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PARIS BRUSSELS

On the peace front - the pace quickens. Henry Kissinger conferring first today with President Suharto of Indonesia at Brussels. Later returning to Paris - where he resumed talks with Hanoi's Le Duc Tho. The two men also scheduling a fourth straight day of talks - tomorrow, Thanksgiving, the holiday notwithstanding.

Asian sources add that the main issue now - is the make-up of a proposed cease fire control commission. Indonesia, as we know, one of the U.S. candidates; but the Communist side - is said to object to Indonesian surveillance.

VIETNAM

Meanwhile, the fighting continues - and the bombing. Enemy forces succeeded in knocking down today - their first B-Fifty-Two bomber of the entire war. However, the ship actually crashed in Thailand and its six crew members were quickly retrieved. Initial reports indicate "no serious injuries."

CAMP DAVID

Here at home - another important step today in the renormalization of relations between the U.S. and Red China. President Nixon authorizing U.S. ships and aircraft to travel to mainland China - should they wish to do so. An attempt - we are told - to broaden "opportunities for contacts - between the Chinese and American people" except that Peking - must still grant its permission.'

CHICAGO

Chicago - an explosion today in a record shop; killing at least four - and injuring several others. Also, forcing the evacuation - of an adjoining childrens nursery - cause, as yet undetermined.

ARLINGTON

At Arlington National Cemetery, at Hyannisport, at Dallas, a series of solemn ceremonies today; all marking the ninth anniversary - of the assassination of the late President Kennedy. Oddly enough in Moscow the Soviet literary gazette also taking note of the occasion, Accusing American businessmen of selling ~~books~~ souvenirs and otherwise attempting to profit from the assassination. Adding that there is even a move afoot -- to turn the Texas book depository building into a ~~new~~ so-called Museum of Assassination." The Soviets concluding, perhaps with some truth: "the show is not to immortalize the name of John F Kennedy - it is merely to promote low instincts.

KOHIMA

In India's remote state of Nagaland -
near Kohima, local insurgents today attacked an
Indian army convoy. Nobody seriously hurt apparently -
but the sounds of the battle were clearly ~~heard~~ heard
at Billy Graham's nearby "crusade for Christ."
India's Press Trust saying: "The prayers went on -
against a background of gunfire echoes. Incidentally
Billy ~~Graham~~ Graham ~~sitting~~ setting as one of his
goals an improvement in relations between Naga
tribesmen and the Indian government. Whether the
message is getting through or not he again drew a
record crowd today. An aid to the famed evangelist
saying: "To them, he is a great Christian Guru." To
them he's not Billy Graham, he's Guru Graham.

ANDHRA PRADESH FOLLOW KOHIMA

Far to the South - in India's state of Andhra Pradesh - angry mobs today burned six railway stations; thereby forcing a call-out of special riot police - the death toll - at last report put at fourteen.

This - we are told - the result of a mass protest against government hiring policies. Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi admitting: "The situation is much worse than we had feared."

HELSINKI

Starting today at Helsinki - a meeting aimed at clearing the way for an all-European security conference. Delegates ~~present~~^R presenting the nations of ~~Europe~~ Europe, the U S, Canada, thirty-four in all; assigned the task of determining when such a conference should be held - ~~up~~ what it should discuss and so on.

For the U S - Ambassador Val Peterson; who said that "we intend to play - a full a meaningful role." And the ultimate goal - said he - "to produce specific and concrete results - and not just a flow of nice language like the U N charter and other such documents."

MIDDLE EAST

Israel's armed forces Chief of Staff -
General David Elazar - a visitor today to the Syrian
front; there calling Israel's latest strikes against
Syria - "bigger, stronger and tougher" than anything
since the Nineteen Sixty-Seven Middle East war; an
tempt -- said he - "to ~~try~~ persuade Syria of the
wisdom of maintaining a true cease-fire."

In Tel Aviv - Moshe Dayan^{was} addressing
himself to the same subject. The Israeli defense
minister saying: "We have a formal cease fire with
the
all Arab nations -- but Syria is the most extreme
of all." Dayan ^{saying} ~~adding~~ ~~the~~ ~~little~~ ~~more~~ the Syrian
~~frontier~~ frontier may never "be as totally quiet as
the Jordanian" but it better improve, or else.

LEVITTOWN

From Lincoln scholar Frank Hartman of Levittown, Pennsylvania - a brief note today appropos the recent election. Recalling that a group of Lincoln, New York and Chicago friends raised two hundred dollars to help elect him President; when it was all over though - Honest Abe returning all but seventy-five cents.

That - said he, Bill - his only campaign expenditure to buy a barrel of cider - for some thirsty farmers.

LOS ANGELES

The meaning of Thanksgiving - subject of a recent poll among a group of Los Angeles youngsters aged four to seven. Thanksgiving - said one little girl -- "is the only day my Mom really likes to have me in the kitchen helping her." Thanksgiving said another ~~youngster~~ youngster = "is when we give Turkey and stuff to my aunt - because she's ~~got a lot~~ got a lot of kids and not too much money." Thanksgiving - said ~~Thanksgiving~~ a third - "is a day when my Dady and I - give away the canned food that my Mom has collected during the year."

By and large though - the children in question appreciated most - the family togetherness of Thanksgiving; perhaps best expressed by a four year old who said: "I like Thanksgiving because people stop fighting and start loving each other - even my mommy and daddy."