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NATO

From Secretary of State Dean Rusk -- a charge today that DeGaulle ~~of France~~ is welching on international agreements, ~~that~~ by withdrawing French forces -- from the NATO military alliance. An action -- said Dean Rusk -- that "strikes at the very heart of the sanctity -- of international agreements." He added, however, that NATO -- "will not be paralyzed by the attitude of France."

The Rusk comment -- underscored by an American note delivered today in Paris. The U. S. formally refusing DeGaulle's request -- for removal of American forces from France by April First of next year. Stating that "such precipitate action -- could jeopardize the security of all members of the NATO alliance." The time required for an "orderly" withdrawal -- two years, at least, said the note.

LONDON FOLLOW LEAD

This related development -- from across the English Channel. Britain today offering a site in London -- as future political headquarters for the NATO alliance; if and when a decision is reached -- to move it from France.

President political headquarters -- in Paris. As for NATO military headquarters -- outside Paris; it probably will be moved to Belgium.

OIL

As for Britain's U.N. supported attempted oil embargo against Rhodesia -- today, two tankers were moving into position at Mozambique -- presumably to unload Thirty-Four Thousand tons of oil. Also a third tanker headed for Durban, South Africa -- with an additional Sixteen thousand tons of oil.

British authorities fear all of it will end up in rebellious Rhodesia: by pipeline from Mozambique, and by truck from South Africa. Enough to keep the colony going -- for a while.

VIET NAM

In Viet Nam -- another Communist terror attack today. Viet Cong raiders pouring a mortar barrage and small arms fire -- into the big Tan Son Nhut Air Base, ~~one~~ of the world's busiest airports -- on the outskirts of Saigon.

The Communist hit-and-run tactics -- causing heavy casualties among some three hundred American servicemen ~~who~~ ^{were} sleeping peacefully in a tent city on the base. Also wiping out a petroleum dump;-- destroying at least two C-Forty-Seven cargo planes, ~~and~~ and damaging a number of additional aircraft.

The attack called the worst ever made -- on a combined civilian-military air base in Viet Nam, ~~and~~ ^{and} following ~~the~~ ^{ed} closely the first American air raid on the Communist North -- carried out by ~~big~~ B-Fifty-Twos from Guam. Further coinciding with a report that Premier Ky has advised the United States -- the only way to win the war -- is to bomb Communist China.

BUDDHISTS FOLLOW VIETNAM

Meanwhile, on the political front -- powerful Buddhist leaders today declared a boycott on an all-party Congress; called by the ruling military junta -- to pave the way for a return to civilian rule in Viet Nam.

Instead, the Buddhists were staging anti-government and anti-American demonstrations -- in the two rebel cities of Hue and Da Nang, and calling for massive demonstrations Thursday in Saigon.

PLANE FOLLOW BUDDHISTS

A later report from Peking -- today claiming the downing of an American plane over Red China. The craft -- ^{believed} ~~said~~ to be a flying tanker from the U. S. Seventh Fleet; that apparently strayed over China's Luichow Peninsula -- following a flight from the Philippines.

INDONESIA

Plans for a new deal -- Oriental-style -- announced today at Jakarta. Sultan Hamengku-Buwono-the-Ninth -- Indonesia's new economic czar -- calling for a stiff austerity program -- along with tax reforms and streamlined government. Said the Sultan: No more "projects that drain government reserves" -- and no more squandering of foreign exchange on "irresponsible projects." The stress henceforth -- to be based on economic rather than political values -- said he, if the country is to escape fiscal chaos.

Chief casualties of the cutback -- some of Sukarno's pet projects; including plans for a twenty-five story skyscraper and a huge department store -- as well a massive assembly center -- planned to accommodate the "new emerging" nations of the world. Sukarno's idea -- of a "little U.N." So announced by Sultan Hamengku-Buwono-the-9th.

SUDAN

Cancellation of an American aid project in the Sudan -- announced today at Khartoum. The project -- a half-completed road -- from Khartoum to Wadmedani, ~~intended~~ to spur economic growth -- in the interior of the Sudan.

The cancellation -- according to Sudanese officials -- because they insisted on "a technically and economically sound" road. Instead of -- "just any road."

SAFETY

The Chrysler Corporation -- under fire today; in that continuing Senate debate -- over auto safety.

Senator Mondale of Minnesota reporting that Chrysler has begun to call back -- some seventeen thousand new Dodge Monacos and Polaras; to make safety modifications -- in throttle linkage; a defect causing engines to idle too fast -- therefore tending to increase stopping distances.

MOON

The mystery of the moon -- subject of an article today in Pravda; by Alexander Mikhailov -- head of Russia's Pulkovo Observatory; the man in charge of Luna-Ten -- currently in lunar orbit.

Judging by its shape -- said Mikhailov -- the moon was once extremely close to the earth. Perhaps only Ninety-Three Thousand miles away -- instead of the present Two Hundred and Thirty-Eight Thousand miles. Also -- said he -- a moon cycle at the time probably was about six-and-a-half days -- instead of the present Twenty-Seven. All this -- about a Billion years ago, Warren.

PARK

Plans for a Texas state park -- across from the LBJ Ranch -- apparently put to rest today. County commissioners in session at Fredericksburg, Texas -- refusing to proceed with condemnation proceedings against the required land. The matter -- thereby postponed indefinitely.

Today's action -- or non-action, -- following receipt of a second lengthy petition, with property owners complaining about what the state had offered to pay.

MEXICO

President Johnson headed shortly -- south of the border. The Texas White House today announcing plans for a two-day presidential visit -- to Mexico City, starting Thursday. The President there to join the First Lady -- in dedicating a statue of Abraham Lincoln ^{— in Mexico City. LBJ's} The trip marking ~~his~~ first visit to a foreign capital -- since he became chief executive.