

Tues, Sept. 22 - '69

MIDEAST

On this the twenty-first anniversary of Israeli independence - the Middle East again at the brink. In part, because of an Israeli jet attack today - on two Arab commando bases in Jordan. According to Jerusalem ^{this was} an attempt to prevent any disruption of Israel's solemn "remembrance day". At the same time - Israeli jets attacking two Egyptian radar stations - guarding Israel's direct air route to the Suez Canal. This - we are told - in retaliation for ^{that} Egyptian commando raid over the weekend.

Meanwhile, here in New York - U.N. Secretary General U Thant was emphasizing the seriousness of the situation. Reporting that the present Mideast truce - has all but broken down in the Suez area; where, indeed -said he - "a virtual state of active war now exists."

In Washington - the U.S. State Department also deplored the mounting violence. Asserting that "these violations of the ceasefire - will only delay and hinder" the search for peace which everyone so urgently desires.

STOCKHOLM

Stockholm, Sweden - the turncoats start to turn back - in droves. The U.S. Embassy in that city - reporting today it has already processed the cases of fifty-eight fugitive U.S. servicemen. Fifty-eight who have decided in recent week- to return to the U.S. and face charges of desertion - or being AWOL; rather than spend the rest of their lives - in self-imposed exile. This in spite of expected prison sentences - ~~in many cases~~ ^{a possible} up to five years, in many cases.

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VUNG TAU

On the other side of the globe --

~~Meanwhile~~, South Vietnamese President Thieu was

carrying his case to the people today - attempting to build popular support for his Saigon government. At Vung Tau *he was* telling provincial workers that they are the real backbone of the country. As opposed to, "those damned intellectuals" - as he put it; those in Saigon who would "surrender to the Communists - who stab our soldiers in the back."

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YOKOSUKA FOLLOW VUNG TAU

To the North - the battleship New Jersey docked briefly today - at the U.S. Naval Base at Yokosuka, Japan.

Then After taking on supplies ~~it~~ ^{ed} steaming out ~~of port~~ again;

apparently headed for the Sea of Japan ~~- there to join~~ ^{out} ~~that~~ new Task Force Seventy-One.

In a ~~perhaps~~ related development - an American intelligence ship also weighed anchor today from Sasebo, Japan. The U.S.S. Banner of the same class as the U.S.S. Pueblo ~~is~~ seized by North Korea last year^y - with one major difference. The Banner - as of this moment ~~- perhaps~~ ^{is probably} the best-protected ship in all Navy history.

BELFAST

"One man, one vote" - the battle cry today in Northern Ireland. As Premier Terence O'Neill battled right-wing forces - in his own Protestant-dominated Unionist Party; attempting to win approval for major civil rights reforms - in hopes of averting a possible Catholic-led civil war.

CHICAGO FOLLOW ~~PARIS~~

In the "Windy City" ^{Chicago--} a reaffirmation today of French and American friendship. French Ambassador to the U.S. Charles Lucket - asserting that an era of good feeling between the two countries is now returning; after having been "hidden for a time - by the clouds of misunderstandings." This he credited to an "exceptional" rapport - between President DeGaulle and President Nixon.

The Ambassador also reaffirmed - France's continued support of the parent NATO alliance. Adding that the U.S. - in Paris peace talks - is "on the right path - that none other exists - and that perserverance" will eventually pay off.

PARIS

Meantime, in Paris - the French franc plunged today to its lowest level since last November. The drop - following reports of a government survey; suggesting that DeGaulle's proposed Constitutional reforms - will fail to win approval in nationwide balloting this Sunday. In which case, of course - DeGaulle will quit - he says.

TOKYO

Japan's leading English-language daily - The Times of Tokyo - up in arms today over the treatment of dogs imported to that country. Asserting: "There is no denying - that most Japanese dog pounds use inhumane methods."

Same city - another story of cruelty to animals - with a reverse twist. Tokyo's famed Ueno Zoo - obtaining a special insurance policy; covering injuries to "monkey house" visitors - who come to look at Bill the Chimp and Bulbul the Gorilla. Seems the pair have been hit so many times by thrown objects - they've now learned to catch them and throw them back. Zoo officials adding: "Their pitches have been surprisingly accurate."

~~Warren, who says - monkeys are the craziest people?~~

SOCK

From London comes word today that Tv's famed

012 "sock it to me" girl - is threatening to "sock it to 'em."

British comedienne Judy Carne - threatening to quit the

Rowan and Martin "Laugh-In" show. Not because she's

always getting doused with water - not because she's

always getting hit on the head - not even because of all the

times she has been dropped through trap-doors.

Judy Carne explaining it's simply that everywhere she goes - people are always trying to sock it to her. "Why, I was in a restaurant the other day" - said she - "and somebody sprinkled bread ^{crumbs} ~~crusts~~ all over my hair - saying 'sock it to me.'" Warren - would say that's a —

1/4 ~~A pretty crumbly trick - would you say?~~

Ill let you say it!

LONDON FOLLOW BELFAST

Coincidentally, the British House of Commons ~~was~~ ^{ing} ~~today~~ welcomed its youngest woman member ever. Pretty, twenty-one-year-old Bernadette Devlin - presented officially to House Speaker Horace King; who drew a combination of cheers and catcalls when he persisted in holding her hand ^{as he} ~~ed~~ ^{chatting} with her. The Speaker finally telling his colleagues: "It is out of order - for the House to be jealous."

~~As you may know though~~ ^{Yes,} ~~Miss Devlin comes from County~~ ^{is Irish -} Ulster - she's one of Northern Ireland's leading civil righters. And her maiden speech a few minutes later - was anything but a laughing matter. The new M.P. asserting that her people "are being oppressed - by a corrupt, bigoted and self-interested government." One that British Parliamentarians - "should be ashamed of" - said she. Adding: "There never was born an Englishman - who understands the Irish ^{people}."