

Fri, Jan. 26 - 68.

PUEBLO

In the explosive case of The Pueblo -- a series of fast-breaking developments today, highlighted by a dramatic report to the nation -- from President Johnson; ^{This} in effect, a dire warning to North Korea ^{that} -- we will prevail.

The President calling seizure of The Pueblo -- a "~~Wan Ton~~ aggressive act;" one that -- "clearly cannot be tolerated." "We shall continue to use every means available -- to find a prompt and peaceful solution to the problem" -- he went on; but in the meantime -- "our military forces are prepared for any contingency that might arise."

✱ Lest there be any doubt -- the President adding: "These actions do not involve a reduction in any way -- of our forces in Vietnam."

PUEBLO - 2

Simultaneous with the President's remarks -- the UN Security Council finally taking up consideration of the Pueblo crisis, Only to face an immediate attempt by Russia -- to balk the UN inquiry. In the end, however, the Security Council voting 12 to 3 -- to proceed full speed ahead.

At the same time -- the U.S. State Department taking strong exception today -- to a report that the men of the Pueblo might be tried as war criminals. A State Department spokesman warning that any such step -- would be a "deliberate aggravation of an already serious situation."

VIETNAM

Meanwhile, on the firing line in Vietnam -- it's a kind of twilight war tonight. With a week-long Viet Cong cease fire for Tet - the Vietnamese New Year. ... Just beginning to take effect. U.S. and allied generals insisting though -- they will fight on; right up to their own truce deadline -- which takes effect at 6 o'clock Monday morning. Adding to the confusion -- the fact that North Vietnamese troops recognize no truce whatsoever.

Putting it all together -- the U.S. command ordering continued air strikes; against North Vietnamese troop concentrations -- just across that ^{so-called} de-militarized zone, -- ~~so-called~~. While more American planes were flying food, water and ammunition -- into that beleaguered U.S. marine outpost at Khe Sanh. American officers saying that -- truce or no -- the enemy could well launch an attack at Khe Sanh at "any time."

VIETNAM - 2

Earlier -- a third straight day of heavy fighting on the Bong Son plain -- far to the south. Allied forces claiming another toll -- of some 60 enemy dead. Raising the Viet Cong's total battle losses -- to 240 men; as against U.S. and South ^{Viet Nam}~~Korea~~ losses -- last reported as "light."

WHITE HOUSE

In the midst of world crisis -- a brief pause today at the White House. President Johnson taking time out -- to address more than a thousand student leaders from high schools around the country. Purpose: to urge a re-dedication -- to the principles of the American system of government.

That system works best -- said the President -- not for those who turn off or drop out -- but for those who butt in. So you "butt into politics -- hard, loud and clear" -- he told the students; "and then you have a chance -- to change the world."

ALBANY

Here's one -- also food for thought. A report today -- from Albany; showing that long-term patients in New York state mental hospitals -- have the lowest cancer death rate in the country. For patients confined 20 years or more -- the death rate from cancer falling to one third of the general population.

No one suggesting yet that insanity -- is a possible means of avoiding cancer. Doctors observing though -- that mental patients enjoy a constant standard of food, housing and medical care. They^a are also free from normal stresses of the work-a-day world -- and they don't smoke as much because they can't afford it.

Conclusion: the report does tend to identify cancer -- as perhaps part and parcel of the current American standard of living.

BOSTON

Boston Massachusetts -- the beginning of a new life today -- for 79 year old George Freeman, A convicted murderer, -- Sentenced to life in prison 58 years ago, ++ he has finally won a parole. Starting work with the Salvation Army -- in his first full day on the outside.

By his own estimate -- free-man Freeman still has 21 years to make up for lost time. "I always expected to live to be 100 -- I still expect it" -- said he.

What about problems of re-adjustment -- after spending nearly all of his adult life in prison? Not likely -- said George Freeman. Adding that -- "prison is like hanging; by the time you get used to it -- you're dead."

PARIS

Andres Courreges of Paris -- the man who revolutionized fashions a few seasons back; paving the way for the "little girl look" -- currently sweeping the western world.

Now comes word -- that Courreges's little girl is all grown up. For daytime wear -- Courreges today introducing the so-called "bikini dress;" ~~totally~~ totally transparent here, there and everywhere -- except where a bikini normally would be worn. For evening in Paris -- Courreges creating a formal gown entirely topless; except for two tiny daisies -- strategically placed, of course.

Summing up: a day at Courreges -- ~~at the night~~ -- something like going to

~~at the night~~ a burlesque show. These the bare facts in which most of us are losing interest, Warren.

EAST HARTFORD

On the space front -- a strong case today for the possibility that -- someone out there is watching us.

Dr. J.E. McDonald of the University of Arizona -- arguing for the affirmative; at a meeting of top ~~physicists~~ ^{psychicists} -- ~~at~~ East Hartford, Connecticut.

Dr. McDonald's remarks -- based on lengthy study of unidentified flying object reports, ~~indicating~~ ^{indicating} more and more -- said he -- that some form of extra terrestrial surveillance does exist. Which means -- he went on -- it's time for fellow scientists to "stop laughing smugly" at flying saucer reports; time to get busy and try to explain them -- one way or the other.

What about "Project Bluebook" -- the air force study supposedly discounting UFO's? It's chocked full of "little coverups" -- to avoid embarrassment to the military -- said Dr. McDonald. Not a "grand conspiracy" -- as some have charged; but rather a "grand foul-up" -- said he.

QOO @- what does it mean, what?