

JOHNSON

L.T. Quick, Fisher, Tues. Apr. 27-'65.

President Johnson today reaffirmed -- the strength of American determination in South Viet Nam. United States policy there -- said the President -- remains one of "firmness with moderation -- and readiness for peace with refusal to retreat."

The President said that his offer of unconditional peace talks -- still stands. He warned, however, that the United States will never deliver a friendly nation -- "to terror and oppression."

Mr. Johnson adding that if South Viet Nam were to fall -- "our own welfare and freedom would be in great danger." Said he -- "the clearest lesson of our time -- is that to yield to aggression brings only a greater threat."

VIET NAM FOLLOW PRESIDENT

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the government of South Viet Nam today disclosed plans to search and seize -- any and all vessels -- suspected of shipping Communist infiltrators or supplies into that country. The South Vietnamese promising that such vessels -- will also be "subject to hot pursuit on the high seas." The U.S. Navy said to have pledged its full cooperation -- in this latest effort to stem the flow of Communist arms and men -- into South Viet Nam.

DOMINICAN

Halfway around the world --

United States warships today began the evacuation -- of about a thousand American nationals -- from the strife-torn Dominican Republic. The evacuation begun even as new and heavy fighting broke out -- in downtown Santo Domingo. The city also under attack by anti-rebel pilots -- opposed to the return of ousted President Juan Bosch.

The evacuees -- principally dependents of American government employees in Santo Domingo. They'll be taken to Puerto Rico -- pending the outcome of the Dominican crisis.

ARABS

Reaction piled upon reaction today--in the Arab world. A mob of more than twenty thousand demonstrators--charging over government machine guns--to storm the Egyptian Embassy at Tunis. This the Tunisian backlash--to bitter Egyptian denunciation of an Israeli peace feeler--put forth by Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba.

The demonstrators--forcing their way into the Embassy grounds. There hurling stones and ink bottles at the Embassy's steel-shuttered windows--and shouting "Death to Nasser."

MALAYSIA

From Kuching in Malaysia -- reports of a brief but fierce battle today -- between British paratroopers and regulars of the Indonesian army. The Indonesians slipping across the border ^{on the island of} ~~from~~ Borneo -- into the Malaysian state of Sarawak. Attacking the paratroopers' camp just before dawn -- in a blaze of mortar and machinegun fire. One Briton killed -- six wounded. At least four Indonesians -- dead in the assault.

RANN

Pakistani forces today smashed south into the disputed Rann of Kutch -- with Indian defenders reeling before the blow. The Pakistanis capturing an Indian outpost -- at Biarbet. Giving them a spearhead now/about ten miles deep and thirty miles long -- into territory long claimed by India.

How long can they hold it? That's another matter.

When the monsoon season starts in a few weeks -- the whole area will be flooded.

MURROW

Edward R. Murrow--one of America's best-known radio and T.V. personalities--died today at his home on the farm at O.H. near Pawling, New York. The victim of a long battle--against cancer.

Ed Murrow first made famous--by his dramatic wartime reports from London--during the days of the blitz. Later making his way into countless millions of American homes--with his television appearances--"Person to Person"--"See It Now"--and "C.B.S. Sports."

One of television's top-rated stars--when he left the medium in Nineteen Sixty-One--to become chief of the U.S. Information Agency. He retired from that post in January of Nineteen Sixty-Four--and had been in and out of hospitals ever since.

Death came just three weeks--after his last confinement. The outlook hopeless--Ed Murrow wanted to come home--to spend his last few days--in the rolling hills he loved. He was only fifty-seven. My neighbor, friend, and a great, great guy.

CIGARETTES

The Senate Commerce Committee today agreed to compromise legislation -- that would require a warning label on all packages of cigarettes. The label to read as follows: "Caution -- cigarette smoking may be hazardous to your health." But the Committee rejected a stronger bill, to call for the same on all cigarette advertising.

GOLDWATER

Former Republican Presidential nominee Barry

Goldwater -- ~~was~~ back in the news again today. This time from Paris -- latest stop on his current European tour.

Goldwater telling a French news conference -- that he would be in favor of bombing Red China's nuclear production centers; "If" -- and these are his words -- "if the Chinese give absolute provocation." Goldwater adding that massive intervention by the Chinese in Viet Nam -- would constitute such provocation.

As to his own future plans -- Goldwater said he might run for the Senate again -- but not for President. Who, then, does he expect to be -- the next Republican presidential nominee? Quick as a flash -- Goldwater replied -- "someone like Dick Nixon."

FRANCE FOLLOW GOLDWATER

Also in Paris, President DeGaulle ~~of France~~ --

today called for a "new order and a new balance" in the world.

A new alignment -- free from domination by either the United

States or Russia. According to DeGaulle, Dick -- the nation

best qualified to lead the new line-up -- ^{can you guess?} ~~none other than~~
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~~France.~~

At the Vatican--in Rome--the Pontifical Commission on Liturgical Reform--today issued its first official bulletin,--a report on the elimination of Latin--from large segments of the Catholic Mass.

The ancient language of Latin--to be replaced by the modern languages of church faithful--throughout the world. To make church services easier to understand--this Vatican language reform apparently arousing success, except, ironically, that the bulletin itself--is printed in Latin.