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ST. PAUL

Crisis in Minnesota. At St. Paul - the Mississippi River today topping its flood stage of fourteen feet. While elsewhere in the state - thousands have already been left homeless by the raging flood waters. Forcing Governor Levander to declare a state of emergency - coupled with a plea for federal designation as an official "disaster area."

Danger signals also posted again tonight in neighboring South Dakota - another "disaster area." And in Iowa - where hundreds of volunteers have been working steadily through the week - trying to shore up dikes and levees against the on-rushing waters.

## WASHINGTON

Washington - a twentieth anniversary meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Hearing a pledge today from President Nixon - to keep our NATO allies fully informed on arms control talks with the Soviet Union. Calling this an area that will clearly "test the ability of the Western Nations to shape a common strategy."

In the same vein - the President observed: "We would do well to create new machinery for Western political consultation ~~also~~ also, "to make greater use of the process that already exists."

Earlier, Italy dropped something of a bombshell. Urging an all-European security conference - including both NATO and Warsaw Pact nations. However, the outlook for this is considered dim, at best.

## HUSSEIN

From Jordan's young King Hussein - a new six-point plan for peace in the Mid-East. This - in a Washington speech, calling for: One - "the end of all belligerency." Two - "respect and acknowledgment of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence - of all states in the area." Three - "recognition of the right of all to live in peace." Four - guaranteed "freedom of navigation through the Gulf of Akaba and the Suez Canal." Five - a guarantee of future "territorial inviolability." And six - "A just settlement of the refugee problem."

The King also stressed that his remarks were made - with the "personal authority" of Egypt's Colonel Nasser.

## PARIS

At the Paris peace parley U.S. officials noted something new and perhaps significant. The Communists today referring to the South Vietnamese government as, QUOTE "the Saigon administration", whereas previously - they always called it a "puppet" regime.

Could this be a straw in the wind? Or are we all merely - grasping at straws?

## KARACHI

At Rawalpindi - the new President of Pakistan holds his first press conference. President Yahya Khan pledging an all-out effort - to carry forward a domestic program of badly needed economic reforms; while at the same time - steering clear of what he called "the major power conflict" in world affairs.

"We need peace and security - for our continued development and growth." - said Yahya Khan. Adding, what's more, that he will "attach utmost importance - to achieving a peaceful solution of all outstanding disputes with India." And so maybe - a new era is about to begin - an era of peace in Hindustan.

LONDON

Shocker from London. Britain's famed Institute for Strategic Studies asserting tonight - the U.S. can no longer call itself "the world's mightiest power." Indeed, the U.S., has lost both the "desire and ability" to dominate world affairs - says this Institute. Adding that Russia has become in the past year - a "full equal" of the U.S., both politically and militarily.

Main reason for the U.S. decline - we are told: a growing sense of isolationism based on "recent experience" - which has exhausted America's once-competent "sense of purpose." And capability. End result - says the report - a situation where "domestic problems are now directly competitive with foreign ones - for American intellectuals and economic resources." While Russia is said to forge steadily ahead - in terms of strategic power as well "as her ability to control conflict in the developing world."

That - according to Britain's Institute for Strategic Studies."

## MOSCOW

From Moscow comes word today - that famed Marshal Georgi Zhukov has recently suffered a stroke. The Soviet Union Number One war hero - still suffering from partial paralysis - also, impaired vision - we are told. Which explains why he failed to come to Washington last week - to attend the funeral of his friend and war-time ally, the late General Eisenhower.

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## ZULULAND

Once the fiercest of all African warriors - the Zulus rise again. According to reports from South Africa - the Zulus petitioning Capetown for a return to some form of self-government - and they are almost sure to get it. This in part, because Zululand is presently the only major native area in South Africa - that does not have some home-rule.

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HONOLULU

Here's one - perhaps of special interest to the fair sex. A report today from the U.S. Census Bureau - listing Hawaii as the top state in percentage increase of marriages over the past two years. The number of Waikiki weddings jumping more than twenty-six per cent - as compared with thirteen per cent for runner-up Utah.

Why Hawaii? Because - we are told - the U.S. armed forces uses Hawaii as a major rest and recreation center. In other words - it's where the boys really are - the marrying kind. And with that - aloha to all you newlyweds in Hawaii, Utah - or wherever you are, and So Long Until Tomorrow.