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(Dallas Townsend Sub.)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

An American spokesman in Viet Nam today apologized profusely -- for a Forty-minute street battle in Saigon; one in which Americans and loyal Vietnamese -- apparently fought only each other; in the panic that followed the explosion of a terrorist time bomb -- near A U.S. officers billet.

The shooting -- leaving Five dead and about thirty wounded -- called a "tragic" incident. The U.S. further promising "to help in every way -- the innocent victims of this affair." Reminding, however, that the "root cause" of the tragedy -- is continuing "Viet Cong terrorism in the heart of the city;" terrorism that jangles the nerves and itches the trigger fingers -- of both troops and police.

CALIFORNIA

California's controversial "Proposition Fourteen" -- approved by the voters in Nineteen-Sixty-Four -- struck down today by the State Supreme Court. Proposition Fourteen -- permitting racial and religious discrimination in the sale and rental of property -- declared a violation of the Fourteenth ~~Am~~ Amendment to the Federal Constitution. The case -- now expected to go to the ^{U.S.} Supreme Court -- for a final ruling.

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DIRKSEN

Senate Minority Leader Everett Dirksen -- is reported resting comfortably tonight at Walter Reed Hospital; following successful surgery -- on his fractured right hip. The injury suffered -- as you may have heard -- when he fell while getting out of bed this morning at the hospital. The Senator admitted earlier for treatment of painful abdominal spasms -- apparently of unexplained origin -- that have plagued him for the past two years.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE:

Lowell Thomas is still in Europe. Meanwhile, a reminder he left us -- of another famous name in American public life.

MOSCOW

From Moscow came an early report today that Communist Party Leader Leonid Brezhnev -- had flown secretly to Bucharest. There -- supposedly to hold a Communist summit meeting -- with Red China's Premier Chou En-Lai. The latter reportedly expected in the Romanian capital -- "in the next few days."

As it turned out -- Brezhnev was in Bucharest all right; but only for talks with Romanian leaders -- on projected aid to Communist North Viet Nam. Chou's scheduled visit -- postponed until the end of the month -- when Brezhnev will be long gone.

BOMB FOLLOW MOSCOW

Chou himself quoted today by Radio Peking -- in an explanation for Red China's third nuclear blast. China forced to develop nuclear weapons -- said Chou -- because of joint "nuclear blackmail" by the United States and Soviet Russia.

The Red Premier asserting that both countries -- are trying "to intimidate the oppressed nations and peoples" in order to realize -- a "dream of world domination." "In these circumstances" -- said he -- "China cannot but conduct necessary tests -- to develop nuclear weapons."

GENEVA FOLLOW BOMB

At Geneva -- a final round of speeches today -- closing out the latest fruitless session of that Seventeen-nation Disarmament Conference. Soviet delegate Alexei Roshchin -- for one -- attempting to ignore the Chinese bomb; sticking instead -- to the standard Russian diatribe.

But not so -- the American delegate. William C. Foster observing that it was the Soviets -- who first supplied Peking with nuclear assistance. A gift -- said he -- that "may now be regarded with some dismay -- by those who gave it." Foster adding that the United States will never "disseminate nuclear weapons" -- even to fellow NATO members.

The Indian delegate -- under the gun, so to speak -- bitterly condemning the Chinese blast. The test -- said he -- once again raising the threat of "far-reaching hazards of health and thermo-nuclear holocaust."

RUSSIAN

Another Russian on tour -- Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin; who arrived today in Cairo -- to a thundrous welcome. The popular demonstration -- failing to match in either size or enthusiasm -- ^{Tone} ~~that~~ accorded Khrushchev on his visit to Egypt in Nineteen-Sixty-Four. / Nevertheless, one of the biggest receptions -- ever accorded a foreign dignitary.

Part of the reception -- Cairo newspaper headlines proclaiming an alleged American decision -- to cut off future ^{U.S.} aid to Egypt. This presumably because of recent Nasser threats-- against Saudi Arabia.

However, the headlines denied -- here at home. U. S. officials reporting that Egypt -- has requested an additional Quarter-of-a-Billion dollars in American aid; with a final decision -- still to come.

WATER

~~Also in Washington~~ → the Department of the Interior today was officially given responsibility -- for administering the Federal Water Pollution Control Program; a job previously handled -- by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Interior Secretary Stewart Udall promptly calling the occasion -- "one of the real red letter days of ^{hls} ~~my~~ department;" and issuing a new set of states' guidelines -- for water quality standards. Udall declaring that the ultimate goal -- is not to make rivers "as clean as permissible;" but rather -- said he -- to make them "as clean as possible."

WEATHER

The worst May cold wave in nearly a century -- blamed today for tremendous crop damage in the Lower Great Lakes. The loss set at Ten Million dollars or more in Southern Michigan -- where the temperature dipped to an unofficial Fifteen degrees. Virtually the entire commercial fruit crop feared lost in Northern Ohio -- with a low of Eighteen degrees. Stuart, I'd call that very cold for May.

SMOG

A semi-secret society of young Russian poets, artists and writers -- known simply as "SMOG" -- today labeled the new hope of the Soviet Union. This according to exiled Russian writer Valery Tarsis -- in a Washington speech.

Tarsis calling members of SMOG -- "the bards of revolution;" who could eventually lead Russia -- "to shake off the shackles of a half-century of slavery." Because -- said he -- they are fed up with "Communist tyranny" under the guise of "socialist realism"^g -- that is neither socialist nor realist."

Incidentally, the name SMOG -- taken from the first letters of the Russian words -- for courage, youth, image and depth.

Dallas Townsend says good night.