

Tues. Apr. 6th '71

Soviet Premier Kosygin - the main speaker today at the Soviet Communist Party Congress at the Kremlin, in a four-hour speech declared that war is not "inevitable": and then he went on to challenge capitalist countries to an economic competition: one, said he - that Russia would surely win.

Along the way, Kosygin also stating that "profit and profitability" - are now considered "important indicators of the effectiveness of Soviet production." Suggesting, what's more, that such profits shall be used, henceforth, to provide workers with wage increases, cash bonuses and other fringe benefits. Those means you hear? They are coming from Lenin's tomb.

VIETNAM

Meanwhile a war still goes on in Southeast Asia with word of another Laos raid by South Vietnamese Commandoes, who are said to have blown up a North Vietnamese Regimental Command Post.

But - also an enemy "human wave" assault - on South Vietnam Fire Base Six at Tan Canh. The report is that it failed though at a cost of fifty-three of their assault wave - with the South Vietnamese setting their losses at just three.

KARACHI TEHRAN

Also war in Hindustan where from President Yahya Khan of Pakistan came a charge today that India is massing troops along its borders with rebellious East Pakistan. Yahya Khan calling this - "a direct threat to our security."

Meanwhile, a plane load of refugee Americans arrived at Tehran in Iran; there telling of shootings, and burnings, rumbling tanks in the streets of Dacca in East Pakistan, but adding that Yahya Khan's federal troops - are now apparently once again in complete control,

AMMAN

In the Middle East - at Amman - an ultimatum today from Jordan's King Hussein; demanding that the Arab guerrillas remove from the Jordanian capital - all their weapons; that they do so by Thursday or else face the consequences. In which case - said he - "the result will be cruel."

TEL AVIV

The Tel Aviv newspaper Davar - lashed out today at Senator Fulbright of Arkansas. This in connection with Fulbright's weekend charge - that Israel was guilty of "Communist-bating humbuggery;" which the Tel Aviv newspaper calls - a "disservice" to the U.S. and the world. Davar adding that such statements - are a serious blow to the credibility of America's deterrent influence." Further contending; "it is just such statements - which bring closer the danger of global confrontation."

COLOMBO

By order of the Sinhalese Premier Madame Sirivamo Bandaranaike of Ceylon - a dusk to dawn curfew was placed in effect today throughout that equatorial Garden of Eden. This the result of a series of nationwide attacks - on police stations, security patrols and government buildings.

Madame Bandaranaike blaming all this on a band of "Che Guevarists" who also call themselves the Nation Liberation Front. But says Madame Bandaranaike - who is herself a Communist - the terrorists suffered "considerable" casualties; with government losses few. Violence in glorious Ceylon.

WHITE HOUSE

Here at home President Nixon unveiled today - the last of his six promised revenue sharing programs. This one - dealing with Federal aid to education, includes a plan for the consolidation - of more than thirty existing Federal assistance programs; all of which would then share - in a three billion dollar revenue sharing package.

The President calling his plan - "a bold new approach in meeting the educational needs of the Nineteen Seventies." Especially so, said he, in that it would allow local authorities to "make the hard decision about the best ways to educate their own children."

NEW YORK

A man hailed as the Father of modern classical music - the victim of recurring heart disease - Igor Stravinsky passing in New York - less than a week following his release from his second of two hospital stays. His death ending a career that included the composition of thirty-five major works - among them, "The Firebird", also, "The Rites of Spring". One of the leading composers of our time, Igor Stravinsky - age

Eighty-eight.

CONSUMER

From an organization called the Conference Board - a New York based economic study group - we have the results of a recent survey, to show that the average consumer remains pessimistic about future economic conditions - and yet "has stepped-up his buying plans nonetheless."

The Conference Board saying this "may seem somewhat puzzling;" and it should be emphasized - that the consumer is not always rational or consistent." As many a business man - has already discovered. Of course, Warren, our wives are always rational in their

Q buying?

STOCKHOLM

From Stockholm - run down today on what has happened so far - to those six hundred American defectors who have taken refuge in Sweden. Michael Day, a spokesman for the defectors - says a hundred and fifty-three of them have been convicted of crimes - six have been expelled - three have died natural deaths - and two have committed suicide; while sixteen left voluntarily for other countries; and - a hundred or so - who have returned to the U.S. to face the music.

Defector Day adds that U.S. defectors are no longer given preferential treatment by the Swedish government - and they have great difficulty finding jobs. All of which indicates that "Sweden is no longer an idealic sanctuary" - if it ever was.