

STOCKHOLM

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A prominent Swedish general -- with a brilliant record of service to the United Nations -- on record today with a bitter attack on the world body. Major General Carl Van Horn calling the U.N. -- an organization with "a passion for formalism -- and very vague conceptions of reality." This in the first installment of his memoirs -- "Soldiers of Peace" -- published in Stockholm.

The book -- an account of General Van Horn's career -- as U.N. Commander in the Congo; later as ~~head~~ head of the U.N. truce supervisory team in Palestine -- and finally as chief U.N. observer in Yemen.

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U.N. intervention in the Congo -- "a complete mess from the beginning" -- said the general. His assignment in Yemen -- "a farce" -- he went on. Asserting that "all efforts to make something positive out of the task" -- were sidetracked by U.N. leaders in New York. This the main reason -- said he -- that he finally resigned from the U.N. in Nineteen-Sixty-Three.

WASHINGTON

A giant Russian spacecraft -- perhaps a spy-in-the-sky satellite -- is believed to have blown up shortly after it was launched in mid-September. First disclosure of the incident today -- in the Federal space agency's periodic "Satellite Situation Report"; which catalogs the various objects -- in earth orbit.

U.S. spacewatchers reporting that the Soviet spacecraft -- exploded into at least Fifty-One pieces -- and probably many more. With at least nine of the pieces -- still monitored by American tracing stations.

What happened -- or why -- the Soviets have never explained. Adding to the mystery -- the fact that the launching was the first one in nearly four years -- that was not announced by Russian. ~~itself.~~

PRESIDENT

President Johnson -- en route home tonight from his seventeen-day-trip to the Far East -- with the cheers and applause of millions of Asians -- Australians, and New Zealanders still ringing in his ears.

The President's last stop -- a visit to American G.I.'s on that Korea defense line, right under the very sights of Communist guns, where he declared that "no dictator -- just because he has power, just because he has might -- can snuff out freedom and liberty." And better to prove to it right there in Korea -- said he -- "than in Honolulu."

Earlier, the President stopped at the home of a Korean farmer and took him for a ride in his helicopter. "Like going to Heaven" -- said the farmer. How would he like a trip to America then -- said the President. It would be wonderful -- the farmer answered politely; but "I can't go -- not today," said he.

PRESIDENT--2

Formal goodbyes completed -- the President later boarding his special plane for a non-stop flight to Anchorage, where it is estimated that many thousands of Alaskans will turn out late tonight to welcome him as he flies home by way of our forty-ninth state. Our largest state which on one of its coasts is within sight of Communist Asia.

VIET NAM FOLLOW PRESIDENT

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Meanwhile, in Viet Nam -- another ship-sinking today in the main shipping channel ^{at} ~~to~~ Saigon. A U.S. Navy minesweeper -- falling victim to a Viet Cong mine, ^{with} Enemy gunners on shore opening up on a second minesweeper ~~44~~ when it sped to the aid of the stricken ship.

This the Fifteenth attempt by the Viet Cong -- to blockade Saigon's vital sea lane, ~~Ending~~ again -- in failure. The enemy driven off ^{and} -- American officials asserting that the sunken vessel -- will not interfere with Allied shipping.

Peking-Moscow
MOSCOW FOLLOW TBILISI

~~Adding fuel to the fire~~ ^{and} -- another angry note from Peking-

^{was} delivered today to the Kremlin. Red China flatly rejecting as an "absurd protest" -- ^ethat Soviet charge of last week; that Chinese officials had deliberately organized a mass anti-Soviet demonstration -- near the Russian Embassy in Peking.

This -- "sheer nonsense" -- said Red China. A transparent Russian attempt to "whip up a fresh anti-China wave" -- while secretly "acting in collusion with U.S. imperialism in a big way." Said collaboration -- with alleged cooperation from India and Japan -- clearly aimed at "organizing a ring of encirclement against China" -- said the note.

DEBRIS

Radioactive debris from that Red Chinese atomic test of last week -- is currently sweeping across the skies -- high over the United States, ^{today,} Discovery of the radioactive cloud -- reported ~~today~~ by U.S. Weather Bureau scientists; who traced its path roughly southwestward -- from Montana to Arkansas; before a turn to the northeast -- that will take it over Maine and on into Canadian skies tomorrow morning.

With rain predicted tonight in the East -- first "fall-out" from the radio particles is expected overnight in the Apalachians. Weather officials assuring, however, that the level of radioactivity -- will be far too low to be hazardous.

Though compact and deadly at the start -- the cloud has slowly spread out; to the point where it now measures ^{some} ~~about~~ Five Hundred miles across. Its altitude presently estimated -- at about Thirty Thousand feet.

ABERDEEN

A brand new building -- Seven stories tall -- rapidly nearing completion on the campus of Aberdeen University in Scotland; when it suddenly collapsed today -- with a tremendous roar. According to witnesses -- "the whole place" going down "like a pack of cards. Burying at least Twelve men -- under tons of concrete and steel.

A huge rescue operation -- immediately put into operation. Police, firemen and construction workers -- tearing at the rubble with cranes, shovels, picks and bare hands; ~~In~~ the face of rain and sleet -- that quickly turned the construction area into a sea of mud.

Two hours ~~later~~ ^{later} -- a dramatic pay-off to the almost superhuman effort. Three men pulled from the wreckage -- miraculously, still alive.

VISAKHAPATNAM

A series of violent anti-government demonstrations today -- in the Indian state of Andhra -- south of Calcutta. Mobs of rioters storming through city after ^ccity -- in protest over a government decision; rejecting Andhra's plea for consideration -- as the site of a new state-owned steel plant.

Worst trouble -- in the East Coast city of Visakhapatnam. Where a mob of demonstrators -- attempted to storm the local police station. Forced to fight or die -- police finally opening fire; killing two of the rioters -- and reportedly wounding "many others."

The mob later breaking windows -- destroying public property -- ^{in Visakhapatnam} looting stores; before the arrival of Indian Army troops -- to restore order. And, at latest reports, Warren, all quiet in Visakhapatnam!

SPRINGFIELD

An attempt to be the first to scale the highest mountain in Antarctica -- announced today by Dr. Woodrow Wilson Sayre; grandson of the late President Wilson -- and chairman of the Philosophy Department at Springfield College, -- ~~up in~~ Massachusetts.

~~Dr.~~ Sayre saying he plans to leave Wednesday -- on the first leg of his expedition to Vinson Massif; a Seventeen-Thousand-foot peak -- near the South Pole. With ~~actual~~ ascent of the mountain -- expected to take about Thirty days.

~~Propose~~ of the attempted climb -- strictly personal -- ⁴² said Dr. Sayre. "The way the population is exploding" -- ^{he added} said -- "climbing an unconquered peak ~~is~~ the only way to be really alone." *One reason why some people are moving to Alaska, Canada & Australia*