

VIET NAM

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In Viet Nam - a final concession today - from die-hard anti-government elements. ~~Budd~~ Buddhists in the northern provinces - agreeing to join their fellows in the South; in giving up demands for the immediate ouster - ~~for~~ of the military regime of Premier Ky.

Easing of the political crisis - following a visit by Buddhist leader Thich Tri Quang; urging the dissidents to accept in good faith - the governments's promise of free elections in three-to-five months.

In the war itself - U S jets today ^{were} _^ blasting a key power plant at Haiphong. Blacking out a large section - of the industrial heartland of Communist north Viet Nam. The plant - ^{the} _^ same one destroyed in December - but since rebuilt.

REACTION FOLLOW VIET NAM

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Here at home - an administration "second" today
to that proposal by Senate majority leader Mike Mansfield;
for Asian-sponsored peace talks - to end the war in Viet
Nam. The State Department saying it would welcome -
"any Asian initiative" - to convene such a peace ~~for~~
conference.

Further backing for the proposal - in a
U. H. Ambassador
Washington speech today by [^]Arthur Goldberg. ~~the U S~~
~~Ambassador to the United Nations~~ Goldberg adding
that once a settlement ~~in~~ is reached - it should be the
U . N. rather than the U S - that acts as policeman in
Viet Nam

DIRKSEN FOLLOW REACTION

On the Republican side -- Senate minority leader Everett Dirksen -- again today defended administration policy in Viet Nam; against recent attacks -- from House Republican Leader Gerald Ford; refuting Ford's charge -- that President Johnson has been guilty of "shocking mismanagement" in Viet Nam. Dirksen adding that in time of war -- "you don't demean the commander-in-chief."

SHIPS

In the wake of two tragic fires aboard cruise ships in the Caribbean - a report today from the House Merchant Marine committee; recommending that all foreign ships that fail to meet U S safety standards - should be barred ~~re~~ from American ports.

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The committee also calling for strengthening - of the international convention for safety of life at sea. Including adopting of an international requirement - that all future passenger ships shall be built of fire-resistant materials. The report noting that U S ships - have been so constructed for nearly thirty years.

HELSINKI

One of the few men who said "nyet" to Josef Stalin -- and lived to tell about it - dead today in Helsinki. Vaino Tanner - Finland's Foreign Minister during the war with Russia - passing away at age eighty-five - the victim of a lengthy illness.

Tanner's ~~skat~~ celebrated "nyet" to Russian demands - in Nineteen Thirty-Nine, ~~Placing~~ him forever - on Stalin's list of most disliked men. Indeed, he was sentenced to ~~pr~~ prison following World War Two - ~~also~~ ~~so-called war responsible~~ Only to receive a pardon at Stalin's death - resuming ^{his influential} ~~powerful~~ political career, that lasted until Nineteen-Sixty-Three.

In later years - Tanner was fond of recalling that his famous "nyet" was one part courage, one part ignorance. "Because" - said he -- "I had forgotten almost all my Russian - and that was one of the few words I could remember."

BAGHDAD

At Baghdad - a pledge of continued "neutrality and non-alignment" - ~~he~~ offered today by Abdel Rahman Aref; in his first official statement - as the new President of Iraq.

Aref promising that his foreign policy - will be the same as that of his brother - the late President ~~as~~ Abdel Salam Aref. A policy based on friendship with all nations - "but maintaining our national interest."

This - said he - in line with Arab unity - ^{as he put it -} and full support of "Arab liberation causes."

^{Baghdad}
On the domestic front - Aref urging rebellious Kurdish tribesmen - to cooperate with their countrymen in the name of national unity; to end their bitter and costly war against the central government - in return for "local rule" in their own mountain stronghold.

EVANGELISTS

At Denver the opening today of the Twenty-Fourth Annual Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Outside -- a raging snowstorm, inside -- much heat generated by the speech by Dr. Arnold Olson -- President of the Evangelical Free Church of America.

Dr. Olson urging Evangelists -- to sit up and take notice of world conditions; to face up to charges that religion turns its back on "the world's ills" -- that its "windows are closed to current needs and conditions."

Most sorely needed -- said Dr. Olson -- is a new breed of spiritual giant; to replace present-day religious leaders who cannot call anation back to God -- for they themselves have not met him;" and who "in fact" said he -- "even doubt his existence."

WEATHER

As for that Denver snowstorm a bit farther north ~~at~~
Casper, Wyoming is reported isolated by six foot drifts.
Up to two feet of snow -- in the Black Hills. And the
storm said to be building to a near-blizzard -- as it
drives toward the upper Great Lakes.

Spreading out from the main storm -- a freezing rain
in all directions; contributing hail and size of marbles
-- at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Springfield, Missouri.

UTAH WINTER OLYMPICS

An enthusiastic, well organized group of seventeen citizens of Utah, ~~headed by~~ headed by Governor Calvin Rampton, boarded a Pan American ~~non~~ non-stop jet this evening; ~~They are~~ ^{hoping to} heading for Rome, ~~to try and~~ convince the international ~~olympic~~ Olympic organization that the Winter Olympics, five years ^{should} hence, be staged in the Wasatch Mountains, near Salt Lake City, ^{the famous} ^{deep} deep powder snow area in and around the old silver mining camp of Alta.

^{1/2} Felix Koziol, State Commissioner of Parks says they are ~~are~~ optimistic and determined to bring this top prize back to Utah. According to reports their chief competition will come from Canada and Japan - mainly Canada.

COLLEGE

From Cambridge, Massachusetts - the story today of a Radclyffe coed - who is sick and tired of having to live in a girl's dormitory. The young lady unidentified for reasons that will soon become apparent - deciding that the ~~only~~ only thing to do is to get married; and thus qualify automatically - for an off-campus residence.

Result: She placed the following ad - in the Harvard Crimson. "Wanted - one year marriage. Seems to be the only way for Cliffie to get out ~~xxx~~ of the dorm. Will share expenses - am a good cook." As to "other details" - the ad stating - "we can work it out."

So far - more than a dozen replies^S. The moral, ^{Warren} would you say, ~~Don~~, that ~~it~~ it pays to advertise?
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MARATHON

Kenji Kimihara - a twenty-six year old clerk from Osaka, Japan -- winner today of the Boston Marathon. Completing the twenty-six mile plus course - in two hours, seventeen minutes and eleven seconds. Only thirty-eight seconds - off the course record.

Japanese runners also finishing second, third - and fourth. America's best: Norman Higgins of Santa Clara, California -- who came in fifth.