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Florida hurricane warnings -- were hastily extended northward today; ^{that is} From Palm Beach to Fort Pierce -- on the East Coast, From Everglades City to Venice -- on the West Coast. As Hurricane Betsy completed a thirty-hour assault on the Bahamas -- then turned slowly toward the mainland.

The freak storm ^{still} packing winds up to a hundred and forty miles an hour. Its center expected to reach the Florida coast -- sometime early tomorrow, if it continues at its present pace -- of about five miles an hour.

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The Weather Bureau warning, however, that "all emergency hurricane precautions -- should be completed by dark," To guard against the possibility -- that Betsy may suddenly turn on the speed.

KASHMIR

The Vale of Kashmir --one of the most beautiful places on earth; summer residence of emperors -- during the reign of the Moguls. Their Shalimar Garden and Dal Lake still one of the most popular tourist attractions in all of Asia.

More recently -- the home of the Maharajahs of Jammu and Kashmir. A rich, fertile land of blue lakes -- that mirror the surrounding, snow-capped western Himalayas.

This same Vale of Kashmir now the center of an undeclared war, along a wild frontier -- most of it wild -- that stretches for nearly Two Thousand miles, in Central Asia.

India and Pakistan -- locked in a bitter struggle that everyone suspected would come eventually. Indian troops were reported across the border in West Pakistan today -- at two new points near Lahore, a city of a million people. Also the report is that both sides launched a series of air raids -- against a dozen cities deep in Asia.

THANT FOLLOW KASHMIR

Nevertheless, no let-up in the search for a solution, to the Kashmir crisis. U.N. Secretary General U Thant, for one -- bound for Asia tonight. On a personal mission -- to try to end the war.

First stop: Rawalpindi, the way up country, capital of Pakistan, where he hopes to begin peace talks -- no later than Thursday. Next stop -- New Delhi.

RUSSIA FOLLOW THANT

Even Russia -- cast in the unlikely role of peacemaker.

The Kremlin today urging both India and Pakistan -- "to stop immediately all military operations," ~~And to~~ withdraw all troops -- "behind the cease-fire line established by the U.N. agreement of Nineteen-Forty-Nine."

Both sides ^{are} to blame -- said the Kremlin. Nevertheless, *Russia is* ^{quote} volunteering its "good offices" -- to help toward a negotiated peace.

On the other hand ~~--- this~~ from Red China, ^{comes a} charge today that India's attack on Pakistan -- "is an act of naked aggression;" Also "a crude violation of all principles guiding international relations" -- and "a grave threat to peace in Asia."

Peking further noting -- its own long-standing border dispute with India, And warning that "India's aggression against any one of its neighbors -- concerns all of its neighbors." Clearly a thinly-veiled threat -- of ^{more} ~~possible~~ Chinese intervention.

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VIET NAM

U.S. Marines and Vietnamese Rangers -- today sprang another death trap in Viet Nam, storming ashore by the thousands -- on the narrow Ba Lang peninsula, in an offensive called Operation Piranha -- after the voracious man-eating fish of South America. *the fish with all those razor teeth.*

The assault -- comparable to that Marine attack last month on the nearby Van Tuong peninsula, where the Marines *wiped out* ~~killed~~ some Six Hundred Communist guerrillas -- in the biggest American victory *(to date.)* ~~today~~ But as to the success of today's attack -- it's still too soon to tell.

In the meantime -- an investigation was underway today back in Saigon, to determine why a Marine commander used tear gas -- against Vietnamese villages, to flush them from tunnels and caves -- during an operation at Qui Nhon. The use of such gases -- long since banned in Viet Nam.

HOUSE

In Washington -- a graceful surrender today to a presidential veto. The House voting unanimously to drop those sharp restrictions -- that it had sought to place on the President's authority to close military bases.

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The vote assuring speedy Congressional approval -- of a One-point-Seven-Billion-Dollar military construction bill. Previously killed by the President -- because of the bases dispute.

GENEVA

Russia and the United States -- still as far apart as ever. At that continuing -- Geneva Disarmament Conference.

As illustrated by reaction today -- to a treaty proposed by neutral nations. One that would ban big underground nuclear tests -- while calling for a moratorium on smaller tests.

The Soviet Union -- ready to sign such a pact "without delay" -- said Soviet delegate Tsarapkin. But not so -- the United States. Principally because the proposal makes no provision -- for on-site inspection.

The suggested treaty -- a "halfway measure" -- said American delegate Foster. One that could easily "create suspicions" -- and thus block the ultimate goal of a full test ban.

ZION

Good news tonight -- from Zion National Park in Utah.

Sixteen weary hikers -- sloshing to safety through the turbulent

Virgin River, ~~After~~ having been stranded for three days by a

weekend flash flood -- in the famed Zion Narrows *which many of you saw when you flew with Paul Mantz in Lincroft*

Nine other hikers -- similarly trapped ^{are} also said

to be "coming out under their own power."

RAFT

At Los Angeles -- movie tough-guy George Raft -- today pleaded guilty to a charge of income tax evasion. His failure to report Thirty-five thousand dollars income in Nineteen-Sixty-One -- "a bookkeeping error" -- said the Sixty-Nine-year-old Raft. For which he could face a sentence -- of three years in prison.

SPIES

From Paris -- a report today that French spies are up in arms over a recent government refusal to grant them a satisfactory pay increase. The spies complaints detailed -- in a French weekly news magazine, noting that France -- has only Fourteen Hundred secret servicemen, who are forced to operate -- for the most part -- on meagre civil servant's salaries.

A French spy is quoted as saying that: "with this little army -- we have to cover the world, trying to outwit the vast American, Russian, Chinese, German, and British secret services -- all of which have money to throw around."

As a result, said the Frenchman, spying--"is no longer a decent job." "Soon" -- he concluded -- "they will be counting out the number of pencils and bullets we use."

Sacré bleu! Warren, what a state of affairs! When French spies complain about their pay!

FISCHER

Bobby Fischer of the United States -- today defeated Gilberto Garcia of Cuba. This moves Bobby into a tie for first place -- in the International Capablanca Chess Tournament at Havana.

The American champion -- who is competing by cable -- is now deadlocked with Borislav Ivkov of Yugoslavia and Vasily Smyslov of the Soviet Union, all with identical scores -- of Seven-and-Two. Bobby Fischer will face Borislav Ivkov tomorrow -- in what may well be the tourney's deciding match.-- that is face him by cable -- then Smyslov I suppose.