

BREAK

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At last -- news of a possible break today in the solid front of Communist opposition -- to that British Commonwealth Peace Mission. Government sources in London -- reporting that North Viet Nam is officially "considering" -- whether to meet with the Commonwealth peace-makers. This in marked contrast to reaction in Moscow and Peking -- where the British peace move was rejected out-of-hand.

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No great optimism as yet. But a glimmer of hope -- that the ill-starred Commonwealth venture -- might yet succeed.

VIET NAM FOLLOW BREAK

Meanwhile, in Viet Nam itself, Communist guerrillas today launched another <sup>sneak</sup> mortar attack -- against the big U.S. air base at Da Nang. Killing at least one U.S. serviceman. While destroying three American planes -- and damaging three others.

The ~~attack~~ <sup>surprise raid was</sup> the climax to a day of fierce fighting -- with mixed results.  
~~in South Vietnam~~

On the plus side -- South Vietnamese troops scoring a tremendous victory over the Viet Cong. In a battle -- just forty miles southwest of Saigon. A count of bodies showing two hundred and fifty-five Viet <sup>Communist</sup> ~~Cong~~ dead -- as compared with government losses of only thirty-two.

Far to the North, however, a Communist regiment today overran the provincial town of Than Mon. Trapping a South Vietnamese battalion -- along with its American advisers. Two government relief battalions -- finally reaching the trapped men. But at ~~last~~ latest report -- fierce fighting still in progress.

HONDURAS

At least thirty-five members of the touring Costa Rican ballet were killed today in a bus crash on the Pan American Highway. About twenty more injured -- when their chartered bus -- plunged into a one hundred foot abyss. This near Choluteca -- in ~~the~~ Honduras. The accident -- blamed on a brake failure. The worst ever -- on the central American stretch of that famous roadway.

## SUCCESSION

A new formula for assuring the line of presidential succession -- today won overwhelming approval in the House.

With similar Senate approval -- expected <sup>shortly.</sup> ~~momentarily.~~

The measure -- a proposed Constitutional amendment. That would permit the Vice President to take over the reins of government -- in the event of presidential disability. The President also to be granted the right to choose a new vice president -- whenever that office becomes vacant.

INDIA

India and Pakistan today signed that agreement for a formal cease-fire -- in the disputed Rann of Kutch. The signing followed by an immediate protest demonstration -- in New Delhi.

Atal Biari Vajhapai -- the leader of a militant pro-Hindu party -- calling the agreement -- "a surrender, not a cease-fire." Charging that Prime Minister Shastri -- had ceded valuable land to Pakistan. Urging his followers -- to march on the seat of government.

This they did -- with fifty of them arrested in the ensuing riot. Including the man who set it off -- Atal Biari Vajhapai.

TITO

A rousing reception in the Kremlin today -- for Yugoslavian President Tito. The man who was once booted out of the Communist camp -- accorded a standing ovation. In Russia's first Friendship Rally in honor of a Communist chieftain -- since Nikita was kicked out of office.

Tito responding with support of the Soviet Union -- right down the party line. He demanded that the United States "halt aggression" -- as he put it -- in Viet Nam. He also condemned U.S. intervention -- in the Dominican crisis. And added that solution of the German problem -- lies in recognizing the existence of two Germanies.

On the Communist scorecard -- a batting record of three-for-three.

CHINA

The U.S. government today terminated its program of economic aid -- to Nationalist China. Aid that has totaled nearly a billion-and-a-half dollars -- over the last fifteen years.

Nationalist China -- now one of the most prosperous countries in Asia -- say aid officials. And further economic assistance --  
aid -- is no longer necessary. "An outstanding example" -- says the government -- "of how, through self help, a developing country can reach the point -- where it can carry on without continual ~~continued~~ aid."

DeGAULLE

House Republicans today urged President Johnson to make a special trip to Paris -- to confer with French President DeGaulle. In order to prevent a further deterioration -- in French and American relations.

The action based on the report of a GOP task force -- recently returned from a visit to France. The Republicans asserting that -- the U.S. must actively demonstrate its continuing friendship for France. Adding that "the most impressive demonstration of that friendship" -- would be a

Johnson visit to <sup>De Gaulle,</sup> ~~France.~~  
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## BOAT

For years now -- an American named Bill Verity has been trying to prove -- without success -- that Ireland's fabled Saint Brendan could have crossed the Atlantic and back again -- in a crude twelve-foot boat. Just as the legend says he did.

But by an odd quirk of fate -- it's a young Englishman -- who has shown today that it can be done. Twenty-five-year-old John Riding -- turning up off the coast of Bermuda -- after sixty-seven days in a home-made twelve-foot sloop. In a voyage from the Azores -- virtually retracing the so-called impossible route -- of the legendary Saint Brendan.

John Riding -- dazed and weak. And he had to ask a passing ship -- to tow him into port. But he made the point -- that Bill Verity was shooting for. And from East to West -- the hard way.

CARPENTER

Astronaut Scott Carpenter -- who circled the earth three times in a Mercury spacecraft -- was charged today with driving on the wrong side of the road in Panama City, Florida. His car collided head-on there this morning with another vehicle -- injuring two passengers in the second car. State troopers reporting that Carpenter apparently fell asleep at the wheel.

COURAGE

A story of almost incredible courage -- reported today from Middletown, Connecticut. Involving a crippled Middletown man -- named John Herau. (Hear-oh')

Herau -- with a brace on his left leg and a history of heart trouble -- was fishing in the Connecticut River. When he heard the screams of a seventeen-year-old girl -- going down for the last time.

Closest to the scene -- he hobbled into the river and managed to push the girl ~~into~~ shallow water. Nearby swimmers pulled her to shore. But when they looked around -- Herau himself had disappeared beneath the water. Apparently the victim of a stroke.

John Herau -- a man who literally gave his life that another might live. <sup>Dick.</sup> A hero in name -- and deed.

## RAIN

The overnight weather forecast here in drought-stricken New York -- partly cloudy and somewhat cooler. But the Weatherman failed to reckon with Chief Black Cloud - a seventy-five-year-old Tuscarora Indian.

Chief Black Cloud -- the feature attraction today at the Niagara Falls exhibit at the World's Fair. Where -- assisted by a comely Indian maid -- he performed an ancient ceremony called -- the "mating of the waters." Thus invoking the Great Spirit -- to bring rain.

Within half-an-hour -- the skies opened up -- and it poured. The first good rainfall here -- in weeks. With Chief Black Cloud -- taking a long, low bow.