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The big question tonight: Will they -- or won't they? Meaning President Johnson -- and Soviet Premier Kosygin; will they or won't they get together -- for that long-awaited summit talk.

Time fast running out -- with Kosygin soon to return home. Which means that maybe tomorrow -- will be the last possible day. ~~And~~ still -- no definite ^{word.} ~~word.~~

While the world's two major powers were thus marking time -- Israel was again taking center stage in New York.

Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban indicating for the first time -- a possible willingness to give up the captured Old City of Jerusalem. Eban suggesting that shrines in that hallowed ground -- might be placed under the control of the three religions involved.

BONN

The Israeli government was also busy today -- in Western Europe [^] ~~Setting~~ in motion -- a bid to build support for the Israeli stand, ~~With~~ former Defense Minister Shimon Peres -- chief architect of Israeli military power -- the man chosen for the assignment.

~~Re~~ Peres flying first -- to Bonn. There telling the West Germans -- that Russia has long since started rebuilding the shattered Arab war machine. Therefore, requesting an immediate end -- to the German embargo on arms shipments to Israel.

On another touchy issue -- Peres saying that Israel will never be the first to ~~introduce~~ nuclear weapons in the Middle East. The only kinds of weapons the Israelis want or need -- are those that the Arabs have -- said he. Adding: "If the Israelis had their way -- we would return to bows and arrows."

Next stop -- Paris. Then -- Rome.

CAIRO

Reverse side -- a second round of talks today in Cairo; between Soviet President Podgorny -- and Egypt's Colonel Nasser. As to results though -- no details as yet. Except a report that Podgorny has told his host -- he'd like to visit the pyramids if he has time.

As for Soviet Chief of Staff Marshal Zakharov -- he's said to be touring front-line positions on the Suez, ~~Trying~~ trying to find what went wrong -- with all that Soviet equipment; trying to find out why the Egyptians -- were unable to stem the Israeli blitzkrieg.

LONDON-PARIS

Meanwhile, a bit of backtracking today -- in both Paris and London, ~~on~~ those French and British policy statements ^{OF} yesterday ^{that} ~~seem~~ ^{ed} to attack the current Israeli position in the Middle East.

The French press, in particular -- almost unanimous in condemning DeGaulle's scathing denunciation of Israel. Accusing the French president -- of taking sides needlessly and perhaps foolishly. Further accusing DeGaulle of threatening France with political isolation -- by his simultaneous attack on U.S. policy in Vietnam.

All of which led to "clarification" today -- from French government officials. Making it clear -- that France will not support that Russian resolution at the U.N. That France will not vote to condemn Israel as an aggressor -- but rather will abstain in the final showdown.

British Prime Minister Harold Wilson -- also

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compelled to tone down his earlier stand. ^{This as a result of} ~~Under opposition~~
charges today -- that Britain was "ganging up" on Israel;
by demanding the return -- of all Israeli-occupied Arab
territories.

Wilson saying that such charges -- were the result
of "misunderstandings or misinterpretation." Adding that
Britain remains -- strictly neutral; with its only goal --
said he -- that of encouraging direct talks toward a
lasting peace.

VIETNAM

News from Saigon tells today of three separate American victories -- in the past twenty-four hours. [^] Mainly the result of American ~~traps~~ ^{strategy that} ~~traps~~ that worked almost to perfection.

Two of the battles -- along the Highland seacoast. U.S. troops waiting in ambush for Viet ~~Guerrillas~~ ^{Guerrillas} -- attempting to sneak back into the Bong Son Plain. They didn't make it.

Third battle -- in the Mekong Delta. Again -- a complete rout.

In all -- the enemy losing more than a hundred and sixty men. A ratio of nearly fourteen to fourteen-to-one -- over American losses. Which were none at all -- in that last engagement.

Apart from the fighting -- another tragic mid-air crash today north of Saigon. With a U.S. Phantom jet -- ramming a big transport. First reports -- indicating perhaps as many as seven dead.

MOSCOW

More trouble today -- between Moscow and Peking. With the Soviet newspaper Pravda accusing militant Red Guards -- of beating up and seriously injuring two Russian trade representatives in Red China.

The incident -- said to have occurred last week in Shenyang. The two Russians reportedly finding their trade mission impossible -- deciding to return to Peking -- when they were set ~~off~~^{upon} by the fanatical ~~Chinese~~^{young} ~~youth~~. Both later subjected to a "farcical trial" -- said Pravda; the Red Guards -- supposedly trying to force them to make anti-Soviet statements.

At the same time -- the Kremlin today disclos~~ed~~^{ed} an official protest to the Red Chinese embassy in Moscow. Threatening a possible suspension of trade relations between the two countries -- unless the guilty are caught and punished.

NEW DELHI

Worsening relations with Red China -- also a matter
of growing concern in New Delhi. ^{This} Leading the Indian
government to reverse itself today ~~on~~ plans to
suspend a national state of emergency ^{that have been} in effect ~~for~~ ever
since that brief ~~Sino~~ ^{border affair} Sino-Indian ~~war~~ of Nineteen-Sixty-Two.

The original plan -- to suspend the state of emergency
as of July One. However, Home Minister Y.B. Chavan --
reporting ~~ing~~ continued fighting in the border areas ^{of}
Nagaland and Kashmir; where he said hostile hillmen --
are still receiving active support from ~~the~~ both China and
Pakistan.

Another reason for the change of heart -- recent
diplomatic feuding between the two countries, culminating
in Peking's ~~expulsion~~ ^{those} expulsion of two Indian officials ^{LAST WEEK IT}
~~on charges~~ of spying in Red China. The fact that they, too,
were beaten by Red Guards on their way out -- ~~and~~, that
^{hasn't} ~~didn't~~ ^{ed} help either.

GUNTHER--SO AMERICA

Have you read John Gunther's new book, *INSIDE SOUTH AMERICA*? Every North American home should have one. That would mean way over fifty million copies! It's Gunther at his best. That means ~~is~~ it's one of, if not the book of the year.

INSIDE SOUTH AMERICA is a new study of ten exciting South American Republics. It captures the color, the wonder, the intrigue, just about everything that has to do with our rollicking, explosive, unpredictable neighbor continent.

We Nord Americanoes have been ~~slow~~ discovering ^{— and important} how fascinating South America is, ~~how~~, how full of everything that makes up a thrilling human show.

Just to illustrate ^{the way} how they do things down Rio way, John Gunther tell ~~us~~ ^{that} us ~~how~~ in Brazil they have a law for everything; that is, except a law ~~4~~ that says you have to obey the law. Then he gives us a graphic idea of

how this political formula works.

Reading the new Gunther book makes me want to board the next Pan Am, Panagra, Braniff or Varig plane for South America. That's how exciting he makes it.

If you dip into any chapter you are likely to enjoy a sleepless night.

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The U.S. Senate has recessed again without any final step on that Sen. Dodd matter.
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VATICAN

At the Vatican in Rome -- news today of a new Papal Encyclical -- scheduled for publication tomorrow. A document ~~we're told~~ reaffirming the rule of celibacy for Roman Catholic priests.

In it -- the Pope said to explore fully -- his reasons for continuing the ban on marriage for the clergy; despite recent objections -- from a number of church quarters. The ban -- as you know -- in effect since the Fourth Century.

WHITE HOUSE

Little Patrick Lyndon Johnson -- only a day old; and already -- Grandpa Lyndon is taking a hand in his political upbringing. The President obviously in high good humor -- as he told all about it today at the White House.

The "trouble" -- it seems -- that son-in-law Pat Nugent kept referring to his first-born as "an elephant;" because of his size -- eight pounds, ten ounces. LBJ taking advantage of the slip -- to fire off a good-natured telegram to the new father.

"I told him" -- said the President -- "I did not want him to advertise my grandson as a Republican."

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