

GAZA

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In the tense Middle East - a hand grenade exploded in the city of Gaza, on the Mediterranean - the edge of the Sinai Desert. This shortly after a visit by Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan. The blast killing two young Arab boys - wounding ten others. Gaza was an ancient Philistine Phoenician port.

The grenade throwing was in the wake of a massive anti-Israeli demonstration - by teen-age local girls; some two hundred and fifty of whom - were injured in the resulting melee. General Dayan's visit - an apparent attempt to ease tensions, seems to have had just the opposite effect.

Earlier Jordan and Iraq both charged a series of Israeli air strikes on Arab troops stationed in Jordan. Charge - promptly denied. Israel calling it - "another of those light-hearted wishful thinking scare bubbles - the Arabs throw into the air," the kind

that "stand in mid-air" - added a Jerusalem spokesman
"until we are asked to puncture them."

WASHINGTON FOLLOW GAZA

Here at home - a report today that President Nixon is leaning against a French plan - calling for "Big Four" talks on the mid-East. However, the White House would only confirm ^{that all this} ~~the matter~~ will be discussed _^ _^ at tomorrow's meeting of the National Security Council.

At the same time ^{there's} ~~that~~ a report _^ the President is drafting a "cordial letter to Egypt's Colonel Nasser."

12 This in response to a friendly letter from Nasser - on the occasion of the President's inauguration. *This cable* a tentative first step ~~we hear~~ toward a possible resumption of diplomatic relations between the U S and Egypt.

WHITE HOUSE

Barely two weeks in office - Richard Nixon has already proven he's a man who likes to get around, visiting Capitol Hill one day - after that a negro slum, then the Pentagon, and now this latest addition to the President's schedule - an up-coming trip to Western Europe.

According to a White House announcement today this to be a "working trip" - probably some time in the coming two months. The idea - we are told - to convince our western allies - that the U.S. still regards Nato as vital to the West. Accordingly, tentative plans - said to call for stops at Paris, Rome, London, Bonn.

As for anything further on this we'll have to await the President's next news conference Thursday morning.

PARIS

On the peace front - ⁱⁿ Paris, South Vietnamese Vice President Ky ~~front and center today.~~ ^{was again} ~~Again~~ calling for secret meetings between North and South Vietnamese negotiators - as a means for speeding up expanded peace talks. "We have already made many concessions - to get the talks started"- said he. Adding: "I am ready to make more ~~concessions in any field~~ if they are sure to help us reach some results."

TOKYO

The U S Embassy in Tokyo - target of an attack today by Japanese student radicals. With ten of the attackers - actually breaking into the building.

Smashing windows - draping a balcony with anti-American banners - roaming the Embassy for nearly half an hour; before they were finally ousted by U S Marines and Japanese police.

A few hours later - the Japanese government filing^{ed} an official apology with the U S State Department, calling the Embassy invasion most regrettable. Also, agreeing to pay for any damages.

HAVANA

In the skies ~~high~~ over Florida - another
jet liner hi-jacking today -- ~~the~~ ^{the 12th} ~~ninth~~ this year. With
the pilot of a Miami bound Boeing 727 -- ~~forced~~ forced
to divert the plane to Havana. Taking with him ^{some} eighty ~~seven~~
~~seven~~ passengers - including producer Allan Funt of
TV's Candid Camera.

Back in Washington - the hi-jacking was
followed shortly by a reward offer - from the U S
air line industry. Offering twenty ~~two~~ five thousand in
cash - for information leading to the arrest and
conviction of any airline ~~hi-jacker~~ hi-jacker.



HAVANA ADD

Still later - an attempted thirteenth
hi-jacking. Unlucky though and unsuccessful ~~4~~ for
the hippie type who tried it. He and his girl friend
- ending up in the arms of the F B I in Miami.

MIDHURST

One of Hollywood's most durable stars dead today at Midhurst, England. Boris Karloff - who called himself "the gentle monster" - victim of a lengthy respiratory ailment. His best known movie role - of course - that of the Frankenstein monster. First in a string of horror roles - that made his name synonymous with Hollywood terror the world over. In real life - a quiet, courteous Englishman, who once said of the Frankenstein Monster - "He was the best friend I ever had."

Boris Karloff - eighty-one.

GRAFENWOEHR - VILSECK

War games in West Germany. Two American troop units - attacking each other with simulated atomic weapons. This in the Grafenwoehr-Vilseck area, barely twenty-five miles from Czechoslovakia.

MAX CONRAD

In case you haven't heard, you may be wondering just what happened to Max Conrad, his attempt to fly solo around the globe by way of both Poles. The last dispatch on this came from an island off the Antarctic coast saying he was turning back because it looked as though it would be impossible for him to fly the next leg from a British Antarctic base a few hundred miles south of the tip of South America, that is, make it on across ^{that most forbidding of all} ~~the~~ continents.

He's back here in the U S A again, and says among other reasons he was obliged to give up ^{1/2} the most dangerous part of the ^{aerial} ~~the~~ circumnavigation because the only fuel available at the British base was too low in octane for his plane.

Conrad, known around the world as the "Flying Grandfather," as I may have told you in another broadcast, ⁴ has logged more hours in the air than any

flier who ever lived, some fifty thousand hours.

What I didn't know is that he has flown the ~~Atlantic~~
Atlantic Ocean solo, one hundred and thirty six times!
And the vast Pacific Ocean, solo, thirty-six times!

How many children and grandchildren does
he actually have? Eleven children and at last ~~was~~ count
twenty-six grandchildren, ^{-- with} ~~and~~ perhaps one or two more
by the time he gets back to his home at Prescott,
Arizona.

Warren you've taken up flying, and have
just ~~been~~ gotten married; and, you're young.....

PRAGUE FOLLOW GRASENWOEHR-VILSECK

Across the Czech border in Prague -
a report today that Soviet occupation is causing
a kind of "national" schizophrenia. With the Czech
outlook said to range from blind optimism to black
~~of~~ despair depending on the fluctuations of Soviet
pressure. This mood supposedly reflected in the
words of a Czech intellectual - who said "things aren't
so good here - but then they aren't so bad either -
and that's good." Or, as someone else once said:
"They're in great shape - for the shape they're in."