

EXCERPT

Tel Aviv, in the tense Middle East - Israel's Chief of Staff - Lt. General Haim Bar-Lev - says Russian advisors are now manning - or helping man - a number of Sam Two and Sam Three missile sites in Egypt; which helps to explain the fact - said he - that Israel has lost three Phantom Jets in the past six days.

General Bar-Lev added that "it is still too early to say - whether this is the likely rate of loss of aircraft that Israel must now face." Then he went on to say: "This does not mean - by any means - that we have lost our ability to operate our planes along the Suez Canal."

INDOCHINA

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War news from Southeast Asia includes today a reported pull-back by those same Communist troops - who earlier over-ran the Plain of Jars in Northern Laos. A pull-back made necessary - we are told - because of heavy monsoon rains said to be playing havoc with enemy supply lines.

Reverse side - Phnom Penh reports a ~~stead~~ steady stream of Communist troops arriving daily in Cambodia - from Southern Laos. These reportedly joining up with enemy forces - already threatening the provincial capital of Kom Pong Thom.

Meanwhile, in Saigon, the U S command ~~was~~ announcing ~~that~~ American ~~troop~~ troop strength in Vietnam now ~~stands~~ at four-hundred-and-seventeen thousand men; the lowest level in ~~nearly~~ four years. This coming simultaneous with a meeting of American commanders in Honolulu - setting up the details for

withdrawal of an additional ^{one-}hundred-and-fifty ~~thousand~~
thousand by next May.

ROME

The first hundred days of Italy's new coalition government - also ~~the~~ ^{the} last hundred days.

At Rome, Premier Mariano Rumor reaching the century mark ~~when he~~ ^{then} resigned ~~today~~ ^{ing} in a surprise move;

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giving as his main reason a series of continuing and worsening crises, economic, social and political.

Today's action coming just hours before the scheduled start of a ~~country~~ nationwide general strike - called by

the Nation's three big labor unions; a strike which, by the way - was ~~later~~ later called off. Observers

add, ~~the~~ however, the final straw was apparently a decision by left-wing Socialists - to join forces with

the Communists at regional levels. Indeed Rumor himself saying he needed full cooperation from ^{the} coalition partners - or else it did not make much sense to go on.

YOU CAN GO TO SIBERIA

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Instead of continuing our journey across Siberia, I'm going to break the series ~~back~~ just long enough to tell you how you can go to Siberia, or send someone there [^] if you want to. After all, ours was an inaugural first flight. First ever from North America direct to Siberia. But, there are to be a total of ~~ten~~ ^{in all,} ~~ten of these~~ this summer. So, ^{Why not go} ~~why not go~~ take a look at the USSR's huge empire [^] in Asia. ~~Or~~ ^{Or}, if you ~~want to~~ put it off until next June ~~then~~ there will be seventeen of these ~~big~~ flights [^] in big Alaskan Airlines Boeing Seven oh sevens. [^] At a special luncheon given for us by the Kremlin Leonid Khodorkow, a high Soviet official spoke of these ~~new~~ tours as "a great way to bring closer our two peoples."

[^] You may well ask: Do enough of the members of the Soviet Presidium believe this to do something about it? The answer is: It took Charles Willis nine

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^{This recent}
years to arrange for ~~the~~ first flight ~~recently~~
~~made~~, and the rest of the flights to follow, ^{this summer.} In fact
a hundred ^{or so} more Americans ^{are} somewhere in Siberia as
I do this broadcast. But, they ^{Russians} haven't yet gotten around
to ~~the point~~ where they are sending their own people
over ~~to~~ to visit us. ^{Lenin} Khodorkow and his associates
assured us they ^{believe} ~~thought~~ this ~~will~~ happen within a
few years. ^R Further negotiations between ~~the~~ the
United States and the U.S.S.R. are scheduled to begin
shortly. The presumption is that the Russians ~~are~~
~~going to~~ ask permission to make flights across the
Pacific to North America just as they are now doing
across the ~~Atlantic~~ Atlantic. At any rate, if you
want to go to Siberia or send someone there you can
do it now, or next summer when the round trip will
include a ~~spa~~ spectacular return flight across the
top of the Arctic from ~~Lenin~~ Leningrad to Alaska.

WASHINGTON

The formation of a new National Black Silent Majority Committee - announced today in Washington. National Director Clay Claiborne - ~~is~~ claiming chapters in twenty-two states. Adding that the committee's main purpose is to prove that black militants - do not represent the majority of the nation's twenty-two million ~~and~~ negroes.

Clay Claiborne explaining: "There are millions of black Americans who work every day - keep their kids in school - have ~~not~~ never been to jail - pay their taxes - have never participated in a riot - but are being shouted down by a handful of black militants." He then goes on to say: "Blacks don't want to burn American down - they want to build America - and, like all patriotic Americans = earn enough to own a part of this great nation."

BURCH

~~Here at home~~ Chairman Dean Burch of the Federal Communications Commission held a press conference today in Washington. ^{He said - speaking about} ~~there asserting that~~ recent speeches ^{by} ~~from~~ Vice President Spiro Agnew - ^{that} they had brought about, as far as he could see no ~~imminent~~ ~~change~~ drastic change in TV commentary. Except for one thing - said he; except that some members of the news media seem to have become "a little over hysterical about their first amendment rights."

^{Said} Dean Burch: ~~saying that~~ "Anybody in this country - up to and including the President and Vice President has the right and even an ~~obvious~~ obligation to criticize the news media; and it ~~would~~ would be dangerous" - he went on - "if they were immune to criticism." But "there is" - said he - "no cabal on the part of anybody in this administration - to discipline news media."

PORTLAND

This next - from Portland, Oregon;

a bizarre story that began Saturday night at the
Portland zoo - when a nineteen year old youth reached
way down into ~~the~~ lion pit teasing the animals.

One of the lions finally leaping up - grabbing the youth
and dragging him back into the pit. By the time help

arrived - too late. Now this: Zoo officials arriving

at work today discovering that ~~one of the lions in the~~
~~both of the lions in the~~
pit in question had been fatally wounded.

~~been shot dead and another wounded in the attack~~

Zoo Director Jack Marks saying the weapon used -

~~was~~ apparently was a thirty-point-aught-six hunting rifle.
Then he added, ~~What he~~
~~rifle. Marks adding:~~ "What I have to say about this

incident is most likely unprintable."

AGNEW FOLLOW BURCH

Speaking of Spiro Agnew - the Vice President was the subject of a fifteen minute color film - previewed today by the U.S. Information Agency. This a presentation - planned for showing only abroad; portraying the Vice President as a ~~fair~~ friend of education - a foe of racial discrimination - and also a man who speaks ~~for himself~~ his mind. U.S.I. A. official Bruce Herschensohn - who supervised the project - asserting that the Vice President comes across - as a strong man with firm convictions."

And just to make sure ^{of this} the film is narrated by none ~~other than~~ other than ~~John Wayne~~ John Wayne.