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measures against the defiant white-minority regime in Salsbury. He won immediately American support. The foreign secretary spoke in New York just as a stormy debate on the whold problem ended in the House of Commons in London. The Labor government -- winning an easy vote of confidence on its decision to ask for mandatory sanctions. The tally in Commons -- three hundred and fifty-three in favor -- two hundred and forty-four opposed.

MIDDLE EAST

Tension in the Middle East -- again at fever pitch tonight.

In the wake of Syria's seizure of that multi-million-dollar --
Trans-Syrian oil pipeline. ^{Biggest} ~~Biggest~~ such takeover -- since Egypt
nationalized the Suez Canal in Nineteen-Fifty-Six.

The pipeline f owned jointly by Western companies. / A Three
Hundred-mile throughway to the Mediteranean -- / from Western oil
fields in Iraq. / Its seizure thus involving American and European
interests for the first time -- in the current Mideast crisis.

GREECE

Off the coast of Greece -- a vast armada of ships and planes -- scouring the Aegean tonight; in search of possible survivors of that Greek passenger and car ferry -- ~~XXXXXX~~ the Heraklion; that broke up and sank before dawn today in a tremendous storm -- about halfway between Khandia in Crete and Piraeus, the port of Athens.

However, the task -- now apparently hopeless. The Greek government reporting no more than Sixty survivors picked up to this hour. Along with recovery of a few bodies. The rest still missing and feared drowned. The figures don't all agree -- but it seems likely that around Two Hundred and Thirty persons lost their lives. Survivors say a Sixteen-ton refrigerator trailer broke loose from its moorings inside the ship -- careened across the deck and burst open a bow door -- letting in the storm-lashed waves. The Heraklion sank in Fifteen minutes.

TURKEY FOLLOW GREECE

Another tragedy is reported from a Turkish Army camp near ~~R~~⁹ Erzurum -- the largest city in Eastern Turkey. A soldier attempting to light a gas stove -- in the middle of the night in his crowded barracks; when the stove suddenly exploded in his face -- engulfing the barracks in flames. With the roof of the building collapsing on the sleeping men below -- within a matter of seconds.

Those who were not trapped in their bunks -- awakening to the screams of others who were. Panic adding to the toll -- as the soldiers attempted to fight their way out of the inferno. Camp officials later reporting at least Sixty-eight dead -- plus a Hundred badly injured; many so badly -- they're not expected to live.

VATICAN

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At the Vatican in Rome -- an appeal today from Pope Paul to both sides in the Vietnamese war; an appeal for an extension of the Christmas and New Year's truces -- ~~leading to~~ ^{to pave the way for} a full-fledged armistice. / One that would permit -- as he put it -- "sincere negotiations -- that will lead to peace."

This, a "golden opportunity" for settlement of the war -- said the Pontiff. / Adding that failure to take advantage of it -- "would be fraught with danger." 4

First reaction -- from U.N. Secretary General U Thant; / who urged a similar truce extension -- only last week. / U Thant expressing the hope that all parties involved in ~~the war~~ -- will "heed the Pope's appeal." /

President Johnson later promising ~~he would~~ ^{will} give the proposal -- "sympathetic consideration."

At + moment

~~In the meantime~~ -- no let-up in Viet Nam. News from Saigon telling ~~of~~ of a coordinated attack -- by U.S. ground and air forces; attempting to rout Viet Cong forces -- that have harassed the capital for weeks.

First strike -- at a suspected Communist stronghold -- about Twenty miles north of the city. ~~Two~~ American B-Fifty-Twos from Guam -- blasting the area before dawn. Concussion from the ~~blast~~ ^{bombs} -- rattling windows in Saigon itself.

At first light of day -- U.S. infantrymen moving in to mop up. Killing at least eight of the Viet Cong -- capturing nine more -- and rounding up an additional Hundred-and-Twenty-Seven suspected guerillas.

American officers reporting the enemy -- apparently stunned by the force of the bombing attack -- with little heart left for battle. As a result -- American forces sweeping the ~~area~~ ^{field} -- without a single casualty.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE

With Lowell Thomas in Europe -- another special report

~~thought~~ ^{on} a subject of universal interest: Love and marriage.

Lowell

Hello Dallas, Good Evening Everybody:

And there's a little bit of something for everybody in The Nineteen Sixty-Seven edition of the Farmer's Almanac - just off the press. And it includes a bit of sage advice - for courting couples.

The male of the species - is told to cherish the woman who has long, light brown, smooth hair.

Such a woman is most "tenderhearted" says the Almanac - and "her inclinations to love are never unreasonable."

Ah!

However, beware the woman with sunken eyes - says the Farmers Almanac - for she is probably of a jealous, distrustful, malicious even envious nature."

And if she squints - well - then she may be the possessor of a "penurious disposition."

As for the reverse side of the coin - young maidens are warned to guard against the man with short

black, curling hair. Such a man is said to be "given to liquor - somewhat quarrelsome - of an unsettled temper - and more amorous" than he ought to be. Now I wonder how Rob Sagendorf the editor and publisher of The Farmers Almanac happens to know all of that?

00:09 *And by the way - the next voice you hear will be that of someone who does know. Short-black-curly haired Warren Moran. Solong.*

Or

00:10 *And the next voice that you're going to hear - will be that of crew-cut, smiling, handsome Dallas Townsend. Solong*

(Note: A cut of "solong until Monday" is provided if needed. Runs about - 00:03)

A new milestone in international space cooperation --
announced today at the Texas White House. President Johnson
disclosing agreement on a vital treaty -- between the United States
Russia and ²⁶ other U.N. members; at one and the same time -- banning
₁ nuclear weapons from space; and establishing the first code of
international law -- to govern peaceful exploration of space.

The President calling this agreement -- "the most important
arms control development -- since the limited test ban treaty of
Nineteen-Sixty-Three." Putting into actual effect -- ^{he said} ~~said he~~ --
the United Nations' recent "no bombs in orbit" resolution.

IKE

A brief helicopter trip from Gettysburg -- and former President Eisenhower was admitted to Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington. There to undergo extensive tests -- preparatory to removal of his gall bladder within the next few days.

Ike, obviously in a good mood -- telling reporters:
"I hope to be out of here by Christmas -- and I hope to be playing golf ⁹ by the end of February."

WASHINGTON FOLLOW VIET NAM

~~Here at home~~ -- ~~A~~ major assessment of the ~~air~~ war in Viet Nam -- and an optimistic one, at that; from Air Force Secretary Harold Brown -- at a Washington meeting ~~today~~ of the Aviation -Space Writers Association.

Brown asserting that the U.S. air campaign over ~~the~~ the Communist North -- coupled with combined ground-and-air action in the South -- has ~~just~~ begun to result in ~~serious~~ "serious manpower supply and moral problems" -- for the Viet Cong. Proof -- ^{being} said Brown -- the decline in Communist attacks of battalion size; from a high of seven-a-month last year -- to a present average of less than two per month.

The secretary adding there are many additional targets in the North -- that are "hostages to U.S. airpower." These -- said he -- a constant reminder to the North Vietnamese people -- that they "cannot avoid the cost of aggression." In other words -- a reminder that air attacks can be increased to a much higher level -- if and when it should ever become necessary.

MIAMI BEACH

A related development in Miami Beach. Where the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches -- is currently in session.

Vice President Hubert Humphrey -- who addressed the conference last night on strictly domestic problems -- today turning to the international scene. Telling a news conference that America will do anything in its power -- to secure a just peace in Vietnam. Anything -- said he -- except to "turn over South Vietnam -- to forces that would destroy its freedom."

The Vice President also taking strong exception -- to a resolution offered the Council; accusing the Johnson Administration of being less than candid -- about the possible opportunities for peace in Vietnam.

His voice rising with emotion -- Humphrey declaring: "We have been candid." Adding: "You must believe that the President of the United States -- is as concerned about

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about the lives of the people he sends into battle as
you are."

The Vice President further stating that peace groups
who suggest otherwise -- are spreading a terrible falsehood;
not only harming America -- but actually hindering the
cause of peace.

Good Night.

END

It's a journalistic maxim -- when dog bites man, that's news. Today in Shreveport, Louisiana, a new version of the maxim. Dog shoots man. Freddie Lee Tate went hunting -- with a twenty-two caliber rifle in the front seat of his automobile -- and his dog in the back seat. The dog jumped from the back seat to the front seat -- stepping on the trigger -- and Freddie got a bullet in the left knee. Nothing serious -- but a good story to end up on.

Good Night.