG KONG

At Hong Kong the decks of the fire ravaged Queen Elizabeth were still mighty hot today; with the insurance ~~is~~ investigators arriving. Lloyds of London - the biggest insurer - saying its loss could well run to eight million. If so it is the biggest insurance loss in shipping history, with a possibility of arson.

CAIRO

In the Middle East - Cairo - a meeting of the Sixty-Eight nation Afro-Asian Solidarity Conference today heard a statement from Egypt's President Sadat who said it is Egypt's "sacred duty" - to liberate Israeli occupied territory - no matter what the cost.

Israel is stepping up its patrols - along its borders with Lebanon, ~~the~~ following the shelling of two Israeli border towns, and three Arab infiltrator casualties.

MOSCOW

The "power of the press" in Russia - up another notch - or so it would appear. At any rate, the Kremlin today raised the status of TASS, its official news agency - to that of a cabinet ministry. The Director General of TASS - to sit, henceforth, as a member of the Soviet's powerful Council of Ministers.

Incidentally, the name "TASS" you may be interested to know is an acronym for, quote "Telegraphing Agency of the Socialist Soviet."

ROME

From the Eternal City, Rome, we have a report of a recent survey of Italian hospitals; some of which- if not Eternal - pretty close to it. For example, Santo Spirito Hospital in Rome - originally built some time around the year Twelve Hundred A.D., with Saint Anne's of Ferrara - only a little less ancient - Fourteen Forty -- half a century before Columbus. Some thirty Italian hospitals so old they are now listed officially as "national monuments."

FORT JACKSON

Starting next month at Fort Jackson South Carolina a new three-day trial enlistment program; part of an army plan to win new recruits and thereby speed the building up of an all-voluntary army.

Colonel John Kean - the man in charge, explains that after three days^{if}/they decide they want to stay - the new men will be sworn in. If they find it's not what they expected and don't like it - they can go home. Lest there be any doubt - the Colonel further stressing this will be "no snow job". Adding, in effect: "What you see = is what you get; be it good bad or indifferent."

Warren, shall it be present arms or at ease?

LAS VEGAS

Did he - or didn't he? That's still the big question today. ~~But~~ ^{Has} Howard Hughes ~~really~~ writeⁿ his autobiography, or is it all a figment of someone's imagination?

As you may have heard, a telephone voice purporting to be that of Hughes - saying yesterday: "Not so." But the controversy - still persists. An official of the McGraw Hill Publishing House - presenting documents today attesting to the book's authenticity. This leading to a threat from Hughes' attorneys that they may ~~be~~ be forced to sue.

By the way, that "Hughes telephone voice - also ~~said~~ ^{said} he hopes to return one day to Las Vegas. ~~But~~ Nevada's Governor O'Callaghan ^{with a smile} ~~when asked his reaction -~~ ~~merely smiling and~~ saying: "I am not sure he's ever been here."