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In the affair Pueblo - ~~a deadly~~^a calm today;
on the surface - at least.

The U N Security Council finding itself
stymied -- in the face of a Soviet-American deadlock;
Finally, cancelling a scheduled meeting this afternoon -
when it became apparent there was no "give" yet on
either side. While in Washington - the White House
would say only that President Johnson was working
through "a number of diplomatic channels" still striving
to free the Pueblo - and her crew of eighty-three;
Even as Russia, Red China and North Vietnam were
reaffirming - a solid Red line of support for North
Korea.

How long will it all last? A clue maybe to
the nation's mood - in the words of Senate minority
Leader Everett Dirksen; decrying today "the passage
of time"; the "fearful ~~and~~ counsels of watchful waiting"--

the "thin apologies" and "lame excuses" so far in the
Pueblo crisis. The great danger - said ^{Sen.}~~Everett~~ Dirksen -
that these will "transquilize us into a state of
humiliation in the eyes of the world -- and perhaps
imperil our nation further."

VIETNAM

Meanwhile, in Vietnam - as well as most of Asia -- millions today celebrated Tet - the lunar New Year. Everywhere - it seems - but in and around Khe Sanh -- near that supposedly demilitarized zone.

There - the U S command today cancelling a scheduled thirty-six hour New Year's truce. Pointing to nearby North Vietnamese troop concentrations - estimated at around forty thousand, ~~troops~~. As one American officer put it: "This is no longer infiltration - this is invasion." Hence - no let-up.

ADD VIETNAM

*This latest: Early Tuesday - Vietnam time -
Viet Cong guerrillas launching a heavy ~~box~~ rocket attack
against our big Danang air base. Also ^{on} ~~at~~ a small
village nearby.*

Some truce!

BUDGET

Here at home - on the domestic front -

President Johnson today presented to Congress a record new budget -- calling for expenditures in fiscal 'sixty-nine - totaling one hundred and eighty-six point one billion dollars; including nearly eighty billion for defense needs. - rivaling military spending during World War Two.

The President adding that the war in Vietnam - may force him to ask for more. He insisted though - this is a budget of "sacrifices and hard choices."

Its dual task- he went on - that of maintaining pressure on the ~~Comm~~ Communists in Southeast Asia - and, at the same time, combating social unrest on the streets of America.

Republican reaction -- it's too much - we'll have to cut it.

SUPREME COURT FOLLOW BUDGET

Elsewhere in Washington - the Supreme Court today all but nullified a Nineteen Fifty Four anti-gambling law. Ruling that a gambler cannot be prosecuted for failure to register with the government - or for failure to pay special taxes - if he claims that such acts would involve possible self-incrimination.

The high court - similarly ~~striking~~ striking down a second law, requiring anyone possessing a sawed-off shotgun - to register with the government. Grounds - same as before: possible self-incrimination.

TOULON

Toulon Naval Base, France - a clue at last to the location of that missing French submarine - the Minerve. With a French destroyer tonight reporting discovery of a large metallic object - on the floor of the Mediterranean. This in the same area off the coast of nearby Cap d'Armes - where the Minerve disappeared suddenly over the weekend.

~~Even now~~ *Commander Jacques Yves Cousteau is making preparations to explore the find. The ~~famed~~ French underwater explorer - called in by the French Navy to assist in the search for survivors.*

The U S Navy -- also asked for special undersea rescue equipment. It's on the way.

JERUSALEM FOLLOW TOULON

At the opposite end of the Mediterranean - a brief flurry of excitement earlier today. Israeli searchers picking up radio signals - on the same emergency frequency as that of their own missing submarine Dakar.

Unfortunately - the signals proving undecipherable. Jerusalem later forced to admit - no real clue as yet to the fate of the Dakar.

VATICAN

South Africa's famed heart specialist - Dr. Christian Barnard - a ~~22~~ welcome guest today at the Vatican in Rome. The son of a Protestant missionary - conferring for twenty minutes with Pope Paul. A meeting later described as "very cordial." The Pope reportedly congratulating Dr. Barnard on his daring heart transplants - and expressing the hope ~~that~~ his work will prove fruitful for humanity.

Back in Cape Town - Dr. Barnard's star patient is still showing steady progress. Philip Blaiberg today beginning - quote "a slow reorientation process," one that will permit him eventually - to leave entirely his present germ-free environment. This pointed toward a planned release from the hospital - as early ^{as} February seventh - in just ten days.

TOKYO

Here's one - a bit of a surprise. Beauty experts today reporting that Japan - is now the world's number two user of cosmetics; ranking second - only to the U S A . But it's not Japanese women. -- ^{It's the} ~~rather~~ Japanese men - who are using all those beauty preparations.

For example, a recent survey showing that the average Japanese bachelor - spends about five hundred yen a month - that's about a buck and a half American- for lotions, face ~~xx~~ creams, hair sprays, hair driers and so on. This - we are told ^{- Warren -} ~~the~~ the result of a recent "peacock revolution" among Japanese men.

NEW YORK

In that Republican Presidential sweepstakes -
the plot thickens. Former Vice President Richard Nixon
~~says~~ saying today in New York - he will announce ^{Thursday} ~~Friday~~
whether or not he will run; - as if there remained any
doubt.

Indeed, Nixon adding he will ^{explain} ~~make~~ his
announcement - on a personal visit to Manchester, New
^{the following day}
Hampshire; [^] which can mean apparently only one thing -
he will be a candidate in that state's first-in-the-nation
presidential primary. ~~And~~ may the best man win! ^{and}
s-l-u-t-m.