

MOSCOW

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(Denver)

In the President's mission to Moscow a final summing up. The U S and Russia issuing today - a joint communique, in addition to recent agreements. This pledging future adherence to a new twelve point declaration of basic principles. These including a promise to do their utmost to avoid military confrontations and to prevent the outbreak of nuclear war.

It was also announced that the ruling Soviet Troika Messrs Brezhnev, Kosygin and Podgorny - have accepted an invitation to visit the U S. This - we are told - at a mutually convenient time - probably next year. All of which was perhaps best appraised by Brezhnev himself. The Soviet leader telling more than a thousand guests at a glittering reception: "We are off with the first stage and are now preparing for the second one."

KIEV FOLLOW MOSCOW

That done, the President boarded a plane for Kiev - his first stop enroute home. The flight was delayed however more than an hour by engine trouble, with the President finally switching to a back-up ship. Will any heads fall as a result. We wonder.

While waiting for the switch over - Premier Kosygin turning to Mr. Nixon and saying unsmilingly: "Well, Mr. President - here is the Minister for Air - what should we do with him?" The President again proving the perfect guest replied: "Promote him." Why? Because - said the President: "It is better his organization found out the trouble on the ground than in the air."

KONTUM

In Viet Nam South Vietnamese troops were mounting a counter offensive today - in the city of Kontum; in the process recapturing an occupied school - and parts of two military bases. But the enemy's main lines at last report were still holding. American sources adding that the Communist forces may have pulled back simply to regroup in preparation for a fresh attack. At any rate the battle of Kontum rages on and on.

To the North, American jets again were sweeping the skies. In the past twenty four hours - they were racking up about two hundred and eighty air strikes; destroying or damaging - three railroad bridges, two highway bridges, a pontoon bridge and three river ferries; also, knocking out - more than thirty supply warehouses.

PARIS

On the outskirts of Paris - so it ends, one of the great love stories of this or any age. As you know, the Duke of Windsor passing away - victim of cancer. The woman for whom he gave up his throne thirty six years ago - the woman he loved - still at his side - and now, it seems all is forgiven. It seems so.

The British Royal Family today completing funeral arrangements - as befitting a former British Monarch. The Duke's body to be flown to London Wednesday - and thereafter to lie in state at historic St. George's Chapel on the grounds of stately Windsor Castle. Final services - set for Saturday and then - at the Duke's request - burial will take place in the garden of Frogmore House; one of the most private of royal residences - where ex-King Edward's grandparents Queen Victoria and her consort Prince Albert are also entombed; and where one day we are told the American

Duchess will lie beside him - the girl from Baltimore.

The royal family further extending an invitation to the Duchess for the first time to stay as a guest at Buckingham Palace throughout the funeral. For the Duke - age seventy-seven - and for his Duchess, home at last.

RALEIGH

Raleigh, North Carolina another American political tragedy. A man armed with a rifle and a hand gun invaded a shopping center where Senator Jordan of North Carolina was campaigning for re-election. Crouching between parked cars - the assassin killing three persons and wounding eight others including two small children. Whereupon - he also shot and killed himself. The dead gunman later identified as a local resident. Harvey Glen McCloud age twenty three; according to police - a tall, well-dressed black man with a long police record. But the why of it all - still a mystery.

NEW YORK

Because of the holiday - New York City was virtually deserted this weekend. And, there was a visitor to Rockefeller Center - taking advantage of the situation. Thirty-seven year old Joseph Coviello- working his way around the block square Time-Life building.

Breaking every large plate glass window he could reach - ninety-five of them in all. These valued at two thousand a piece - with total damage thus coming to one hundred and ninety thousand bucks.

Coviello later explaining he was simply fed up.

But, said he, he didn't want to hit anybody in the head so Don, he decided to hit 'em in the pocket book.

A shattering decision.

TRAFFIC

With the Memorial Day weekend fast nearing an end - an army of motorists is heading home tonight and the result - almost predictable. The National Safety Council saying perhaps as many as six hundred and thirty Americans - will meet their deaths in holiday traffic accidents.

Council President Howard Pyle emphasizes ~~so~~ again that highway deaths are not inevitable. And he adds: If drunken drivers could be kept off the roads & if all car occupants could be persuaded to wear their safety belts - many many deaths could be avoided. So, I hope you do your part! I hope you will be here with me when I come on the air again - and

Solong until tomorrow.