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Dallas Townsend

MIDEAST

The Palestinian guerrillas are now demanding that Israel release some three-thousand Arab prisoners as part of the ransom for liberating three hundred airline passengers and crew being held hostage in Jordan. This new demand was given International Red Cross officials who flew to Jordan on a mediation mission in behalf of the United States, Britain, West Germany and Switzerland. They are seeking a possible package deal - they hope before the guerrillas carry out their threat to blow up two hijacked airliners with many of the hostages on board, if an agreement isn't reached by late tomorrow night, Eastern time. Originally, the guerrillas had demanded only the release of seven Arab commandos, now being held in European countries.

Amman Radio, today announced a ceasefire agreement between the Jordanian Army and the Palestinian guerrillas after eight days of fighting in which about one-hundred persons were reported killed. Soon afterward, however,

new fighting was reported - and the new ceasefire went the way of all others in Jordan.

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takeoff from Kennedy airport in New York. All eleven
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Dallas airport outside Washington on a ferry flight. Cause
of the accident has not been determined.

KENNEDY AIRCRASH

A DC-8 owned by Trans International Airways - a charter company - crashed and burned this afternoon, on takeoff from Kennedy airport in New York. All eleven crewmembers on board - including seven stewardesses were killed. The plane had no passengers - it was headed for Dulles airport outside Washington on a ferry flight. Cause of the accident has not been determined.



A blown-up bridge has stalled a force of some four-thousand Cambodian troops, moving north from Phnom Penh in a drive to break through the Communist encirclement of the town of Kompong Thom. / The task force dug in about eight miles short of its objectives. / In Saigon, for the third time in as many days / the U-S Air Force announced major ~~cut~~ ^{cut} backs in American air strength in South Vietnam. The remainder of a fighter wing unit at the big Bien Hoa air base, fourteen miles north of Saigon, / is being inactivated and withdrawn from the country.

In Tokyo, official U-S sources say after the middle of next year American troops - now patrolling about fifteen miles of the Korean front - / will confine their guard duty only to the truce village of Panmunjom. This being part of a planned withdrawal of some twenty-thousand American troops from South Korea. Sixty-thousand are ~~currently~~ ^{now} stationed there.

ARMY

Defense Secretary Melvin Laird has announced a major change in policy which affects millions of American men. Henceforth, national guardsmen and military reservists will provide the major source of manpower for any rapid buildup of the armed forces. The draft will no longer be the major source as it has been for the past five years. | More than two-and-a-half-MILLION men are in the ready reserve force | nearly a MILLION of whom are being paid for the time spent in military training.

CUSHING

Pope Pual today accepted the resignation of Richard Cardinal Cushing - archbishop of Boston - who recently observed his seventy-fifth birthday. "I'm too weak and too old to carry on," so said the blacksmith's son who rose to become a prince of ^{the} Roman Catholic Church. The Pope has named Bishop Humberto Medeiros of Brownsville, Texas, to succeed Cardinal Cushing as Archbishop of Boston. Medeiros - aged Fifty-Four - will be installed in that post on October Seventh - the feast of the Holy Rosary - in the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in South Boston. Cardinal Cushing will preside.

VIOLENCE

[The names of fifteen men / including retired Army General James Gavin and two former U-S Attorneys-General, Ramsey Clark and Nicholas Katzenbach / have been proposed as commissioner of the nation's largest police force in New York City. / However, there's no guarantee that Mayor John Lindsay will make his selection from this list / to fill the ^{belong} post vacated by Howard Leary who plans to take a private job on October First. / In New York today, / a firebomb was tossed at the home of a high police official - John ~~E~~ Walsh - the department's second ranking officer / only hours before the ~~scheduled~~ start of a trial for thirteen Black Panthers - accused of a bomb plot. / A small fire was quickly extinguished and there were NO injuries.]

In Washington, a government study group reported that violence is increasing so rapidly in America that future housing may consist of fortified residential areas that would be sealed off by police after dark. A task force of the National Violence Commission blames this situation

on mass migration to urban areas, the decay of inner cities
and demoralizing conditions imposed on blacks. [The

Commission also recommends that marijuana be legalized
for persons over eighteen - / saying "there is NO reliable
scientific evidence of marijuana's harmful effects."]

RAILS

Negotiators for the nation's railroads and four unions resumed contract talks in Washington today - just one day before a threatened strike that could shut down the country's entire rail system. Six-hundred-thousand employees are seeking wage increases comparable to the forty-six percent pay boost the Teamsters won this year in a contract with the trucking industry. No progress was reported today - the talks will resume tomorrow morning.

THOMAS

AMALRIK

Lowell Thomas in in Alaska tonight - and we have

this report from him:

Tape Runs 2:00

Outcue: Song Long...

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Hello Everybody:

The last time I was up here in Alaska you may recall I was on my way to Siberia and then to Russia. Here are a few more ~~substantive~~ reflections on that journey. Some fifty years after the advent of Communism the number one problem in ~~the~~ Soviet Russia still seems to be lack of personal freedom. And next to that ^{and} in some respects perhaps of even greater importance to most Russians, failure of the Soviet system to achieve its stated economic goals - especially in farm production. When we were there only the other day the Idaho potato king, multi-multi-multi millionaire Jack Simplot from Boise after a visit to one of the ^{great} collective [^] farms shook his head in wonder and said he was sure he could do a far far better job with one hundred of his trained people than they were doing with ten thousand who were said to be on that huge Russian farm. And they were saying that there was a shortage of man power in other parts of the

So why not take those ten thousand people and put them
somewhere else especially in vast incredibly rich undeveloped
Siberia.

Involuntary Journey to Siberia - that's a new ~~book~~
~~book~~ book just out, written by a thirty-two year old Muscovite
Andre Amalrick and ~~and~~ and he tells much ^{about} what the
Russians are trying to do, what he thinks is wrong with his
country and his ^{with} ~~book~~ people, why a nation so enormously
rich in natural resources is so chronically poor when it comes
to its own people. ~~Amalrick~~ Ah, but Involuntary Journey To
Siberia by Amalrick - it's gotten him into more trouble.
He's disappeared and no one seems to know where he is.

Solong.....