

Tuesday, March 25, 1975
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From Riyadh.....

From Washington....

From Lisbon.....comes today's news. Good Evening,
everybody. This is Reid Collins sitting in for Lowell Thomas

The shock waves from the Middle East

reverberated round the world during the day as the word was
passed that Saudi Arabia's King Faisal had been assassinated
shot to death as he sat on his golden throne by a young
nephew who got his masters degree in Political Science
from the University of California at Berkeley.

The Palace immediately classified the young
assailant as a mental case. Succeeding Faisal is Crown
Prince Khaled, at sixty-two the eldest surviving brother of
the forty brothers.

The death brought ^a rare statement from former
President Nixon at San Clemente, who said the King's passing
is "an immense loss to this country, to the world and to the
cause of Arab-American friendship"

HOUSE FOLLOW REACTION

Kissinger was a witness today - before the House International Relations Committee; there stressing that come what may - we cannot simply "wash our hands" of the MidEast problem; adding, therefore, the U.S. "will make a major effort in the months ahead - to prevent another outbreak of hostility."

TAX

House and Senate conferees have adjourned for the night after paring some six billion dollars from the Senate version of the tax relief bill.

The conferees have agreed to provide tax rebates ranging from one to two hundred dollars for nearly every tax payer on the Nineteen-Seventy-Four roles.

The White House had threatened to veto a measure if it was too large and summon congress back from Easter vacation to a special session next week.

AIRLIFT

The United States plans to airlift more than three hundred thousand persons out of the coastal city of Da Nang, cut off from the south by North Vietnamese forces.

The shuttle flights are to begin Thursday with a passenger load of ten thousand a day. The destination: Cam Rahn Bay, down the coast and further from the northern advance. Officials say the cost of the operation will be paid for by money already appropriated.

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW HUE

In the meantime, an announcement here at home - that President Ford is again sending Army Chief of Staff General Weyand to Vietnam. The White House saying the General will attempt to assess - the current military situation in Vietnam; and "convey to the South Vietnamese the President's support - and tell them that he is making an all-out effort to obtain additional support."

MAMIE EISENHOWER

Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower has been hospitalized at any army hospital in Georgia where doctors say she is suffering internal bleeding.

Mrs. Eisenhower's condition is described as "stable, her spirits excellent." She is Seventy-Nine. She fell ill while vacationing at a cabin set aside for her on the ~~Augusta~~ National Gold Course.

LISBON

The formation of a new Portuguese government, packed with Communists and their allies - was announced today in Lisbon. The Communist Party thus officially recognized for the first time - as the strongest political party in all of Portugal; and one of its first goals - we are told - to strip the opposition Popular Democrats of all decision-making influence.

BELFAST

**Coming May One - new elections in Northern
Ireland. The date announced today by British Prime
Minister Harold Wilson - during a brief visit to Belfast.
Wilson also saying he now expects the Irish to settle
their differences - "by debate instead of by the bomb and
bullet."**

KIDNAP

A possible hitch in the ransom of a French diplomat kidnapped Sunday in Somalia. The People's Republic of Yemen announced tonight it will not give the kidnapers sanctuary there. The kidnapers had been demanding the release of fellow criminals by France and a hundred thousand dollars in gold.