

VIET NAM

World reaction continued to mount today - in the face of the Viet Nam crisis.

President Johnson receiving open support from British Prime Minister Harold Wilson - in a trans-Atlantic telephone call. But in Paris - thousands of Communist-led students demonstrating against the United States-retaliatory-action in Viet Nam. The students calling Mr. Johnson - an "assassin." More than a hundred of them later arrested in clashes with Parisien gendarmes.

While In Peking - Red China was hinting at possible military intervention in Viet Nam. And Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin was in North Korea - asserting that Russia will continue to strive for "peaceful coexistence" but adding that Russia cannot tolerate actions of - "aggression--against other Socialist states."

Finally - at the U.N. - Secretary General U Thant called for East-West talks on the Vietnamese crisis, and

urging that both sides refrain from any further action -
that might lead to the stepping up of the war in Viet Nam.

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DOCKS

Striking longshoremen agreed today to end the costly month-long dock strike - at most major eastern ports. However, the back-to-work order affects only those locals - where dock workers had voted to accept new contracts.

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STATE

A reshuffle today in the State Department- resulting in some changes. Averell Harriman, giving up his post as Under Secretary for Political Affairs, to become Ambassador-at-Large. Thomas C. Mann, succeeding Harriman as the Department's third ranking official, with a new title, Under Secretary for Economic Affairs. And Jack Hood Baughn, Ambassador to Panama-succeeds Mann as coordinator of the Alliance for Progress.

The reshuffle touched off some rumors that Dean Rusk may be on his way out. But Presidential Press Secretary George Reedy calls such reports 'wholly speculative.' (Said Reedy: "I think Mr. Rusk will be around - for quite some time.")

FRANCE

France back on the gold standard. Paris announcing that henceforth, France will pay off its debts to other countries in straight gold, rather than in dollars or pounds sterling. France reverting to the medium of international finance - scrapped by most countries after World War One.

INDIA

Police with orders of "shoot to kill" - opened fire on riotous mobs in south India today. At least eighteen killed in three riots. The total dead to near sixty in three days of demonstrations against the adoption of Hindi - at the official language for all India.

Protests have been in the tropical states where Tamil - and other off-shoots of that ancient Dravidian language - are spoken - and where almost no one speaks Hindi.

New Delhi yesterday pledged that English will remain the official language. But that pledge seems too little, and too late to satisfy the tens of millions who live in Hindustan south of the Tropic of Cancer.

STORM

Meanwhile - here at home - that midwestern blizzard continues its sweep toward the east coast. Tonight raging across the Great Lakes region, preceded by freezing rain and hazardous driving conditions in New England. Nebrasks, Iowa, Wisconsin, Kansas and Minnesota are reported digging out from record snow drifts for this winter.

GIRLS

In Bonn, Germany, teen-age girls went to school today - in black slacks and black sweaters -- all because of the marriage of Ringo. "We are in mourning" they said.

So much for young love. How about this?

The Cuban Ministry of Justice disclosing today that Miguel Garcia and Maria Berta Nevarro will be married there Sunday, in a mass ceremony - aimed at legalizing existing common-law marriages.

What's so strange about that? Oh, the Senorita Maria Berta Nevarro is ninety. And her husband to be, Miguel Garcis to be? One hundred and four. Never too late, would you say, Dick?

CRIME

To all intents and purposes - it was the perfect crime. Four bandits escaping with one point two million dollars in cash, bound for the Bank of Canada. The money taken from a railroad shipping office at Vancouver, British Columbia - in a robbery carefully planned and brilliantly executed.

Just one catch. The money was ^{old and} ~~crumpled~~ mutilated currency, no longer fit for public use - and ~~therefore~~ therefore destined only for a government incinerator. As a result, each bill had been punched in three places with half inch holes - making the money

virtually impossible to pass. One point two million ^{dollars in} ~~ps~~ cold cash - ~~but not worth a nickel.~~
- ~~simply too hot to handle.~~