

MIDDLE EAST

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In the ~~strife torn~~ Middle East, situation, normal tonight - meaning clouded, confused and contradictory. Jordanian ground and air forces - reportedly routing Syrian tanks in a showdown battle; sending them back across the Syrian border in complete disorder. ^{So} we are told. This followed by a statement from Jordan's King Hussein - announcing the achievement of a peace agreement with five Palestinian guerrilla leaders. However, their ~~guerrillas~~ head man - Yasser Arafat - promptly repudiated ^{ed} the cease fire ^{and is} ~~At the same time~~ urging Egypt's ~~Colonel~~ Nasser to ~~intervene~~ intervene in the Palestinian's behalf. ~~Arafat adding~~ the massacre is still continuing - in Amman and Irbid, too.

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW MIDDLE EAST

~~Here at home~~ - The White House warned ^S~~today~~
that the mid-east situation is still "very serious."
~~White House~~ ^{Says} Press Secretary Ron Ziegler; ~~observing~~
"the fighting ~~is~~ ^{is} continuing" and there is still ~~said~~
~~axaxhgw~~ "a high degree of uncertainty" ⁾ ~~in the picture.~~
~~Nevertheless,~~ ^{We - - are} the U S ~~is~~ ^{is} said to be making plans -
to evacuate ~~the~~ ^{the} estimated two hundred Americans ~~who~~
~~have been~~ stranded in Jordan. ~~U S sources stress~~
~~however,~~ This ~~would~~ ^{to} be done - if at all - ^{- by} using chartered
airliners ^{and} ~~also~~ relying on Jordanian forces for protection -
rather than U S troops.

MOSCOW FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Meanwhile in Moscow - Soviet President Podgorny ~~also was~~ taking note of the mid-East crisis, ⁹ in a speech today ~~asserting~~ ^{ed} that foreign interference in Jordan is quote, "inadmissible". Podgorny made it plain ~~that~~ though - he was referring specifically to U S intervention rather than Syrian intervention. The Soviet President noting that recent movements of the U S sixth fleet "and other facts" give rise to serious concern and anxiety.

AMMAN

A final note - ~~on the Mid-east situation in Jordan~~ ^{tough}

^ young King Hussein - ~~displaying~~ ^{displayed} again today [^] his mettle —

^{and also} his sense of humor. In a chat with news men -

the King observing that some twelve thousand Iraqi

troops ~~phased~~ based in Jordan have stayed neutral up to

now. ^{Said} Hussein: ~~adding~~ [^] "we hope they remain so - because

this is not a case of the more the merrier!"

TANG Kauk

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War news from Cambodia tells of day long fighting ~~today~~ - near ~~the city of~~ Tang Kauk ~~about~~ fifty miles north of Phnom Penh; ~~with~~ ~~in~~ ~~force~~ ^a force of Cambodian paratroopers -- spear-heading a government drive ~~no~~ ~~drive~~ ~~said~~ ~~to~~ to have reached at last report - a point less than two hundred and fifty yards from the outskirts of Tang Kauk. As night fell ~~through~~ ^{the} entrenched Communist forces ^{were} ~~still~~ holding ^{their} ~~fiery~~ ^{position,}

~~Back in Phnom Penh~~ The Cambodian high command ~~releasing today a report covering~~ ^{says in} its first six months in power, ~~claiming that~~ Cambodian forces - since the ~~out~~ ouster of Prince Sihanouk ^{have} ~~already~~ killed some sixty thousand men under Communist banners.

PRICES

The U S cost of living index - up again last month - but only slightly. The government announced today.

Consumer prices advancing a scant two tenths of a percent - which ~~is~~ is only half the rate of increase we had during May, June and July. Indeed, this marking the smallest monthly increase since December of Nineteen Sixty-Eight.

Herbert Stein of the President's council of Economic

advisers ^{says there is} ~~is~~ ^{planning to} solid evidence of the effectiveness of administration fiscal policies. ~~Stein adding~~ "We are ^{said he} very confident" [^] "that the war on inflation is being won."

ALBANY

A story of sudden death - is reported from Albany, New York; where a young state employee - went suddenly berserk today; killing four fellow employees, all young women - and then committing suicide.

Why did he do it? Still a mystery. Albany District Attorney Arnold Proskin observing: The man's dead - it's impossible to say.

CHICAGO

In the drive to head off campus violence this year - a new tack is reported ~~today~~ from Chicago; where a group calling itself Americans for ~~effe~~ effective law enforcement - has just launched a nationwide educational campaign - ~~at~~ ~~the heart of which we are told is free distribution of~~ "a blue print for possible legal steps - against any person or group disrupting normal campus activity." ~~At~~

A E L E executive director Frank Carrington explains:

~~"We are not soliciting law cases"~~ ["] we are simply ~~no~~ informing people of their rights;" in this case - "the right of college students to live in peaceful surroundings."

~~Carrington~~ adding that ~~the law~~ the law permits legal action against not only campus disrupters but also those who permit or condone such disruption.

STANTON SPEECH

The managers of just about all ~~of~~ the stations on our CBS network ^{were} here in New York today and at a luncheon ~~they~~ heard Dr. Frank Stanton, President of CBS, give a speech ~~that~~ I wish all of you radio listeners could have heard. He referred to this as "the golden anniversary of broadcasting." And then added:

"It was fifty years ago that KDKA in Pittsburgh, and the station now known as KCBS in San Francisco and several others began the modern era of broadcasting."

Only fifty years ago! ^{It has been} For me [^] forty-six years. ~~For years~~

forty-six years ago I did a one-hour impromptu broadcast over that same great Pittsburgh station, K D K A. ^{And - also,} for me next week will be my fortieth anniversary doing this particular broadcast, the longest continuous run of any daily network program ^{in the world.}

Frank Stanton went on to say how difficult it is to "comprehend the tremendous impact that the first radio

signals had upon our nation." As he put it: [“]In those days America was much more rural than now. Many millions lived on isolated farms and in small towns that had only the most tenuous of links over dirt roads to the urban ~~centr~~ centers of news and information, entertainment and culture." Said the CBS President "to these people radio suddenly opened up new horizons."

He ended this important address with a quotation from President James Madison with whom he agreed in saying that "knowledge will forever ~~gaa~~ govern ignorance and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power knowledge gives. Popular government without popular information is but a prologue to a farce or a tragedy, or perhaps both."

Wish I had time to give you more of the ~~Stanton~~ Stanton speech. Well, maybe tomorrow evening, ^{Warren,}

MEXICO CITY

From Mexico City - the story today of a wayward
airline passenger. Mrs. Guillie Howell - age seventy-three
-- boarding a jet at the Mexico City airport; intending to
fly - to Atlanta, Georgia. Except that the flight called
for a change of planes at New Orleans - and somehow
Mrs. Howell ~~transer~~ transferred to the wrong aircraft;
before she realized what had happened - ending up right
back in Mexico City. *A lady "Wrong way Carrigan!"*
~~observed nothing. She may not have~~

~~known where she was going - but she was sure making~~
~~good time."~~