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The American government is making no attempt tonight-  
to hide its apprehension over events in South Viet Nam.

Apprehension heightened by - the resignation of the Vietnamese  
Ambassador to Washington. Tran Van Chuong, asking to be  
relieved of his duties - on the ground that he can no longer  
defend the policies of the regime in Saigon. Tran Van Chuong's  
resignation is all the more significant - because he happens  
to be the father of the lady in the case.

Madame Ngo Dinh Nhu has been called "the evil genius  
behind Premier Diem." *Harsh words about such a*  
~~hard saying~~ *lovely a lady.*

But Madame Ngo Dinh Nhu has shown - that she can be as tough  
a politician as anyone. Today <sup>she</sup> repeated her attack & on the  
Buddhist demonstrators. Vowing - to bring them to heel.

Her method - martial law. The Vietnamese army -  
making thousands of arrests. Now in control of every big  
Buddhist pagoda in Southviet Nam. In Saigon, tonight - a  
stream of military vehicles, moving through the streets.

What next - for United States policy? We'll know more about that - after the first report from Henry Cabot Lodge. Our new Ambassador <sup>who</sup> ~~to Saigon~~ - <sup>in Saigon</sup> ~~there~~ arrived today.

RELIGION FOLLOW VIET NAM

The crisis in South Viet Nam has ~~often~~ been pictured - in religious terms. Catholic regime - ~~set~~ against Buddhist opponents. But that interpretation is being challenged - by authoritative Catholics. They claim that ~~this~~ crisis is not religious - but political.

The Vatican newspaper "Ossevatore Romano" points out - that there are more Buddhists than Catholics in the Diem government. And suggests that newsmen stop using the phrase - "the Catholic government of Premier Diem."

The former Archbishop of Peking - takes the same attitude. Archbishop Yu Pin, saying in Chicago: "no religious discrimination ever existed in South Viet Nam." What about ~~all~~ the self immolation ~~of~~ of Buddhist monks? "I don't think that ~~the~~ <sup>kind of</sup> sacrifice is needed" - says the former Archbishop of Peking.

## IDEOLOGY

~~The~~ Kremlinologists are wondering tonight - whether any basis ~~is~~ remains for cooperation between Russia and Red China. We know ~~that~~ there is no collaboration - on atomic weapons. Moscow, saying "nyet" - for fear ~~that~~ the comrades in Peking might start a war. Conventional weapons? Moscow is supplying them to India - but not to Red China.

That leaves - non-military assistance. Surely factories and internal improvements - might escape the ideological dispute? Ah, but Khrushchev himself is deriding - the economy of Red China. And today's issue of "Pravda" uses the word "ingrate" <sup>*in referring to*</sup> ~~of~~ Mao Tse Tung. An insult that may snap the final link - between the two giants of the Red bloc.

CUBA

The British protest to Cuba concerns - that raid on Anguilla Cay by Castro's militia, ~~The~~ agents of the bearded Dictator, invading the British island - in the Caribbean, ~~Kidnapping~~ - nineteen anti-Castro Cuban refugees.

London has the evidence - including snapshots of the invaders. Hence the ~~is~~ demand - that Castro apologize, ~~Release~~ - the prisoners, ~~And~~ promise - not to violate British territorial sovereignty again.

## NUCLEAR

Doubts about the nuclear Test Ban Treaty - ~~xx~~ are being raised by two former members of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Most doubtful - Lewis Strauss, who used to be chairman of the A. E. C. Strauss thinks that additional safeguards should be built into the agreement - before ratification by the Senate. Why? Because Russia ~~broke~~ the moratorium - of the Eisenhower administration. And because of what Strauss ~~terms~~ *refers to as* "Gromyko's barefaced deceit in the Cuban missile crisis."

Scientist Willard Libby - is a little less doubtful about the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. He refuses to call the document - a mistake. At the same time, he admits he's worried - because the Soviets have tested monster bombs. ~~And~~ - we have not. ~~Nor can~~ we under the terms of this agreement with Moscow.

## MINE

Whatever happens at the mine in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, one thing is certain. The name of David Fellin will long be remembered - in the folklore of the mine fields. Dave Fellin, trapped more than three hundred feet - below ground, yet talking to those above ground apparently - without a tremor of fear, doing everything he can to guide the rescue workers - as they attempt to drill through to him. At the same time he's taking care of and encouraging Henry Throne - who is suffering more than he is from the clammy cold there at the bottom of the mineshaft.

The hope at this point is that a parallel shaft can be sunk - in spite of two previous failures.

## SPACE

The astronauts of the Gemini program - will not go bouncing into Outer Space. That's the verdict of our space scientists at Cape Canaveral - after examining the data on the latest flight of "Titan-Two". On previous flights, the big rocket rattled its instruments - at more than six hundred rattles a minute. Which would be teeth-rattling, in the most liberal sense - for men on board. But this last shot - ironed out the bugs. Titan-Two, riding smoothly through the sky - down "Missile Alley" between Africa and South America, into the target area - five thousand miles away.

"A textbook trip" said one scientist. Also a step toward Gemini - the two man spacecraft that we expect to orbit next year.



Pilot Joe Walker today broke the record set by -  
Joe Walker. The man who flies higher and faster than anyone  
in a winged aircraft today gunning his X-15 to an altitude  
of sixty-six miles. And he did it at the steepest angle yet -  
forty-eight degrees. At a speed of more than a mile a second.

When he rode over the "top" of his flight arc -  
sixty six miles above the Mojave Desert - he says he could  
see the Pacific Coast all the way from Canada to Mexico.

## ROBBERY

Britain's great train robbery seems to be developing according to the formula of Edgar Wallace. The British master of the thriller - once said, "A good mystery story calls for three things - a crime, a detective, and a glamorous blonde".

In this case, the crime is - the looting of the Glasgow-to-London mail train. The detective? A lot of men from Scotland Yard are running down clues. As for the glamorous blonde - the Yard nabbed her last night. She arrived at the London Police station - with a green coat over her head. So naturally the British press is calling her - "the blonde in the green coat".

Is this - the break in the case? Will "the blonde in the green coat" - identify the ringleader of the gang that took seven million dollars in pounds from the mail train, Dick? What Edgar Wallace could have done - with that plot!

## SHIP

You may have heard about Senator Ted Kennedy's plan - to bring the historic warship - The U.S.S. Constitution - Old Ironsides - to New York for the World's Fair. The President's brother touched off an uproar - with that one. Proper Bostonians arguing that the veteran of the war of Eighteen twelve - is a top tourist attraction of their city. So why let those New Yorkers horn in?

Today, The U.S. Navy - put an end to the battle. Too fragile for the long trip down to New York. So Old Ironsides will stay at anchor - in Boston harbor.