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FLOOD

More heavy showers and thunderstorms in the flood--  
country of the Midwest--with mounting winds adding to the  
crisis. The crest of the flood--rising today inch by inch--  
as the father of rivers sweeps down from Minnesota--  
engulfing all in its path.

At Dubuque, Iowa--the water already swirling ten  
feet deep right through some factories. And expected to climb  
another foot or more--before the massive flood wall reaches  
that city--sometime tonight or early tomorrow.

Meanwhile, volunteers there working frantically  
tonight--to shore up a dike protecting the Julien Dubuque  
Bridge--across the Mississippi--into Illinois. That bridge--  
the last one still standing between LaCrosse, Wisconsin,  
and Clinton, Iowa.--a distance of one hundred and sixty-one  
miles down river.

## VIET NAM

More than a hundred and seventy-five U.S. and Vietnamese warplanes -- today dumped more than three hundred tons of bombs on North Viet Nam. The air strike knocking out seven bridges -- also a Communist ferry. Five of the bridges -- on the vital North Vietnamese supply route to the South.

A U.S. military spokesman calling this -- the heaviest blow ever -- against <sup>that</sup> ~~the~~ Communist supply line.

In the South, however, six more American dead.

Three of them Navy frogmen slain by the Communist Viet Cong -- as they charted a section of South Vietnamese seacoast -- for a possible future landing.

## RIGHTS

Dr. Martin Luther King led a march of some fifteen thousand persons -- through the streets of Boston today, from the Negro <sup>section</sup> ~~section~~ -- to a massive ~~Civil Rights~~ rally on the famed Boston Common.

Dr. King there saying that it would be "irresponsible -- to equate Boston with Birmingham." Adding, however, that it would also be irresponsible -- to overlook the poverty in Boston. Negro <sup>area</sup> ~~ghetto~~ in that city -- said he -- "are a rebuke to the 'cradle of liberty.'"

STEEL

The Federal government intervened today for the first time in the current steel talks -- in an effort to prevent a May First strike <sup>(in the basic steel industry.)</sup> The chief of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service -- meeting separately first with union negotiators -- then with management. But the talks - still exploratory in nature -- and as yet no progress toward a settlement.

## PALESTINE

In Cairo--the Arab-Palestinian leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization--today rejected a suggestion that he enter into direct negotiations with the State of Israel

This was the suggestion--put forth by Habib Bourguiba --President of Tunisia. Urging the Arab refugees to seek a settlement with Israel--under terms of the United Nations plan of Nineteen Forty-Eight, a plan calling for Israel to surrender a strip of territory to the Palestinian Arabs-- so they might return in peace to their homeland.

To which Ahmed El Shukeiry--chief of the Arab liberation movement replied:--"The Palestine question can have only one solution--namely, restoration of Arab Palestine without partition, internationalization or resettlement."

A Cairo newspaper adding that if Bourguiba persists in this attitude--he faces possible banishment from the thirteen-  
nation  
~~national~~ Arab League.

A pro-Egyptian newspaper at Beirut--going one step further. Bourguiba's proposal--said that paper--a case of "high treason."

REDS

From Moscow last night -- reports of a Russian bid for an ideological reconciliation -- with Red China. From London today -- an explanation.

According to Kremlinologists -- the Russian peace feeler<sup>is</sup> aimed at reestablishing Communist unity in Viet Nam -- before it is too late. The Russians said to fear that Red China -- if unchecked -- may push the United States to the brink of war -- in<sup>the</sup> mistaken belief that we will back down in Viet Nam.

By treaty -- Russia<sup>is</sup> committed to come to the aid of Red China -- in the event of war. But the best available evidence ~~said to~~<sup>s</sup> indicate that what Russia wants least at this time -- is to get involved in a major war in Asia.

In line with the London report -- this from our own country. The State Department ~~said to be mapping~~<sup>today launching</sup> a counter-campaign -- against the recent wave of campus demonstrations protesting American involvement in Viet Nam. The campaign

intended to educate students and professors -- to the military and political reasoning -- behind our new "hard line".

This because the Red Chinese are said to view the campus demonstrations -- as another indication that we will eventually abandon the Far East to the Communists. The State Department emphasizing that nothing -- could be further from truth.

After more than three months of delay -- the United States today formally denied a bitter Soviet charge of last January. The charge -- that U.S. forces in Europe planned to ring the Communist frontier -- with a belt of atomic land mines.

An American note -- delivered to the Kremlin -- calling the alleged Soviet information -- "wholly inaccurate." Russia's concern -- ~~what's right~~ -- termed totally "groundless". The note stating flatly that we do not now -- and never have planned to place a belt of nuclear mines -- along the Communist frontier.



Two prominent New York sociologists today charged that old age in America -- is being transformed into a contagious disease. This said to be the result of herding older people together -- so that inevitably they infect each other -- with the infirmities of age.

The social scientists -- Dr. Robert Wolk and Miss Rochelle Seiden. Who agree that the physical process of aging -- is irreversible and inescapable. But who contend that the psychological process of aging -- can be hurried along -- or slowed down -- or even reversed. ~~This last~~ especially if old <sup>or</sup> people ~~are permitted to~~ mingle freely with young people.

Toward this end -- they propose the establishment of summer day camps -- attended by old people as well as the very young. Also calling for the construction of play facilities -- for young and old -- in and around homes for the aged. Further, urging an end to hospital wards, day centers, sheltered workshops -- and any other grouping of only old people.

The social scientists confirming once again, Dick --  
the truth to that old adage: You're only as old as you feel.

## ITALY

From Como, Italy, tonight -- the case of "The Jungle Chase". Subtitled -- "The Torture of the Mau Mau". No, it's not a murder case. Rather it concerns a new recording -- music of sorts -- recently released to Italian record fans.

At normal speed -- forty-five revolutions per minute -- the record rings out with the fierce tribal war cries -- of the African Mau Mau. But the record has been seized by Italian authorities -- as an offense to public morals. They claim that at thirty-three revolutions per minute -- the record sounds ~~more~~ like the amorous sighs -- of a woman in love. Too much so -- say the authorities.

As a result, the courts <sup>will</sup> now ~~to~~ decide whether "The Jungle Chase" -- is really a fierce African war cry -- or just a fertility rite -- Italian style.