

SUDAN

Reports reaching Cairo indicate -- that the Sudan is close to civil war. A collision of factions symbolized - by two cities, Kartoum and Omduran. The capital -- against -- the most important provincial city, which is right next door. Omdurman is to Kartoum as St. Paul is to Minneapolis.

Premier Abboud appears to be holding ~~K~~artoum-- although he needs tanks to do it. While across the Nile -- Army officers in Omdurman -- are threatening to raise a revolt against the Sudanese Premier.

SOVIET

Here's what could be -- a rather innocuous statement. "The Premier will no longer be -- the leader of the Party." In a Western democracy like France or Italy -- this would simply mean -- a shuffling of jobs.

But in Moscow -- the change is momentous.

Under the Soviet system, the head of the Communist Party is the real power in the state. Stalin and Khrushchev both used that post as a springboard -- from which to accumulate all kinds of authority.

Brezhnev and Kosygin obviously have the past in mind-- as they prepare for the future. The new firm of B. and K. deciding -- to keep their jobs divided. Avoid-- another struggle for power in the Kremlin. Which seems like a good deal -- for Kosygin -- for he's the Premier -- of the regime. And historically the Soviet Premier has had to bow to the head of the Communist Party.

The word "mainstream" -- has returned to the vocabulary of the election campaign. Used by President Johnson -- to describe his own position. But he did not confine his remarks to his party -- while speaking in Los Angeles. Instead, he called on Republicans as well as Democrats -- to stay "in the broad mainstream of America."

Lyndon Johnson became President -- without winning the Presidency, and wants to return to the White House -- clearly the winner -- by the will of the people. He wants the margin of victory to be a big one -- so the next Johnson Administration will be unequivocally a national administration.

GOLDWATER

Barry Goldwater puts his main thought for the day - in these words. "Lyndon Johnson has kidnapped the Democratic Party - for Radical Socialism". The Republican candidate, hitting hard - on a theme he favors. The extension of Federal authority - into our private lives. Telling audiences in the Midwest - that's the reason why the ^{Socialist paper the} "Daily Worker" supports Johnson. The American Communist Party hoping ~~that~~ the candidate who calls himself a Democrat - will smooth America's path toward a Socialist form of government. Something Goldwater says he'll put a stop to - after he's elected. As - he is sure he will be.

With the pundits trying to foresee the outcome of this election -- let's listen for a moment to a different kind of expert. A veteran campaigner -- named Richard Nixon. Of course, the G.O.P. standard-bearer of nineteen sixty - can't be strictly impartial between the two parties. He's been working too hard -- for a Republican victory. But Nixon knows as well as anyone -- that realism is the only thing that makes sense in any election. And here's his - realistic judgment.

That Goldwater's big chance lies in -- the undecided vote. Which Nixon believes is increasing -- rather than diminishing. Increasing to the point - - where it could be decisive. Why? Because, he says, the undecideds are defecting-- from Johnson, not -- from Goldwater. "The Goldwater problem is to move forcefully to win this undecided vote" -- according to our former Vice President, who is reported to be campaigning in a more effective way than he ever did before.

What about -- those key races for the Senate?

Nixon predicts that the Republicans will pick up five seats -- on Capitol Hill, including Kenneth Keating over Robert Kennedy -- in New York. He rates the Salinger - Murphy battle a tossup - in California.

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The distinguished head of the American Heritage

Foundation has asked me to remind you -- I hope no one needs to be reminded of it -- that we should all vote. His point is that none of us can gain anything by neglecting to vote -- no matter how we feel about this or any other campaign.

MARS

America's next space spectacular will be a probe toward Mars - that may send back large scale photographs of the Red Planet. Perhaps as good as the pictures we have - of the moon. And, if so, this probe could settle the age-old question - of life on Mars.

For example, the controversy surrounding - the so-called "Martian Canals". If engineering projects that big do exist - they should be caught by the camera. Again, vegetation - if it's there - must be extensive enough to be visible. As would the hypothetical "ice caps of Mars".

However, the Space Agency is not counting its photos - before they are taken. As one scientist pointed out - this Mars probe is far tougher than the moonshot. Many more chances - of something going wrong.

But if everything goes right, it could be the most sensational thing in the history of astronomy - this rocket to Mars.

SAINT LOUIS

The long arm of international crime - appears to have reached Saint Louis. The local police and the F.B.I. can't find any other theory - to fit the robbery at the home of Harold Stiers, one of the nation's leading collectors.

His specialty - model ships from the Orient. Carved from - silver, ivory and jade. Worth of the Stiers collection - two million dollars. Worth of the pieces ~~that were~~ stolen - more than half-a-million.

The international angle? These model ships - can't be sold in this country. Too obvious. Hence the theory - that they'll be smuggled abroad. Possibly - back to the Orient. ~~That's why the first~~ warnings have been flashed - to Hong Kong and Singapore, *
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~~warning~~ to watch for the Stiers collection - of Oriental art.

MINSK

Now, for the story of - Alexei Domorad of Minsk. It seems that Comrade Domorad didn't like - the size of his electricity bill. So, he took the meter apart and rewired it - to run backwards. Result subtraction instead of addition. The ingenious Minskovite, finding that the more electricity he used - the less he had to pay.

Alas, the secret was too delicious - to keep to himself. He told a friend - who told a friend. And the ball kept rolling - until nine hundred meters were behaving in the same way. Leading to - an investigation. Followed by a trip to the lockup - for the meter manipulating man from Minsk.