

WASHINGTON

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Mike Wallace - substitute

Vice President Spiro Agnew today strongly condemned - that attack by whites on school buses carrying Negro children at Lamar, South Carolina. The Vice President - who is also chairman of a new Cabinet Committee on School Desegregation - calling the violence a "reprehensible and entirely senseless mob action." Further asserting that "Nothing can justify the threat or infliction of bodily harm on - or mob action against - children." Indeed, he said it was "unbelievable" that such an attack could be directed - as in this case - against children who were merely "innocent participants" in a court-ordered school desegregation plan.

Unbelievable or not though - Spiro Agnew pledged that those responsible would be prosecuted to the fullest. "Mass lawlessness - for whatever cause - is outrageous and unconscionable" said he. Adding that the Nixon Administration "does not condone and will not tolerate violence - resulting from the lawful desegregation of schools anywhere."

MEDITERRANEAN

The French submarine Eurydyce - with a crew of fifty-seven - lost with all hands today - as you no doubt have heard by now. Site of the accident - about sixty miles from Marseilles in the storm-tossed Mediterranean. The Eurydyce - which was built to combat enemy nuclear subs at great depth - apparently the victim of a mystery explosion in the midst of an eighteen hundred-foot training dive.

A sister-ship to the Eurydyce - the Minerve - was also lost in that same area some twenty-six months ago; with resulting loss of life then - set at fifty-two. Ironically, Charles DeFualle later demonstrating the government's trust in such vessels - making a dive in the Eurydyce; which now - is no more.

**(SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED
"CAPERNAUM")**

*Next up - Lowell Thomas; with a special report
from the Holy Land - the first stop on his current round-the-
world tour. Lowell...*

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Thank you, Lowell. More - in a moment.

VIETNAM

Ground action in Vietnam included today a futile dawn assault - on a U.S. Air Cavalry position near the Cambodian border. The enemy losing at least eighteen men - as against American casualties said to be none.

In the air war - another U.S. helicopter was shot down today-- northeast of Saigon. The Sixty-fourth this year - which represents a sixty per cent increase over Nineteen-Sixty-Nine.

SENATE

Commissioner Charles Edwards of the Food and Drug Administration - chief witness today in Senate hearings on "the pill." There saying he had "come to the conclusion that information supplied to patients" - with regard to oral contraceptives - was "insufficient." And for that reason - said he - the FDA will, henceforth, require drug manufacturers to include a warning leaflet - in every package of birth control pills.

However, Dr. Edwards stressed that the FDA still considers the pill - an "effective and safe" method of birth control. And the fact that it generates "both contradictions and complications" - nothing unusual - said he; adding that the same is true - "with other potent drugs"

MIDDLE EAST

Turning to the Middle East again - Tel Aviv

reported today an Israeli air strike - sixteen miles inside

Egypt. Cairo later telling of an aerial dogfight - when

Egyptian jets supposedly challenged the Israeli invaders.

If true, the first such encounter - in nearly a week.

However, the Cairo report made no mention of losses -

to either side.

MOSCOW

Meanwhile, Moscow was spelling out today - its Mideast policy; at least, that part of it - it wants to make known. A Kremlin spokesman saying: "Our policy on Israel is clear - we are for the continued existence of Israel - in peaceful coexistence with its neighbors." "But" - he went on - "but we consider as just - the Palestinian movement to free the Israeli-occupied lands." As for recent Arab terror attacks - he added: "The Soviet Union opposes terrorism generally - including terrorism against aircraft."

MONTREAL

A related item - from Montreal; where the International Civil Aviation Organization - today announced plans to hold a world conference on aviation safety. This mainly at the request of the government of Switzerland - as a result of that Swissair crash that claimed the lives of forty-seven. Swiss authorities said to have "set forth sufficient evidence" to prove sabotage - as originally claimed, but later denied, by Arab guerillas.

DENVER

For First Lady Pat Nixon - it was "goodbye, Concinnati - hello, Denver" today. The President's ^{wife} taking a breath of fresh air in the "Mile-High City" - telling an airport crowd: "It's always beautiful here." Later heading for the University of Colorado at Boulder - in the third day of her cross-country tour aimed at spotlighting student volunteer work.

GALILEE-THE WAR

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Hello Warren. Good evening, everybody. Sitting on the edge of The Sea of Galilee, actually by the waters edge, thru binoculars we could look across at the Golan Heights rising above the Eastern shore of the Sea where Jesus startled his apostles by walking on the water. These of course, are the heights we read about every few days - from which the Israelis drove the Syrians in the so-called six days war.

You can see why they wanted those heights. We were sitting by the water at the town of Tiberius, and would have been directly under the Syrian guns. Farther in the distance thru our glasses we could survey other hills still held by the Syrians.

With us there beside the Sea of Galilee at an open air cafe were from a hundred-to-two-hundred Israelies, Palestinians, Moslems and Christians - some on holiday from nearby Nazareth. They all appeared to be oblivious to the war which still goes on. Many laughing and chatting.

The big guns of the Syrians fired intermittently in the distance. Apparently this goes on most of the time. No one paid any attention. Now and then, two or three Israelie Phantom jets would dive just a couple of hundred feet above us. Presumably on their way to try and silence the distant Syrian artillery. Even the jets attracted little attention.

As you sit here by the Sea of Galilee you wonder not when War will break out here in The Near East. You wonder when if ever the fighting will end; here in the Land of the Prince of Peace where down thru the centuries there has seldom been peace. Apparently only the Great Powers can bring this to pass. But, the Russians seem determined to keep this part of the world in turmoil, to prevent the West from getting the bid. While we to keep things in balance are forced to send more arms to Israel - and so it goes on and on. It's confusion compounded - and likely to stay that way.

Just down the coast a mile or two we see the Mt. of the Beatitudes where the most Famous sermon on The Mount was preached. In it the Master said: - "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God."

But where are the peacemakers?