

Today, Egyptian President Nasser and King Hussein of Jordan met in Cairo to discuss the projected talks with Israel, and the rift in the Arab world caused by their acceptance of Washington's peace proposals. In London, Communist diplomats say Russia has told the United States that peace negotiations must proceed on the basis that Israel return every inch of occupied Arab territory, without exception.

Official sources in Jerusalem say the Israeli government is apparently satisfied with the American reply to its charges of Egyptian cease-fire violations. The American statement had said there was some evidence of violations - but such evidence was inconclusive. Still Israeli officials reportedly view this as at least "partial corroboration" of their charges. Consequently, Israel is now said to favor an early start on the Middle East peace talks, and wants them held at the Foreign Minister level - at a site other than New York.

INDO CHINA

North Vietnamese forces - in their strongest offensive to date - have reached ~~positions~~ positions about seven miles northeast of Phnom Penh, ^{the} Cambodia~~n~~ capital. A Cambodian battalion commander reports - "we are ~~now~~ badly out-numbered, but will hold on." The Cambodian troops have strung their defense line along the east bank of the Mekong River, blocking a main approach to the city which is on ~~the~~ ^{the} river's west bank.

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The Pentagon says American B-52 bombing raids in Southeast Asia ^{have been} ~~are~~ reduced, ~~to an average of one thousand a month~~ -- citing improvements in the South Vietnamese air force and a lower level of Communist activity as the reason. The ^{was about} ~~average~~ ^{of} ~~approximately~~ eighteen hundred a month in January of Nineteen Sixty Nine.

In Paris, Chief American peace negotiator ~~Burt~~ Bruce didn't show up for today's session of talks with ^{the} Hanoi~~s~~ delegates, ~~and~~ there's speculation that

he may ~~boycot~~ *pass up* all meetings until ~~Hanoi's~~ Hanoi's
delegation chief - Xuan Thuy returns to Paris.

Senator Edward Kennedy says a Senate proposal - aimed at creating ~~an~~ an all-volunteer army - would in practice lure pure youngsters into military service with promises of gold to fight for rich men's sons. Even though he is the Senate's advocate of draft reform, Kennedy spoke against the current proposal offered by ~~Republican~~ Senators Goldwater and Hatfield, a ~~proposal~~ proposal that would create an all-volunteer army by raising pay and allowance levels. It also calls for discontinuing the draft by next June. ^R Despite ^{the} Kennedy's opposition, the proposal is reported to be gathering support. As one observer puts it -- in an election year Senators may find it difficult to oppose legislation that raises the pay of three million voters not in uniform. Also also offers thousands of draft age students an escape from military service.

DRAFT

Fire - set by arson^{ists} -- destroyed ~~to~~ about
two thousand draft records in the Selective Service office
at Reisterstown, Maryland -- a Baltimore ~~suburb~~ suburb.

Police say gasoline was poured on the office walls and
files before ^{the fire was set.} ~~flames were lit~~

SUDBURY

A devastating wind storm - possibly a
tornado
~~tornado~~ struck the northern Ontario mining country
around Sudbury today - smashing buildings, throwing
railroad cars around, and knocking people off their
feet in the streets. First reports ~~say~~ say at least
ten ~~persons~~ died in the storm, ^{with} ~~more~~ more than ^a ~~one~~ hundred
sixty injured, ~~Many of them~~ critically. Sudbury
weather officials say they don't know for sure what
kind of storm it was. "We're calling it a freak wind
development," said one, "possibly a tornado."

DOROTHY

Tropical storm Dorothy struck French

Martinique with seventy ~~one~~ mile an hour winds today -

forcing many of the islands' three hundred thousand

resident^t~~er~~ to seek shelter. The center of the storm

swept through a channel that separates Martinique from

St. Lucia Island to the south, ^{and} head^{ed}~~ing~~ into the

Caribbean. ~~See~~

NIXON

Treasury Secretary David Kennedy says the administration ~~is now~~ has resigned itself to a budget deficit ~~of~~ even greater than the official forecast of one and three ~~tent~~ tenths billion. With more than ten months left in the current fiscal year the Washington Post reports that President Nixon has been informed ~~that~~ a deficit of ten billion is likely. Officials blame a business slump ~~with~~ ^{with} holding tax revenues ~~below~~ ^{below} earlier estimates. ^{TR} The President and Mrs. Nixon ^{today} flew to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico ~~today~~ for a visit and talks with Mexico's President Diaz Ordaz. They received the traditional Mexican greeting ^{including} ~~and~~ strolling Mariachi bands in black costumes, spangled with silver coins, and playing a tune called - Ode to the two Presidentes, ~~Composed especially~~ for the occasion.

RIGOLETTO

In the Municipal Theater at Santiago, Chile, baritone Louis Quilico was rendering a full-throated version of ~~Gina~~ Rigoletto when, suddenly, he clutched his mouth and throat, leaving the stage, ~~moving with great haste.~~ A doctor was summoned from the audience. The diagnosis - a pigeon, nesting in the rafters of the theater, had shed a feather which floated down into the baritone's mouth -- ^{something} ~~causing a scene~~ that wasn't in the opera script. Now Warren - ^{if} you haven't any feather or - in your throat!

HI JACKERS

During the ~~eight~~ eighteen months period which ended July first, ninety-six passengers died and fifty seven others were injured because of air plane sabotage and hi-jackers. The international civil aviation organization also reports that many air travellers were treated for mental illness and shock because of their experience on hi-jacked planes. Only seventy-two of more than five hundred hi-jackers have ~~been~~ been brought to justice so far. The report was presented to a panel of United Nations legal experts ^{assigned} ~~first set in~~ ~~a plan to also draft an international convention~~ to deal with the problem.