

RED CHINA

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Continued chaos - in Red China. Reports reaching

Hong Kong - telling today of bloody rioting in the South western

ancient walled

~~City~~ City of Chengtu - near Chungking. Pro-Maoists

battling anti-Maoists - we're told - leaving some seven

hundred ~~seriously hurt~~ ^{injured}.

~~Do~~ More trouble - they say - in Szechuan Province,

Red China's most populous, ~~district~~ and one of its richest.

~~to~~ This according to East European diplomats ^{who} ~~reporting~~

Szechuan ^{is} in a virtual state of secession." Adding that

Defense Minister Lin Pao - has personally taken on the

job of bringing the province back in line. Lin ^{considered} ~~of course~~

heir-apparent to Chairman Mao.

Summing up - ~~only~~ only four of China's twenty-six

provinces ^{seem to be} ~~are still~~ under solid Maoist control. - ~~at least~~

The other twenty-two - not necessarily anti-Mao; but

said to be fed up - with his so-called "cultural revolution."

PENTAGON

Here at home -- the moment of truth today for delinquent military reservists, ~~With~~ the Pentagon ordering a massive call-up -- of about thirty-one thousand ~~such men~~.

~~These~~ reservists in the Army, Navy ~~and~~ Air Force and Marines -- who have failed to fulfill their weekend drill obligations; ^{and} who will now be summoned to full-time duty -- beginning in August.

ROMNEY

Also in Washington - a stinging attack today from Governor Romney of Michigan; accusing President Johnson of misleading the American public - with regard to the war in Vietnam. Misleading the public said Romney - through manipulated, inflated and distorted reports -- on U. S. actions in Vietnam.

This in a speech - before the National Federation of ~~Ex~~ Republican women, Where ^{Romney} ~~the~~ Governor also attacked the administration on a broad front - in relation to domestic policies. Time and ~~time~~ time again - Romney asserting; "there's a better way - then L. B. J."

VIET NAM

In Viet Nam - Radio Hanoi today charged the United States with what it called -- another "serious escalation of the war." Accusing American pilots - of bombing and strafing the Red capital and its suburbs. ~~At the same time.~~
- Hanoi ^{at the same time} claiming to have downed seven U S jets.

Back on the ground - a sudden quiet today, ~~with~~
American Marines finally completing the rout of enemy forces - from bloody Hill Eight Eighty-One near the D M Z.
Viet Cong forces withdrawing from battle - after losing nearly ~~two~~ twelve hundred men. Leaving the Leathernecks in full command - of key heights overlooking enemy infiltration routes.

BIEN HOA

On the political front -- mounting pressure today for more Allied troops in Vietnam, Following President Johnson's statement early this week -- that future war needs are currently under study in Washington.

South Vietnamese Premier Ky -- latest to take the cue -- during a flying trip to Bien Hoa. Ky arguing that in days to come -- the Allies will surely need more ^(fighting) men "to respond to Communist pressure." If not from the United States -- said he -- then ^(men) "from Korea or some other countries"

How many -- depends on how many Viet Cong are able to infiltrate the South --said Ky. He added, however, that the Viet Cong are most likely to step up the war -- "in the monsoon season ^{Just ahead} ~~in the months to come.~~"

DALLAS

The American Cancer Society -- flat-out against cigarette smoking at a board meeting today in ^gDallas. Citing smoking -- as the cause of hundreds of thousands of needless deaths. As part of the remedy, urging the nation's hospitals and other health institutions -- to throw out their cigarette vending machines. This on the ground that vending machines -- are the chief source of cigarettes for children who smoke.

The board adding that its anti-cigarette campaign -- is bearing results. Noting that doctors themselves -- have cut their cigarette smoking in half in the past ten years. But now -- said the board -- it's time for teachers, clergymen, community leaders and parents -- to go on the warpath against cigarette smoking. Adding that unless they do -- about a million young people now in school -- will die inevitably of lung cancer.

NEW YORK

In New York - another tragic death today in the newspaper ~~business~~ ^{world, Incredibly - but} The World Journal Tribune - ^{today} suddenly and surprisingly suspending publication; ^{This} in the face of financial losses - estimated at seven hundred thousand a month.

The World Journal Tribune - a merged daily only eight months old itself. Yet the end product - of more than a hundred and thirty years of New York journalistic history -- all gone -- down the drain. *The blame?*

came with
The final straw [^] printer's wage demands - totaling twenty-one percent over the next three years, ~~In~~ line with the printer's recent pay raise - at the New York Daily News, ~~Demands~~ that would have caused a ~~payroll~~ payroll increase -- impossible to meet.

So where New York once had twenty dailies - it now has three. And only one remaining afternoon paper -

~~The Post.~~ *And there'll be much "moaning at the bar" for many days and weeks to come.*

FATIMA

The sleepy little town of Fatima, Portugal - site
of a church recognized miracle fifty years ago, ~~and now~~ ^{where they}
~~now are~~ ^{hoping for another miracle,} ~~in Fatima~~ A miracle -
to facilitate the handling of an estimated three-and-a-half
million Pilgrims ^g Expected to descend on Fatima next week
- to hear the Pope pray for peace in Vietnam.

The problems "unbelievable" - say local officials.
Noting that Fatima itself - is a village of less than twelve
hundred people. With nowhere near the facilities - to cope
with such a ~~phenomenal~~ ^{multitude} ~~thing~~. Worse still, a single paved
road from Lisbon to Fatima - and only one lane, at that.
Raising the question of how to get medical aid to the shrine
- if someone should get injured or become ~~die~~ sick.

Be that as it may - preparations are already
well underway. The Portuguese army - pitching countless
tents in fields surrounding the shrine. ^{also} About five hundred
police - assigned to protect the Pope from the pressing
crowds. With the one saving grace - said to be the fact that

the Pope's visit will last only twelve hours.

~~And~~ yet Church officials are supremely confident -
~~And~~ the Pope's appearance will be another religious
triumph. And government officials ^{are} determined to do their
best to make it so.

Said one: "We don't know yet how many extra
pilgrims the Holy Father's presence will bring - but from
what we can see - it will cause a migration of biblical
proportions."

VATICAN

A related item - comes today from the Vatican in Rome. To the effect that the Pope's Peace plea at Fatima - will be, quote "the most fervent message to mankind since the Gospel."

This immediately raising conjecture - that the Pope plans to reveal the fabled "third secret of Fatima." The other secrets - remember - about World Wars One and Two -- about the rise of Russia as a world power. But the third secret -- one that has been passed down from Pope ~~to~~ to Pope; and never made public - up to now.

The reason - nobody ~~knows~~ knows for sure. But rumors persist - that the third secret is a prediction of the end of the world; unless man somehow - can learn to live in peace.

JAKARTA

~~Elsewhere in Asia~~ - The government of Indonesia fired off a protest today - to Peking, Accusing Communist China - of "conducting an intensive anti-Indonesia campaign."

This all the more reprehensible - said the protest - because it is hurting Chinese citizens in Indonesia.

Supposedly ~~sym~~ stymieing government ^{ent} efforts to "calm down anti-Chinese sentiment" in the wake of that attempted Communist coup of Nineteen Sixty-Five.

Meanwhile, a major reshuffle of the Indonesian army high command ^Q was announced today in Jakarta.

The move including transfer of both the chief of staff and commanding officer of the Jakarta garrison -- once fiercely ~~loy~~ loyal to ex-President Sukarno. This seen as a major show of strength - on the part of acting President Suharto.

MOSCOW

This next -- from Moscow. Another Russian blast today -- at British secret agent Double-Oh-Seven; prompted by news that James Bond -- will soon be back in action.

As you no doubt know -- James Bond was temporarily sidelined; by the death of his creator -- the late Ian Fleming.

But another British author -- Kingsley Amis -- recently signed

with Fleming' heirs to turn out a new ^Bond series. And ~~that~~ ^{at the}

Kremlin they dont like this at all!
~~what the Soviets are all mad about.~~

~~The fact~~ ^{Not} that Double-Oh-Seven is always thwarting the

Kremlin.-- ~~totally ignored~~. Instead, Moscow charging that

James Bond is "a professional murderer -- a man with the humor of a hangman -- a merciless Don Juan -- and an expert on golf and wines." Horrors!

As for author Amis -- he was once a promising writer -- says Moscow. Adding, however, that as the "new ^Psupplier of the poisonous pulp literature" of Double-Oh-Seven -- Amis

"from now on will only be ~~Author~~ ^{author} Number Double-Oh-Two."

All of which apparently means that as Number Two -- Amis will just have to try harder to please the Russians; ^{Warren}
& s-l-u-man.