

In the Middle East - Tel Aviv - pressure building again. Israeli sources again saying that Egypt has just received from the Soviet Union - a number of "new types of aircraft;" and said to be manned by Soviet crews.

From Cairo comes a report that Egypt's Anwar Sadat has scheduled an emergency meeting of his cabinet as of tomorrow. Purpose - we are told, to discuss
1/2 *preparations for a possible renewal of war.*

PEKING

For the members of that touring U.S. table tennis team - a visit today to a Red Chinese University in Peking; where they played a little basketball - and also talked a little about politics.

The Americans asked - whatever happened to Liu Shao-Chi - Red China's one time president? Whereupon they were told that Liu was still alive - but "his thought is dead." At least, 'til he gets "some re-education." Also today they had a sight-seeing trip to the nearby Great Wall of China.

Meanwhile, the Chinese, were stressing that this visit - "is an expression of friendship between the American people and the Chinese people." A Peking spokesman saying:- "We do not confuse the American people with the U.S. government."

Then as if to prove the point - Peking radio also broadcast today its first comment on President Nixon's latest Vietnam report. As monitored in Tokyo - they are accusing the President of perpetrating "a downright fraud" - for the sole purpose of "deceiving the U.S. people." Whereas Peking, - speaks solely the truth - says Peking.

NEW YORK FOLLOW TOKYO

*And now this; the head of America's People
for People program is offering to underwrite a visit here
by the Red Chinese table tennis team. No Peking reaction
so far.*

VIETNAM

On the Vietnam war front - a series of saturation raids today by U.S. war planes; dumping more than five hundred tons of bombs on suspected Communist positions around Fire Base Six up near the Laotian border. These including - for the first time against enemy personnel - a number of seven and one-half ton so-called "daisy cutters"; biggest conventional bombs - in the U.S. arsenal.

WHITE HOUSE

Here at home - a new experimental Vietnam Veterans' Aid Program - announced today by the White House; its main purpose to help low-income veterans to get jobs - and also take advantage of additional G.I. benefits. This - at a planned cost of about one million; to be allocated by the Office of Economic Opportunity - through the National League of Cities and the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Elsewhere in Washington - Postmaster General Winton Blount spelled out today - the initial goals of our new postal system. These - said he - including, by summer, next day delivery of zip-coded airmail - to principal cities within a six hundred mile radius; also, second-day delivery of ninety-five percent of zip-coded airmail - right across the country.

"This is the first time the postal service - has ever stuck its neck out like this," said Blount. And he added; "it's a very important first step - on the road to improving mail service to all the American people."

KREMLIN

At the Kremlin Palace of Congresses - a ceremony today marking the tenth anniversary of manned space flight. We all remember Colonel Yuri Gagarin - the first man to orbit the earth?

One of the main speakers today was Matislav Keldysh - president of The Soviet Academy of Science; who also paid tribute to U.S. achievement in space. Keldysh observing that U.S. flights to the Moon - along with Russia's 'automatic lunar stations' - have "opened huge possibilities for studying our natural satellite" the Moon.

WARM SPRINGS

Here on our own shores - thousands of visitors today were at Warm Springs, Georgia; on the occasion of the twenty-sixth anniversary of the death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt; the day when Harry Truman was summoned to the White House - and Eleanor Roosevelt told him the news. When H.S.T. attempting to console the widowed First Lady - asked "What can I do for you? Mrs. Roosevelt said to the new President; the question is now - "What can we do for you?"

ST. ANDREWS

From Walter Annenberg, - U.S. Ambassador

5 to the Court of St. James - a letter of regret today

- addressed to St. Andrews University in Scotland.

Ambassador Annenberg saying he has refused to accept an honorary Doctor of Laws degree - because of a threatened anti-U.S. protest by some five percent of the St. Andrew's student body. The Ambassador explaining that he was "unwilling to do anything which might result in a demonstration" directed against his country.

LONDON

A "hassle" is on in London about a proposed new British census. Britain's Liberal Party leader -
5/2 Jerry Thorpe - telling a party rally he may risk prison rather than fill out his census form. At the same meeting, a young Liberal housewife by the name of Sue Rogers - stripping off her blouse and going to pless, said she "would take it all off - if only it would stop the absurd census." The, they say, attractive Mrs. Rogers emphasizing Warren that she has nothing to hide. It's
6 just the principle of the thing.

INVERNESS

For Inverness, Scotland - the story today of a lucky, lucky man. Mountain climber Martin Bent attempting to scale nearby Coire Beith Mountain - when he slipped and fell nearly a thousand feet down a snow-covered cliff; escaping with only a broken leg.

Martin Bent later observing: "As I shot into mid-air - I thought I was a goner - and I was extremely fortunate to have gotten off as easy as I did, and it won't keep me from climbing," said he.