

DISARMAMENT L.T. Buick, Fisher Wed. Feb. 2nd. '66,

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Could this mean
~~At long last~~ a major breakthrough, ~~today~~, toward
the goal of world disarmament.[?] Soviet Premier Kosygin
declaring ^{today} that Russia is finally ready to commit itself -
to a promise that it will never be the first to use nuclear
weapons. This if other nuclear powers - will agree to
do the same. Kosygin asserting that in the ~~absence~~ absence
of such agreement - "the danger of nuclear war will
increase many times over."

The Soviet offer coupled with a series of ^{proposals} ~~proposals~~
all similarly addressed to that continuing Geneva
Disarmament Conference, ~~is~~ Raising hopes that Russia
is perhaps ^{serious}, for the first time, ~~about~~ about achieving an
effective agreement to end the arms race.

PEACE

Also, World pressure began to build today -- for a reconvening of ~~that~~ Geneva conference on Vietnam, ~~this~~
As an alternative to U N intervention - in the search for peace in South Asia.

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The idea - first put forward by North Viet nam endorsed today by Paris and later by Washington in the face of unexpected opposition - to the U S request for a full U N debate on Viet Nam.

Nevertheless, Jordan late today announced - that it would vote in favor of the American proposal.

The last undecided nation thereby assuring approval by the ^{U.N.} Security Council - and clearing the way for that long awaited debate.

VIET NAM

U S tanks - rarely used in Viet Nam - rumbled into action today about fifteen miles southeast of Saigon, wiping out a pair of Communist machine-gun bunkers - in day-long fighting that could be heard in the capital itself.

Some three hundred miles to the north - U S air cavalrymen pushed into the foothills near Bong Son, following a massive attack by American B-Fifty-Twos on a suspected Communist concentration there.

Also in the air - American jets blasting Communist North Viet Nam for the third straight day. Principal target - a storage facility near the city of Vinh.

SOUTH FOLLOW VIET NAM

Meanwhile, ~~the~~ from the South Vietnamese high
command, ^{comes} A report today that the Viet Cong's main force -
still has made no appearance since the Christmas ~~cease~~
cease-fire. ^{This} Despite a series of major American offensives
since then - inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

The South Vietnamese adding that last week, ~~at least,~~
there was ~~no~~ indication - that the Communist military
effort had "materially lessened." Why -- we'll have
to wait and see.

LONDON

For the first time in more than twenty years -- central London was paralyzed today by the threat of a Nazi bomb. The missile - a German "block-buster" - that had lain in the Thames river bed since World War Two.

To remove the bomb - apparently live - British authorities were ~~for~~ forced to close off two nearby bridges - two of the busiest in London. Blocking rail, road and river traffic for ^{an hour and a half} ~~ninety minutes~~, while divers completed the delicate lifting operation. ~~The job done once again all clear.~~

INDIA

Renewed rioting today in at least five cities -- of hunger-stricken southern Hindustan. Marking the sixth straight day of violence -- in India's Communist-dominated state of Kerala.

The biggest demonstration -- at Varkala, where a mob of several hundred students -- stormed and looted the local railroad station destroying railroad equipment -- and blocking the tracks; and finally stoning police -- before they were routed.

Target of the riot-fool Minister Chiadambaram Subramaniam. The students carrying banners calling him -- "the Minister who starved the people of Kerala."

That's what they were calling Chia-dam-baram Subra-maniam!

HIGHWAY

A comprehensive federal highway safety act - proposed today by President Johnson, ~~To~~ limit the wholesale destruction of life and property - on the nation's highways.

The President's proposal in a message to a New York meeting - of the American trial lawyers association, ~~In~~ which he said that "next to war in Vietnam - the gravest problem before this nation is the death and destruction - the shocking and senseless carnage - that strikes ~~it~~ daily on our highways."

The President adding: "There is cause for sacrifice in Viet Nam -- there is no excuse for suicide at home."

PRESIDENT FOLLOW HIGHWAY

And --
Back in Washington -- still another special message
to Congress. ^{with} The President calling for an international
health and education program - at a cost of more than
half-a-billion dollars. The goal -- said he -- "to rid
mankind forever of the slavery of ignorance and the
scourge of disease."

BERLIN

In West Berlin - an American soldier was found guilty today - of selling a uniform later used in a refugee escape from Communist East Germany. Michael Herman, twenty-one, of Portland, Oregon - sentenced to three months at hard labor. Along with a fine of eighty-three dollars a month - for the same period.

Incidentally, the trial disclosing for the first time a recent American order - forbidding U S soldiers from taking any further part in refugee escapes. The order apparently in part ~~because~~ because of Soviet protests - also to protect American servicemen from their own humanitarian instincts.

SERVICEMEN FOLLOW BERLIN

Speaking of servicemen - a soldier at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, today earned a record stateside bonus.

Under the army's new - re-enlistment incentive ~~xx~~ program.

Staff Sergeant Harlan Cunningham - an electronic technologist - richer by nearly ten thousand bucks.

For signing up - for another hitch.

SAUSAGE

A gastronomic battle -- today in St. Louis. Between the city health department -- and Earl Mugele, head of a hundred-year-old sausage business. Told by health authorities that he can't sell any more sausages -- until he gives a detailed listing of his sausage ingredients.

Mugele, determined never to divulge the recipe, says it's that "little extra spice that makes the difference."

Which calls to mind the old Austrian proverb: "If you like the sausage -- eat it -- but never, never ask what's in it."

COMMUTER

The voice of the commuter was heard today in Pittsburgh -- at the first International Conference on urban transportation. T.V.'s Arlene Francis, an ardent champion of mass public transportation, urges the design of fully automated equipment including moving sidewalks; to avoid crippling strikes -- such as the one we had recently in New York. Warning that "women are frequently turned into tigresses -- during the simple process of getting home", at night. Ever meet a tigress, Warren?

BIRTH

A real life drama reminiscent of a recent stage and screen play -- come^s today from North Kansas City, Missouri.

Fifty-one year old Mrs. Mary Terbush - who learned she was expecting only two weeks ago -- giving birth to twin girls. Her first children -- in twenty-three years of marriage.

Her husband -- stunned at first. Later noting ~~to~~ his wife had been a girl scout leader for twenty years - and adding: "I guess the Good Lord just thought it was time we were blessed."

The moral - as you may have heard: "It's never too late."