

PEACE

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From Hanoi - from Ottawa, Canada -- from London, England, comes the faintest glimmer of hope tonight; hope for peace -- in Vietnam.

French sources reporting from Hanoi - that peace talks could begin within three or four weeks; if only the United States -- would stop bombing North Vietnam. Canadian Foreign Minister Paul Martin reporting from Ottawa - that Hanoi has expressed an interest in the mechanics of getting negotiations started.

Diplomatic sources in London - going still further. Saying that North Vietnamese President Ho Chi Minh - is seeking "clearance in principle" from Red China; clearance to negotiate a ~~the~~ peace with the United States -- quote, "if the terms are right."

All these reports - funneling into Washington. But as yet - nothing official. And Secretary of State Dean

Rusk, for one - sharply discounting the supposed peace feelers. ~~Dean Rusk~~ Admitting though - ~~th~~ he ^{id} ~~would~~ be most "interested in learning what is behind them - if anything."

VIETNAM

Meanwhile, anything but peace - in Vietnam itself. Today's major action ranging from a bitter battle in the ~~to~~ Mekong Delta ~~to~~ the South; to another long-range gun duel - across that supposedly demilitarized zone in the North.

Halfway between ⁱⁿ the capital, of Saigon; ~~where~~ runner-up Presidential candidate ~~to~~ Truong Dinh Dzu - was convicted in absentia today; convicted of writing a bad check - and sending money illegally to San Francisco.

Sentence - nine months - plus a fine of nearly thirty thousand American. However, Dzu's attorneys - promptly filing a notice of appeal.

CAIRO

Suicide in Egypt. The victim - Marshal

Abdel Hakim Amer. Radio Cairo saying today he killed himself -- rather ~~than stand trial for plotting~~ ^{he questioned about a plot for} the overthrow of Egypt's ~~Colonel~~ Nasser.

Ironically - Amer and Nasser were boyhood friends. Amer rising along with Nasser - to the post of Vice President of Egypt and Deputy Commander of the Egyptian armed forces. Serving as Nasser's right hand man - right up to the time of Egypt's defeat by Israel.

Since then - it's been all downhill. Abdel Hakim Amer - only forty-eight.

WHITE HOUSE

On the domestic front - President Johnson served notice today; that his Kansas City speech of yesterday - was merely the prelude to a ^{nation wide} ~~gun building~~ war against crime.

The President putting renewed pressure on Congress - to outlaw mail order gun sales. Also, to put some ~~in~~ curbs - on over-the-counter gun sales. L B J noting that two million guns - were sold last year in the United States; "many of them" said he - "to hardened criminals, snipers, mental defectives, rapists, habitual drunkards, and juveniles." "For this" - he added - "there is no excuse."

In ~~in~~ response - House Speaker John McCormack quickly promising every effort; to get the President's gun bill passed - at the present session of Congress.

SKAGWAY

For the second time in a month - flood danger
^{this time it's}
in Alaska. The rain-swollen Chilkat River - threatening
today to spill over restraining dikes, Forcing the
evacuation of all women and children - from the pioneer
~~community~~ community of Skagway; population - six-fifty.

Skagway - as you know - northernmost point
on the Alaska State Ferry System. Perhaps best known -
during "Gold Rush" days - as headquarters for an arch
con-man Soapy Smith and his gang; who preyed on green-
horns -- fresh from the "lower forty-eight."

Skagway now - within inches of disaster.

And the start of Alaskan winter - just around the corner.

At any rate the people of
Skagway, far up that great fjord known
as the Lynn Canal, are accustomed to
living dangerously.

CARIBBEAN FOLLOW SKAGWAY

Mother nature was also kicking up a storm today - clear across the continent and then some. Three storms - to be exact! - Hurricane Beulah -- in the Caribbean; Hurricane Doria - heading toward New England; and Hurricane Chloe - far out in the Atlantic.

Of the three - it's ~~bad bad~~ Beulah they're most worried about. You'll recall - Beulah killed eighteen - in an earlier sweep through the Southern Caribbean. ^{Beulah has been} Since rejuvenated ~~Beulah~~ pushing slowly toward the Gulf of Mexico. At present - a major threat to ~~a~~ western Cuba; ^{also} a potential threat later on - to Florida and other Gulf Coast states.

DUBLIN

American black power advocate Stokely

Carmichael - who has been merrily touring the Communist world for weeks - today found he was "persona non grata" in at least one country - this side of the Iron Curtain.

In Dublin - the Irish government ruling today - that Carmichael will not be admitted to Ireland; should he try to stop there, as rumored, after his current visit to Communist Algeria. The Irish stating, in part, that Carmichael's "advocacy of violence and racial hatred - is of a criminal disposition; and, on that account - he would be regarded as an undesirable alien."

OLYMPICS - ALTITUDE

You all have heard what altitude is likely to do to the Olympic athletes, when they arrive to take part in the Nineteen Sixty-Eight Olympic Games at Mexico City, at an altitude far higher than anywhere they have been staged in the past. Mexico City is almost a ~~1~~ half mile higher than Denver, Colorado - altitude seven thousand four hundred and forty feet.

The word is that most of the other countries who stand any chance at all of making an important showing in the summer Olympics, already have their athletes training, somewhere, at high altitude. What are our American Olympic athletes doing about it?

~~And~~ Now our Olympic Committee and coaches have decided to send our athletes to Colorado and other western states.

I spent most of my youth at an altitude of more than two thousand feet higher even than Mexico City, at the top of the Rockies, at ten ~~ten~~ thousand. We worked in mines at eleven thousand and higher.

In high school days we had difficulty getting teams to come up from lower altitudes to ~~play~~ play us. Colorado Springs, Denver, Pueblo and Canon City always wanted us to come down to them. Whenever they did take a chance and come up to our altitude, usually we ran them ragged.

So, I suggest our Olympic athletes go to Cripple Creek and train there.

GUESS

Next up - the final report on a guessing game in London -- sponsored by the British Travel Association; to see if any visitor from overseas - could guess the menu for, quote, "a typical English meal."

The lone winner - from among some eight thousand contestants: Miss Anna Moak of Washington, D.C. - who predicted the menu to a "T." Beginning with cockie-leekie soup - then poached salmon -- steak and kidney pie - Somerset syllabub - and finally, cheese and biscuits. Warren, shall we order for you some cockie-leekie soup and syllabub?
~~Pass the digital, please~~

KIEV

Scandal in the sports world. The story - from Kiev in the Soviet Union, where famed Polish track star Ewa Klobukowska - was barred today from the women's European games.

Blonde, twenty one year old Ewa Klobukowska - ^{both} ~~she is~~ holder of the women's world record for the hundred meter dash ^{and} a gold medal winner - at the Tokyo Olympics in Nineteen Sixty-Four, ~~Now~~ barred from competition - as the result of a new rule, forcing lady athletes - to submit to a physical examination.

Reason: A special panel of doctors finding that "Miss" Ewa Klobukowska - is really "Mister" Ewa Klobukowska.

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