

OTTAWA

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Good Evening: Up at Ottawa - an incident without precedent in Canadian diplomatic history; visiting Soviet Premier Kosygin - the target of a physical attack today from a so-called "Hungarian freedom fighter;" one Geza Matrai - who grabbed the Soviet leader around the neck and wrestled him to the ground. As he was dragged off by police - Matrai shouted over and over: "Long live Hungary!" "Freedom for Hungary!" "Down with the Russians!" All this - taking place just outside the Canadian Parliament.

As for Kosygin - he was visibly shaken and his coat was nearly torn from his back. Other than that though - he was apparently unhurt. Canadian officials say that once he was safely indoors - Kosygin did not mention the attack. But Canada's Prime Minister Trudeau - who was present throughout - later apologized publicly and profusely. Calling the assault - "a most humiliating incident;" adding that he is personally - "ashamed!"

Incidentally, today's incident came in spite of

security precautions - said to be the tightest/ever "afforded
any foreign dignitary." ^{And now} But officials emphasizing - tomorrow
they'll be even tighter.

UNITED NATIONS

At the United Nations - the Great China Debate -

Part One. It started out with the view from Peking - as expressed by Albanian Foreign Minister Nesti Nase; who attacked America's two-China policy - as an imperialist plot based on obsolete arguments; and adding that Mainland China will never enter the world body - as long as Nationalist China retains its U.N. membership. All of which - was quickly echoed by Algeria.

Next - U.S. Ambassador George Bush - who said:

"Let us welcome a large and dynamic reality to our midst - but let us do it not on its own terms but on the U.N.'s terms; let us affirm representation for the People's Republic of China - but let us vigorously protect the principle that some smaller reality - in this case, the Republic of China, which has abided by the U.N. charter - need never fear that it will be expelled."

GAZA CITY

*In the Middle East - at Israeli-occupied Gaza City -
a meeting today between Arab political leaders; the first of
its kind - ever permitted by Israel; bringing together the
top officials - of the occupied West Bank of the Jordan and the
occupied Gaza Strip. Purpose - we are told: To discuss
the possibility of establishing a new Palestinian nation - as
either a separate state or part of a federation with Israel.*

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "QUEEN ELIZABETH#3

Next - Lowell Thomas; reporting again tonight

- from the liner Queen Elizabeth. Lowell...

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QUEEN ELIZABETH #3

On this Atlantic voyage aboard the Queen Elizabeth naturally my wife and I have been thinking back to other experiences we have had on previous voyages. There was one I'll never never forget. It was the year Edward the Eighth gave up his throne for "the woman he loved." We were going over for the Coronation of King George V. It was a particularly colorful crowd on board. One was a famous United Press Foreign Correspondent, who had been a Cub reporter with me in Chicago way back when. Another was an opera singer, a baroness from Vienna who stood about six feet four and could easily pick me up and swing me around ^{on} the ballroom floor - which she did. But my most vivid memory was of a young woman who already had become rich and famous, an American who had started with nothing and had built up a fabulous business. Most of you will remember her - Elizabeth Arden.

In mid-ocean, and a couple of hours after midnight

the telephone rang in my stateroom. When I answered, sleepily, the voice on the other end said: "This is Elizabeth, Lowell. There's a man in my stateroom. I wish you'd come and get him out!" Thinking I might need a little help I woke up Kurt Thalhammer, one of the first Austrian pros ever to teach Alpine skiing in America, who was on his way home to Salzburg, and made him come with me. When we got to Elizabeth Arden's deluxe stateroom, sure enough there was a man, who was insisting on staying. It was none other than my old pal, the eminent Chicago newspaperman. Evidently he had had one or two too many. He wasn't exactly a menace to Elizabeth Arden. But, he was in her way. So, we carried him out.

Nothing like that has happened so far on this voyage aboard the Queen Elizabeth. Solong....

SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "QUEEN ELIZABETH#3

Thank you, Lowell.

COUSTEAU

Back ashore - in Washington - the opening of an international conference on ocean pollution. Keynote speaker - famed underseas explorer Jacques Cousteau; who said he has "great hopes" that America's Skylab-Two - might serve as a great "spy-in-the-sky" to curb ocean polluters. If not - said Jacques Cousteau - "in thirty, forty, fifty years - it would be the end of everything."

FORT DETRICK

For President Nixon - a visit today to Fort Detrick, Maryland; where he inspected the one-time site - of the Army's old germ warfare laboratories; along the way, he announced that the entire base - will now become a government-sponsored cancer research center.

Said the President: "For thousands of years, mankind has dreamed of turning swords into plowshares - and spears into pruning hooks - of changing implements of war into instruments of peace; and today we mark another chapter - in the realization of that dream." For ^{the}goal now - he said - is that of "saving lives rather than destroying them."

And for Lowell - so long until tomorrow.

SAIGON

From Vietnam - a report today that Communist troops have moved into the Saigon region in battalion strength - for the first time in three years. This led to some heavy fighting - we are told - about thirty-five miles north of the capital.

Nevertheless, the U.S. is continuing its troop withdrawals - which last week totaled some four thousand men. With overall U.S. troop strength - now expected to drop below two hundred thousand before the month is out.

DERAA FOLLOW GAZA CITY

Reverse side - from Syrian President Hafez Assad; who said that his country now has a quarter-of-a-million troops - massed and ready for a confrontation with Israel. He made this boast during a visit to the border town of Deraa - near Jordan. If true, his claim means - that Syria and Egypt together - could now field about a million men; whereas Israel's total population - only about three million.

VATICAN

At the Vatican in Rome - that world synod of bishops was split up today into twelve working groups; including one that considered the possibility of admitting married men to the priesthood - and then turned it down overwhelmingly; asserting that a married clergy - is "neither necessary nor convenient" - period.

A committee spokesman later explained: "We were thinking of seminarians. Since we usualize no future change in the law - we did not want them to be misled."

PENTAGON

From the Pentagon - a report today that a Soviet naval task force - is currently "milling around" in the mid-Atlantic. The Soviet flotilla - said to include at least one missile-armed nuclear submarine. A Pentagon spokesman further observed: "It's not unusual for them to be there." But he added that the Russian ships are being watched - to see if they're heading for Cuba.