

CUBANS

Tues, July 11-67.

Six Cuban pirates - believed to be on a mission against Communist Cuba - hijacked a freighter within sight of Miami Beach today. - Then ^{they} abandoned the vessel and fled to shore, in a lifeboat. ^{First} Then their plans went haywire. ^{The} six came ~~storming~~ ashore armed with rifles and sidearms - ~~hunted, or~~ commandeered a taxi ~~cab~~ - and disappeared into the city of Miami. ^{Or,} ^{they} At least, temporarily disappeared.

Officers aboard the hi-jacked ship said the ~~pirates~~ pirates came out of the hold about half an hour after the ship left port, bound for Guatemala. Holding the officers at gunpoint, the hijackers ordered them to drop anchor and await the arrival of another ship. When the second vessel didn't arrive, the pirates apparently decided to give up their mysterious mission and head for shore.

VIETNAM

A heavily out-numbered force of American advisers and south Vietnamese troops turned back a human wave attack by a thousand Viet Cong guerrillas ~~today~~ - including women who fired sub-machine guns from the hip. One hundred forty Communists were killed in the ⁱⁿ engagement sixty miles north of ~~the~~ Saigon, -- allied losses were sixteen killed and forty-six wounded. Elsewhere, North Vietnamese troops ambushed an American paratroop unit in the Central Highlands, and the casualties were reported as ^{heavy,} ~~"severe"~~.

As Defense Secretary McNamara finished his five day tour of Vietnam and flew back to Washington for an important conference with President Johnson, ^{just} before leaving Saigon, ~~McNamara~~ ^{he} said there would be no let-up in the air bombardment of ~~North~~ North Viet Nam, and ~~declared~~ that American commanders will get all the troops necessary. But he stopped short of saying ~~the~~ troop strength would be increased beyond the present commitment of four hundred seventy thousand.

WESTMORELAND

The American commander in Vietnam - General

Westmoreland - also flew back to the United States, ~~but his~~

~~mission~~ ~~mission was~~ ^{on} a personal ^{mission -} ~~one~~ to attend the funeral

of his eighty-one year old mother. The General arrived

in Columbia, South Carolina, ~~where~~ ^{for} the services ~~is~~ ~~are~~

~~scheduled for~~ tomorrow. During the trip across the Pacific

when his jet landed in Hawaii, Westmoreland heard about

the similar bereavement of an American Army enlisted man -

Bobby Strickland - who was also returning home to South

Carolina to attend the funeral of his own mother. The

General promptly ~~ordered that~~ ^{invited} young Strickland ^{to} come

aboard his plane - and together flew the rest of the way

to Columbia.

HONG KONG

Chinese Communist mobs ^{have been} ~~went~~ on another rampage of violence and destruction in Hong Kong ~~again today~~ - trying to paralyze the city with a transportation strike. A twenty-eight story building -- housing a department store and used as a left-wing command post -- was set on fire -- and the mobs attacked the firemen who were called to the scene. Shore leaves were cancelled for sailors aboard eight American warships in Hong Kong harbor. Police rushed in reinforcements as the rioters used ~~sets~~ explosives, fire-bombs, bricks and other missiles in the widespread street battles. Some raced through the area on motorcycles and staged hit-run-attacks on ~~the~~ police patrols. Others stoned and set fire to streetcars, buses, and automobiles - beating up the drivers.

MALAYSIA

All of Asia, it seems, is in turmoil today. In Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, police broke up a left-wing demonstration by throwing tear-gas grenades and firing ~~pistol shots~~ into the air. The demonstrators swarmed through the streets - shouting pro-Communist slogans and carrying banners, condemning the British for actions against the Chinese in Hong Kong.

NEPAL

Communist China has ~~decide~~ decided to add the
exotic, remote
~~the~~ Himalayan Kingdom of Nepal to Peking's growing
list of public enemies. The Peking radio -- accusing
Nepal of conniving "with anti-Chinese agitations" because
of a recent demonstration against a Chinese propaganda
display in Kathmandu. The attack has surprised many
Nepalese, who said they felt their country was one of
China's few remaining Asian friends.

RAID

The Premier stars of Britain's Royal Ballet -

Margot Fonteyn and Rudolf Nureyev - were arrested early

today, in San Francisco, ^{This} when police raided a noisy hippie party and found a supply of marijuana. Sixteen other

persons were also taken into custody in the raid which

~~took~~ took place in the Haight-Ashbury section where

thousands of young people live ^{after a fashion} and dress as if they were on their way to a costume party. The charges against Dame

Margot and Nureyev were "visiting a place where marijuana

is used or kept" and disturbing the peace. They were

arrested only a few hours after they had danced at the

San Francisco Opera House before a sell-out crowd.

The Director of the ballet - Sir Frederick Ashton -

said the two stars were only sightseeing in the hippie

district. Each posted bail of ^{some} three hundred ~~thirty~~ dollars

and a court hearing was set for tomorrow morning.

ARMS

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The State Department is showing increasing concern over the continuing Soviet ~~to~~ arms shipments to the Arab nations. Department spokesman Robert McCloskey says ^{such} ~~the~~ shipments since the Arab-Israeli war have been "significant" -- indicating that the Russians are trying to replace all the ^{at billion \$ worth of} equipment the Arabs lost.

CONGO

In the Congo, plans ^{were} to send an American Air Force transport plane on a mercy mission, to pick up white ~~hostages~~ hostages, ^{But this has} ~~has~~ been called off because the rebel forces - holding the hostages at Kisangani - refused to guarantee the plane's safety. In Washington, administration officials defended the decision to send American transport planes to the Congo as a psychological move - to convince the ~~the~~ Congolese government that the rebellion is not being managed by outside white ~~interest~~ interests. The administration appears to be somewhat surprised over the storm of protest in both the House and the Senate over the decision to send the planes to the Congo.

MIDEAST

A new cease-fire incident ~~came~~ along the Suez Canal. Israeli anti-aircraft - shooting down an Egyptian jet fighter and chasing another ~~one~~ away. - ~~according to~~ ^{So we hear from} an Israeli announcement. The new clash came as U N Secretary General ^U ~~Thant~~ _^ made final arrangements for stationing U N truce observers along both sides of the Canal.

NEEDY

Uncle Sam
~~The government~~ is taking steps to make more food

available to the needy. ^{This} after Congress heard testimony

about alleged widespread starvation among negro children

in Mississippi. Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman

says the Federal Food Stamp Program will soon be liberalized

to make twelve dollars worth of ~~500~~ food available for as

little as fifty cents - or possibly ^{for} free. He says the new

food stamp rules would go into effect in Mississippi first -

and then ~~be~~ be extended to other states as soon as possible.

RAILS

The nation's railroads ^{have} made a formal plea for higher rates. ~~to say~~ ^{They} claiming a rate boost is not only justified, but also long overdue. ~~They argue~~ that wage increases and higher operating costs have eaten away their ~~capital~~ capital. The railroads ~~are~~ ^{are} asking ^{ing} the I C C for rate increases ~~that would~~ ^{to} average about three percent. If granted, ~~it~~ ^{this} would be the first such increase since Nineteen Sixty.

JOBS

The Labor Department says the nation's unemployment rate rose to four percent in June - the highest level of unemployment since Nineteen Sixty-Five. Three million six hundred thousand persons were out of work last month, out of a total civilian labor force of seventy-nine million. Harold Goldstein - of the Bureau of Labor Statistics ~~says~~ says the significance of the June unemployment picture is "hard to figure out." It was noted, however, that adult women were hit the hardest in the loss of their jobs.

REFUNDS

A Detroit railroad clerk - Del Thibodeaux -

has a problem a lot of people would like to have themselves.

He says he ^{has} ~~is~~ already received four refunds from ~~his~~

his Nineteen Sixty-Six Federal Income Tax -- but ~~he~~ ^{is}

afraid to cash the checks and doesn't know how to stop

them from coming, ~~Believing~~ ^{Believing} it to be a mistake,

Thibodeaux says he wrote the Internal Revenue Office

last month after receiving ~~his~~ his third refund check. ^{As he}

"I had been expecting an answer, ~~but~~ and I guess

it finally came last Saturday: ^{still} ~~it was~~ another check -

this one for one hundred two dollars."

POWDER PUFF

Pat McEwan of Wichita, Kansas, ^{has} landed her Beechcraft Bonanza at Torrance, California, ~~today~~ -- ~~becoming~~ the first ~~name~~ Powder Puff Derby ^{gal} ~~pilot~~ to reach the West Coast in the annual transcontinental air race. At least seventy-one women fliers took off from Atlantic City in the start of the race - the winner of which will be determined by a special handicapping system. One of the fliers - pretty, blonde-haired Judy Wagner - raised a few ^{almost} eyebrows when she landed at Springfield, Missouri.

Flying alone, Mrs. W^Agner said that when the temperature in the closed cabin rose to ninety-three degrees, she shed her blouse. Then, as she went into her landing ~~pattern~~ pattern at Springfield, she momentarily forgot that her blouse was still off - but somehow, she managed to make

herself presentable, ^{as she taped up the strips she} ~~by the time she set the craft down,~~ was no longer $\frac{1}{2}$ striped - or - well - now - here's Allan Burns + s-l-n-t-m