

JOHNSON

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The talks that began today between the Premier of Turkey and the President of the United States - are not concerned with either Turkey or the United States. Primarily - that is. Premier Inonu and President Johnson are discussing - the Cyprus problem; ~~the~~ ways and means of settling the dispute - between the Turkish and Greek Cypriots.

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But, as you know - the Cyprus problem ramifies far beyond the island in the Mediterranean. It is threatening to cause a war - between Turkey and Greece. Which - would disrupt Nato. And crack - the Western Alliance. Russia and Communism are also involved.

~~is directed that~~ President Johnson hopes to head off ^{possible disaster} - through negotiations in Washington.

COMMUNISM

The hints that something is radically wrong behind the Iron Curtain - are coming in from various Communist sources.

Beginning with that Moscow statement - on Allied flights to West Berlin. The Soviets, warning of "possible undesirable consequences" - unless the East German government gives an okay. In other words,

Khrushchev is making another attempt - to maneuver us into recognizing his puppet regime. Why - just now? Experts on Communism say - that the Ulbricht regime is shakier than it has ever been, and has to be supported - by tough talk from Moscow.

Another dateline - Belgrade. The Presidents of Yugoslavia and Roumania - holding secret talks about the Communist crisis, (Tito and Gheorghiu-Dej,) developing a common strategy - for dealing with the split between Russia and Red China. Belgrade spokesmen

say that the Yugoslav and Roumanian strategy -- is this:-

The strategy of - "include me out." The Yugoslav and Roumanian leaders, determined not to be caught in the middle -- when Khrushchev and Mao collide head-on.

As for Mao -- he's not letting up the pressure on Moscow. His agents are telling the Afro-Asian countries -- not to accept Soviet aid. Which always means -- attempted Soviet domination.

And here's a last -- rather amazing note -- on the Communist crisis. The Italian comrades are buzzing about Trotsky -- who used to be their enemy number one. But this time -- the talk is favorable. Because Togliatti now says that Stalin's arch-foe -- may have been misjudged; and perhaps ought to be -- rehabilitated.

Surely the Reds are in a bad way ideologically -- when they talk about rehabilitating Trotsky.

VIET NAM

Military men use the word "classic" - in an exceptional sense. Alexander's "classic" campaign - through Asia Minor to India; Napoleon's "classic" victory over the Austrians - at Austerlitz. And - so on.

So the word seems rather odd - when applied to the battle in South Viet Nam. But the point is - that new tactics have been ~~EM~~ developed to beat the guerrillas in the jungle. And this was a "classic" battle - in the sense that all units meshed perfectly, For - the first time.

Paratroopers - jumping from transports. Covered by helicopters - armed with machine guns and rockets. Outmaneuvering the Reds - and breaking their line with an infantry charge. Some Vietnamese units, attacking directly - into the mouths of the Red guns. Other units, wheeling to either side - and hitting the

enemy on both flanks. By Richard Phillips of the

State Two famous Red battalions - shattered. The
dominate
Vietnamese operation - "classic" say the American
military advisors who were there.

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SOUTHEAST ASIA

The announcement by Richard Phillips of the State Department - that Mañ Tse-tung knows we will not let him ^{dominate} ~~take over~~ Southeast Asia - makes sense in the diplomatic and military context.

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LAOS

The Neutralist Premier of South Viet Nam -
promises to end the air attacks on the Red guerrillas,
As soon as the Reds withdraw from the territory they've
overrun - since they violated the truce. Until then,
says Souvanna Phouma - the attacks will continue. And
so will - the reconnaissance flights. Because they
provided the evidence - the pictures - of troop
convoys entering Laos from North Viet Nam.

and Saint Augustine.

INTEGRATION

The Supreme Court has handed down a number of new rulings - on integration. Reversing sit-in convictions - in Baltimore, Miami, and Montgomery County, Maryland. And overturning breach-of-the-peace convictions - in Columbia, South Carolina.

The quiet judicial atmosphere of the Supreme Court, contrasting with - these other defenders of Civil Rights, The demonstrators - in Mississippi, and Saint Augustine.

PLANE

You've all heard the song - about "shrimp boats
a-coming." Well, that was the theme song - when a
Spanish airliner had to make a forced landing in the
Mediterranean. The plane, spotted by a shrimp fleet -
in the waters off Majorca. The fleet raced - to the
scene. And picked up ^Wtwenty-seven of the twenty-eight
people - aboard the ditched airliner. Saved - by the
shrimp boats of Majorca.

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scooters!" No more -- at our base in Scotland, anyway. Now,

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SCOOTERS

If you want to know what it is that the U.S. Navy can't lick -- the answer is "the motor scooter." Hardly seems like a dangerous opponent -- the motor scooter. But it's been causing havoc -- at our naval radio station in Ezell, Scotland. The sailors at the station, scooting around -- with carefree abandon. So carefree, that they began to knock down pedestrians -- and dent this and that -- not to mention the "scooterers" -- is that the right word? Who fell off after one drink too many.

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KENNEDY

The Junior Senator from Massachusetts -- is reported "bright and alert" tonight, although he lies strapped to a canvas-covered frame, the kind used by hospitals -- for patients with back injuries.

This particular patient, as you know -- has a bad back injury, a memento of the plane crash on Saturday -- when Ted Kennedy was lucky to survive, apparently saved -- by the seating arrangement. The brother of the late President was sitting -- with his back to the pilot, and the pilot was one of the two killed instantly -- when the plane crashed into a wooded area of Massachusetts.

About ten more days at the Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton -- for the young Massachusetts Senator and then he'll be recuperating at home.