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FAMINE

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A grim story of Three Million people caught in a famine -- comes today from ^{the state of} Orissa ~~state~~ in Eastern India. The chief victims -- landless farm laborers -- who make up about Twenty per cent of the population. Wandering helplessly from village to village -- now almost totally dependent on charity.

The problem -- not a lack of food -- but a lack of money. Because of continuing drought -- the farm workers hard-put to find employment, ~~And so~~ unable to support themselves -- or their families.

An article in the Hindustahn Standard at New Delhi -- reporting cases of parents ~~who were~~ offering their children for sale -- at Fifty cents apiece. In extreme cases -- starving mothers leaving their babies by the roadside -- in hopes that someone will save them.

INDONESIA

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In Jakarta -- a direct-action student campaign against Sukarno -- carried all the way today to the Indonesian Parliament. Some Thirty truckloads of students swarming to the seat of government -- to present a series of anti-Sukarno resolutions.

These urging a continued purge of Sukarno supporters -- followed by general elections. Along with a demand that Sukarno himself -- be stripped of his supra-Constitutional titles. Such as "President-for Life" -- and "Great Leader of the Revolution."

Ironically, the students quoting a Four-year-old Sukarno statement -- in support of their demands. A statement in which Sukarno warned the then-Parliament -- that "the people will not be unaware of leaders who go wrong."

that for once
It seems -- he was right.

RIOT

More than Two Thousand students from the University of Madrid -- staged a battle-royal today with Spanish police; in support of fellow students at the University of Barcelona -- who have been locked out of school.

The rioters hurling rocks at foot police -- who were unable to control the demonstration. A horde of mounted police -- finally moving in to break up the mob. Several of the students injured -- several more placed under arrest.

The students -- at Barcelona and now at Madrid -- demanding "free" student unions. Instead of government control -- as at present.

LODGE

U. S. Ambassador to Saigon Henry Cabot Lodge -- a visitor today at the Vatican in Rome. Conferring with Pope Paul for Forty minutes -- about twice as long as originally scheduled. Vatican sources later reporting that "the conversation revolved mostly ~~around~~ ^{- - A R o u n d} the war in Viet Nam" -- and the "possibilities of a peaceful settlement ^{,"} ~~there."~~

The Lodge visit following by just five days -- the Pope's historic meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister ~~Andre~~ Gromyko, Also dealing primarily -- with the war in Viet Nam. A Vatican prelate observing -- "this is a good opportunity for the Holy Father -- to hear the other side of the affair."

VIET NAM FOLLOW LODGE

Back in Viet Nam -- Lodge himself -- subject of the latest noisy political demonstration. Some Five Thousand Catholic refugees from North Viet Nam -- staging a ^{nominaly} ~~pro~~-American rally in a suburb of Saigon. Nevertheless, spicing their parade with signs like -- "Kick out Lodge" and "Lodge Go Home."

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Catholic leaders later specifically criticizing Lodge -- for his long friendship with a militant Buddhist leader. ~~also~~ charging that Lodge played a major role -- in the overthrow and assassination of President Ngo Dinh Diem -- ~~himself~~ ^{who was!} a Catholic.

Meanwhile, comparative quiet -- in Saigon proper. Premier Ky having secretly called in -- Six battallions of crack government troops. ^{and} warning that he will crack down hard if there ^{are} any more civil disturbance~~s~~ -- pending planned elections.

FIGHTING FOLLOW VIET NAM

On the fighting front -- U. S. air and ground forces smashing at Communist supply lines -- in both North and South Viet Nam. Navy raiders additionally destroying two anti-aircraft missile sites -- about Thirty-Five miles from the Communist city of Vinh.

HARE

Another U.S. diplomatic mission today -- to the Middle East. Undersecretary of State Raymond Hare -- flying to Alexandria for talks with Egypt's Nasser.

The conference following a weekend threat by Nasser -- to invade and occupy sections of Saudi Arabia bordering Yemen; if they are used as bases of "aggression or infiltration" -- against Egyptian troops engaged in the Yemeni civil war.

No report -- as to results of the meeting. Cairo sources indicating however -- that U.S. aid to Egypt figured strongly in the discussion. The present aid agreement between the United States and Egypt -- expiring in June.

Incidentally, President Tito of Yugoslavia -- also flying today to Alexandria. There reportedly to press for increased unity -- among so-called unaligned nations of the world.

RHODESIA

Rebel Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith -- quoted today as saying "things are going pretty well" -- in that breakaway British colony. Smith branding as "absolute nonsense" -- reports of a Sixty per cent drop in Rhodesian exports. Adding that tales of widespread unemployment among Rhodesian whites -- are nothing more than British propaganda.

In London -- and Washington the S_mith remarks are -- seen as a maneuver to strengthen his hand -- for forthcoming talks with Britain.

PULITZER

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Historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr. -- winner today of his second Pulitzer Prize. Scoring in the biography category -- for his ~~moving~~ book: "A Thousand Days -- John F. Kennedy in the White House."

In the newspaper division -- a ^{the} ~~coveted~~ Public Service Award ^{goes} to the Boston Globe, For its campaign to prevent confirmation of Francis Morrissey -- as a Federal judge in Massachusetts.

OBSERVERS

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Federal observers from the U. S. Justice Department -- were assigned today to Six Alabama counties; to guard against the possibility of voting irregularities -- in tomorrow's statewide primary. The observers under strict Federal order -- to guarantee compliance with the Nineteen-Sixty-Five Voting Rights Act.

Attorney General ~~Nicholas~~ Katzenbach -- saying he expects widespread compliance with the law. Charging, however, that the Six affected counties are hard-core rural areas -- where officials have shown signs of not complying with the law.

In any case -- Mrs. Lurleen Wallace remains a heavy favorite -- to win the Democratic nomination. First step -- in her bid to ~~succeed~~ ^{succeed} her husband in the state house, would you say, Stewart Metz?

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JEWELS

This next -- the case of the bumbling jewel thieves. As reported today -- from Santa Cruz de Tenerife in the Canary Islands.

The culprits -- a San Francisco couple; who allegedly looted a store in that city -- of about a Half-Million dollars in gems. Intending to dispose of them -- in Israel. The flight plan calling for a quick trip to Palma de Mallorca in the Mediteranean -- and then on to Tel Aviv.

Unfortunately -- someone made a mistake. The tickets they thought would take them to ~~Palma de~~ Mallorca -- taking them instead to Los Palmas in the Canary Islands; About Three Hundred miles out in the Atlantic -- off the coast of Morocco.

The couple frantically trying to arrange an alternate route -- from Los Palmas to plain Palma -- when police closed in. The loot -- still intact.