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KARACHI

Karachi, Pakistan - Mohammed Ayub Khan calls it quits.

The former strongman President - turning in his resignation today in the face of mounting nationwide chaos. Appointing in his stead - Army Chief of Staff General Yahya Khan; who immediately declared a state of martial law - dispatching Federal troops to guard key government installations.

^{Yahya}
General Khan further warning that ~~rioters~~ rioters,

arsonists and looters - henceforth, will be put to death.

Next question: Can ^{Yahya} Khan succeed where Ayub ^{Khan} failed?

And the answer for now - we'll just have to wait and see.

SAIGON

Concession at Saigon. South Vietnamese President Thieu offering today to hold private talks - with the Communist National Liberation Front - the Viet Cong. Thieu saying he could "never accept" a coalition government - or a "Communist Party as such" in South Vietnam. Adding, however, that private talks in "numerous forms" - could help speed an end to the Vietnam war.

PARIS-WASHINGTON FOLLOW SAIGON

Reaction in Paris - a hope that Thieu's offer might somehow break the current deadlock on peace talks. Meanwhile here at home - the U.S. State Department praising Thieu's "constructive approach." Calling it graphic evidence of "the serious intention of the Republic of Vietnam - to seek a peaceful settlement of the war."

Nevertheless - President Nixon urging caution. Asserting that the only "real progress" toward peace - will come through private talks. But adding there is "not as much hope" in that area - "as perhaps the American public might like to believe."

WALTER REED

Latest from ~~Walter~~ Walter Reed Army Hospital - no change.

Doctors reporting that former President Eisenhower's condition - "has not worsened since yesterday." Adding that the General "has always shown remarkable recuperative powers - but the eventual outlook remains guarded." These are their words.

HOUSE

Elsewhere in Washington - Professor John Bunzel of San Francisco State College - a witness today before the House panel considering campus violence. There asserting that San Francisco faculty members united promptly - when the threat was "white and right" - as he put it. But when the threat was "black and left" - said he - these same faculty members showed "a failure of nerve - a lack of moral courage."

Professor Bunzel - originally considered a campus libera. However, the target of countless threats, attempted bombings and so on - because of his later opposition to student militants. An opposition triggered - said he - by the fact the radicals were trying - "not to bring about change but only to shut the place down."

NASHVILLE

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At Nashville, Tennessee - James Earl Ray is making headlines again. His picture appearing today on the front-page of "The Corrector" - official publication of the Tennessee prison authority. Along with a story identifying the convicted killer of Martin Luther King - as "the second most publicized prisoner ever to enter the Tennessee State Penitentiary."

The first most publicized - it says here - fellow by the name of Champ Ferguson. Convicted of killing fifty-four Union soldiers and sympathizers - shortly after the Civil War. However, Ferguson served only a few days - his confinement cut short by the ^g gallows.

VATICAN

At the Vatican ~~in Rome~~ - publication today of heretofore secret archives from World War Two, ~~Showing~~ that the late Pope Pius the Twelfth - turned down flat an order from Italian dictator Benito Mussolini; an order that the church launch an "anti-Bolshevik campaign" - at the time ^{of} Germany's invasion of Russia. Indeed, the Pontiff actually supporting FDR's position - ~~that of~~ ^{of} sending assistance to the Soviets.

Setting the record straight after all these years - in response to persistent charges that Pope Pius was "soft" on fascism. Nothing of the sort - says Rome.

UNBELIEF FOLLOW VATICAN

The Vatican again - opening session of a symposium on "unbelief" - of all things. With Professor Robert Bellah of U.C.L.A. - one of the first up. Asserting that religion - like speech - is one of the characteristics that differentiates man from animals. Adding: "It will not die - as long as there are humans here on earth."

Another speaker - Professor Herve Carrier of the Pontifical Gregorian University of Rome. Who said that humanity is not divided so much between believers and unbelievers - as it is between - quote - "we believers and ~~these~~ ^{those} believers." And how to get ~~them~~ ^{two} together - that's the real problem - said he.

LUSAKA

Lusaka, Zambia - a close call for Zambian Minister of State Valentine Musakanya. Just leaving a State House reception - when he was mobbed by a group of about twenty people. The attackers seemingly bent on tearing him limb from limb - when they were finally dispersed by State House guards.

What triggered the attack? Apparently an earlier remark by the Minister - defending the right of Zambian girls to wear mini-skirts. This ^{(all wrong) (Zambians) -} considered by some ~~it seems -~~ ^{in Lusaka.} ~~a fate worse than death.~~ ^{in Africa, where topless women} has been all the rage - for centuries,

ROMANIELLO - FOLLOW HONG KONG

By the way - I've just received a letter from my good friend - ^{Messina} ~~Father~~ John Romaniello - who has spent most of his life in Hong Kong. Father Romaniello - you may recall - the founder of a unique relief program; based on the precept that - "noodles bring happiness to millions of refugees."

~~Anyway - the good Father voices a hope for the future of Mainland China. Observing that a study of Chinese history and its culture shows clearly - that "the Chinese will change whatever is trying to change them." He adds, what's more, that China's "cultural revolution of the past two years - seems to point that way."~~

^{Messina} ~~Father~~ Romaniello then goes on to say: "The durability of the Chinese is in their central belief - that a man's life must follow the path of reason; so it is hopeful that even today China will adapt itself only to those things - that will enrich the original idea of action through reason."

^{the famous Noodles priest.}
That from ~~Father~~ John Romaniello - and let's hope he's

right.

HONG KONG

From Hong Kong - comes a business report ~~today~~. Telling
of an industrial boom in the British crown colony - giving
it an export capability perhaps the highest in all of Asia.
This due in part to the continued influx - of highly-skilled,
highly-motivated refugees from Red China. ~~By their very~~ ^{These}
~~presence~~ ^{continuing to} strengthening Hong Kong's bid for economic
co-existence with Peking. So - the boom
continues in Hong Kong - as I say ~~along~~ - ^{with} -