

PARIS

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Paris in the spring - a virtual armed camp today,
With President DeGaulle moving ~~his~~ crack troops and tanks
-- into key spots around the capital. Also - shaking up
his cabinet; ~~the~~ The key switch - ~~from~~ Couve de
Murville, from Foreign Minister - to the newly sensitive
post of Finance Minister.

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These and more emergency moves aimed at
averting national chaos. With every indication so far that
they may ~~lose~~^{do} the trick. Already,

~~today,~~ a number of gaping holes today -- in
that heretofore paralyzing general strike. Perhaps
most important -- a settlement at last in the state-run
gas and electric industries. The Peugeot ~~and~~ auto company
- France's third largest - also planning to resume
production next week. Even the Communist-led General
Confederation of Labor - agreeing to resume negotiations
on
~~in~~ wages and working conditions.

At the same time - ^{the} leftist anarchists ^{are} strangely

silent, *Saving their strength - we hear - for national elections June twenty-third.*

So it looks as though ~~Sumner~~ Le Grand Charles ^{once more is} scoring Le Grand

comeback.

PEACE FOLLOW PARIS

~~Just the reverse~~ ^{What about} for those continuing Paris peace talks? Sixth round discussions ending today - with both sides conceding the total absence of ~~progress~~ ^{progress}, ~~meaningful progress~~.

North Vietnam's Xuan Thuy again flatly refusing the idea of mutual de-escalation ~~in~~ in return for a complete U.S. bombing halt. Refusing to pay any "ransom" - as he put it. Averell Harriman replying that "the United States will go far and fast" - but only if Hanoi shows some restraint.

Later, news that North Vietnam is sending one of its hard-line politbureau members to Paris - to bolster the red negotiating team. Harriman commenting ^{that} he remains "an optimist," ^{with} ~~his~~ his face said to show - there's ~~some~~ little to be optimistic about.

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VIETNAM FOLLOW PEACE

Meanwhile - a storm over Saigon. Viet Cong infiltrators attacking today in two waves - on the western and northern edges of the city. South Vietnamese troops - promptly annihilating the larger, western group; only to have the others slip closer to central Saigon - thereby eluding U S air strikes.

Enemy goal - according to Viet Cong defectors: to create havoc and turmoil and destroy as much of Saigon as possible, in order to strengthen Hanoi's hand - at the Paris bargaining table.

AMMAN

The city of Amman - capital of Jordan -- focal point of mideast tensions today. Arab sources telling of a massive U S airlift to Jordan -- an airlift of "military hardware." ^{Supposedly in response to} ~~Coinciding with persistent~~ reports of an Israeli troop build-up -- on the occupied west bank of the Jordan River.

From Washington though - a prompt denial that the airlift was related to any Israeli threat. This merely "a routine delivery"-- said the State Department; part of a package -- originally planned in March, ^{and} Marking resumption of arms shipments to Jordan -- after a year-long "cooling off" period.

NORFOLK

At Navy Search headquarters - Norfolk, Virginia - hope is fading ~~fast tonight~~ for the U S S Scorpion - and it's crew of ninety-nine. Navy officials ~~now~~ earlier reporting discovery of a mysterious underwater hulk - about seventy miles off the Virginia Capes. However, tentatively identified by divers as -- this ~~expected to prove~~ an old German U boat. Leaving the searchers right back where they started ~~just~~ five days ago.

"We're making every effort to do everything we can" said Vice Admiral Arnold Schade. Adding though that "with each passing hour - the situation is grimmer."

LILONGWE

From the former British colony of Malawi in Southern Africa -- comes news ~~today~~ of a striking first in African affairs. Full story -- as follows:

Malawi's President Hastings Kamuzu Banda -- a man with a dream when he came to power two years ago; the dream of building a grand new capital -- at Lilongwe -- in North Central Malawi; a great city to serve as the cornerstone -- in ^{The} building ^{of} a modern, industrialized nation.

Only trouble -- the cost; originally set at some thirty million -- lately risen to more than seventy million. Banda's Black African neighbors -- Britain -- even Russia -- turning thumbs down on the project; calling it -- ~~it~~ ^{costly,} ~~impractical,~~ ^{publicly} impractical, wasteful. To the point where the President ~~finally~~ ^{publicly} vowed he would raise the money -- if he had to get it "from the devil himself."

some other neighbors
In the eyes of ~~some~~ ^{some other neighbors} -- Banda's promise now a reality.

50 1/2 The President finally getting his long sought funds -- ^{from} nearby Union of South Africa which of course is under white rule.

ISSAWUAH

From Issawuah, Washington, comes news today - of an amazing military development: The first liquid land mine. It's a substance called "astrolite" - developed by scientists at the Explosive Corporation of America.

In use - Astrolite is simply poured directly on the ground, ~~it~~ quickly soaks in to a level of a few inches ^{and} becoming ~~it~~ instantly an instrument of sudden death. Once applied - it's ~~impossible~~ impossible to detect by conventional means. ^{with} ~~its~~ its life span ~~is~~ four days - even if it rains.

~~Better still~~ Astrolite's unique handling qualities

~~Permitting~~ it to be carried in a soldier's canteen - poured from a tank truck - or even sprayed from a plane. As such ^{- Warren - a way to} ~~the perfect device for~~ closing ^{at} at last - that notorious Ho Chi Minh Trail.

CANBERRA

Final item - from Canberra, Australia; where the "Down Under" Parliament was presented a bill today - calling for massive government subsidies to the Australian baby carriage business.

Labor M P Kohn Cope - who sponsored the bill - noting that baby carriage sales have been "gravely affected" of late. Reason - said he: A recent government program -- spurring the use of birth control pills.

So-o-o that's the way it is Down
~~A case of one man's meat another man's poison,~~
~~Under~~ - in the baby carriage business -
and s-l-u-Monday.