

# Editorial Page

## Inadequate Security

Neither Defense Secretary McNamara nor any other official has given a plausible accounting for the deficient security that existed at Pleiku and Camp Holloway.

At Bien Hoa, where scores of U.S. aircraft were blown to bits by Communist mortar last August, the excuse was that contractual agreements left security up to the South Vietnamese. Security at both bases included Americans.

The system employed seems to have been styled more to nineteenth century warfare

than anything since. Except for the chance that a lone sentry discovered some of the marauders' casualties would have been even greater.

Why were not some of the electronic wonders of modern detection employed? Where were the electric eyes and ears that have become standard equipment in most stores and security-conscious businesses?

Surely if they are good enough to protect retail merchandise they ought to be on the job protecting the men and equipment this country has placed in South Viet Nam.

## Sharp Eye On Space

Employing new equipment, the British Royal Radar Establishment in Worcester-shire claims to have discovered a hole in the American communication satellite Echo 2, launched in January, 1964. The British scientists believe the balloon-like satellite was pierced by its own launching canister just after the initial inflation and before beginning its near-polar orbit.

This British equipment is so accurate that in calibration tests the scientists track a copper-plated sphere the size of a tennis ball dropped from an aircraft 100 miles away and 45,000 feet in the air. This sphere appears distinctly on the screen.

Echo 2's image, on the RRE screen, is described as "fuzzy and elongated" with a "peculiar writhing pattern."

The space agency quickly denied this British claim. It readily admits there could

be holes in Echo 2, as there are in Echo 1, but the U.S. Aeronautics and Space Administration claims they were cut in the balloon by meteorites. The British base their claim on the fact that if the balloon was punctured by meteorites they would have gone in one side and out the other, making two holes.

The RRE equipment is delicate enough to have easily picked up the fact that there were two holes, hence the deduction that Echo 2's balloon was torn as the canister diverged and released the balloon shortly after the shot from Vandenberg Air Force Base.

The British scientists are working to make their equipment even more sophisticated than it is at present. But it is difficult to imagine a radar set capable of measuring a hole in a satellite 18 inches long and 7 inches wide as being "not sophisticated enough."

## Axe For Postal Savings

A sharp decline of deposits in the postal savings system has led Postmaster General Gronouski to propose abolition of this once highly popular friend of the thrifty. In its heyday the 54-year-old savings program appealed to millions.

But nowadays banks and other private savings institutions are as close as the corner mailbox, the government guarantees bank deposits well beyond the \$2,500 limit on postal

accounts, private institutions pay three and four per cent, and the government itself offers up to 3.75 per cent on its Series E savings bonds.

On the face of it, then, there seems little reason for the post office to remain in the banking business. But Congress should look carefully into why one million depositors still rely on the postal windows before cutting off a system which is at least breaking even."

## WASHINGTON NOTEBOOK ...



### 'Kiss' Is Unromantic

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Rep. Richard Hanna, D-Calif., tells this story on one of his colleagues.

As the congressman was about to be introduced as guest speaker at a banquet, his wife pressed a message to him from the other end of the head table. The person giving the introduction happened to catch the contents of the note and mentioned it in his remarks.

"I think you folks should know how close the congressman is to his wife," he said. "She just passed him a note

which simply said 'KISS,' obviously intending to inspire him before this audience.

Getting to his feet, the congressman confessed: "I hate to kick sentiment in the teeth, but 'KISS' happens to stand for 'Keep It Short, Stupid!'"

Sen. Stephen Young, D-Ohio, was slightly put out recently when his age was erroneously reported as 78. (Young actually is only 75).

"My stock broker tells me I'm practically in the prime of

life," Young pointed out. "He said an 80-year-old man came into his office the other day and asked about some growth stock. He wanted something which would increase in value for his old age."

When William Meyers found himself surrounded by reporters the other day, the White House aide cracked:

"I feel like a lion in a den of Daniels."

California's Gov. Edmund G. (Pat) Brown is proposing withholding of state income taxes for the first time.

One advantage, if seen, would be to get tax receipts from new California residents, who presently pay no taxes until the year after they arrive. Said Brown in his budget message:

"I believe in welcome wagons, but this one resists established taxpayers too much."

In a recent talk on possible reforms in the House of Representatives, Rep. Richard Bolling, Missouri Democrat, spoke in tones that sounded alternately aggressive and defensive.

He wound up his remarks on a strong aggressive note by saying:

"The House can be a creative force in this nation's affairs. But, as he sat down, he added in a stage whisper: "If I live long enough."

Arguing that the necessary first step in rebuilding the Republican Party was to attract fresh young candidates, Sen. Thurston B. Morton, R-Ky., noted:

"I'm just amazed every time I look across the aisle and see those young lads. The Democrats are digging up. And I do mean lads! Why, they couldn't even get into the race tracks in Kentucky!"

## PULTON LEWIS JR. ...

### Youths To Attend Big Red Festival



WASHINGTON — Leaders of the Communist Party, U.S.A., hope to send several hundred delegates to the Ninth World Youth Festival, scheduled for Algiers in August.

More than 15,000 delegates from both sides of the Iron Curtain will be on hand to chant Communist slogans and denounce American imperialism. The festival is sponsored by the International Union of Students and the World Federation of Democratic Youth, both of which are Communist-controlled.

Top American Communists recently met in Moscow to map festival strategy. They learned from the party's bright young organizational secretary, Mortimer Daniel Rubin, that leaders of the W.E.B. DuBois clubs would be recruited for the Algiers bash.

Rubin has warned DuBois Club leaders throughout the country that extraordinary precautions must be taken to prevent the infiltration of the U.S. delegation by anti-Communist youth.

In 1959, it is recalled, a group of spunky young students managed to win places on the U.S. delegation to the Seventh World Youth Festival, at Vienna. The anti-Communist Americans were exposed as "imperialist spies" but turned over voluminous information to the FBI and the House Un-American Activities Committee.

During Congressional hearings that followed, leaders of the American delegation repeatedly invoked the Fifth Amendment when asked about their Communist ties.

Party leaders invoked tight security precautions in 1959, but again anti-Communist students won a few places on the U.S. delegation. And again, anti-Communist students reported back to the FBI and Congress.

The head of the U.S. delegation at the 1962 festival in Helsinki was Michael Myerson, a California leftist. Myerson will again participate in festival planning; he is an official of the W.E.B. DuBois clubs.

Another DuBois club official, Carl Bloice, conferred with party officials in Moscow, D.C., who is the group's publications director, doubles as a reporter for the

West Coast Communist organ, The People's World.

Note: A confidential government report reveals the nature of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs in America—the group that will direct recruiting for the Ninth World Youth Festival.

The report states: "The Communist Party's general secretary, Gus Hall, ordered the formation of a new Marxist youth organization at a party meeting in October, 1952. Hall's orders were implemented when delegates were instructed to attend a conference in Chicago in December, 1952. At this conference, the delegates formulated plans for a national founding convention, to be held in June, 1955. This convention held in San Francisco, the delegates adopted the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America as the name for the new Marxist youth organization and selected San Francisco as the site for its headquarters."

Communist Party members are active at all levels of the DuBois club organization. Many sons and daughters of leading Communist Party members are active in the DuBois clubs; officials and members of other Communist youth groups have been moving into the DuBois clubs. Communist Party members are asked to contribute funds for the DuBois Clubs and for equipment for a Communist youth group has been turned over to the DuBois clubs."

Vice President Hubert Humphrey and Under Secretary of State George Ball last week gave their warm endorsement to the export to Communist Poland of West German machine tools.

They budged with Heriberto Bello, the general manager of German industrial giant, Krupp. They informed Bello that the Administration was willing to spend \$1 million in which several million dollars of precision tools will be shipped to Poland.

The machine tools scheduled for Iron Curtain export have definite military potential, according to the State Department. Translated out of its peculiar code language used by the Communist powers, Peking's reactions have been equally cautious.

## PHIL NEWSOM ...

### Philippines Worried

Notes from the foreign news cables:

Philippines Worried: The Philippines continues to maintain friendly relations with Indonesia but authorities frankly are worried about the extent of Indonesian infiltration of their southern islands. President Diosdado has disclosed plans to increase the country's military strength to the south, blaming Communist infiltration for the move and not naming Indonesia. However, the Defense Department has announced the arrest of a suspected Indonesian spy and there also has been disclosure of alleged Indonesian timetable to annex the Moslem-dominated Mindanao area by 1970. Indonesians are known to have been slipping illegally into the area for several years and now are estimated at about 12,000.

The Rumor Mill: There is evidence that the Soviets quietly have withdrawn several thousand men from their East German force in the last few months, and the movement is continuing. In Berlin the rumor is circulating that the Russians plan to shift some divisions to their eastern border with China.

The Soviets have 23 divisions totaling 200,000 to 400,000 men in East Germany. Western experts say a troop reduction would not effect control of the area nor, in an act of nuclear-missile effect, Russia's strategic position.

Involvement in Viet Nam? Nationalist China set up authority on Communist affairs and a chief adviser to President Chiang Kai-Shek believes that Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin's mission to North Viet Nam failed and that the Soviet Union may be forced to invade

itself in the war in Viet Nam. The authority is Tao Hsi-Sheng who believes that originally Kosygin's mission was "political." However, according to Tao's theory, in the midst of North Vietnamese attacks on American installations and U.S. retaliatory raids, the Russian found it impossible to talk of "peace" and "diplomacy" and therefore switched to talk of strengthening North Vietnamese defenses.



## RALPH de TOLEDANO ...

### Lincoln And Viet Nam Crisis

In April of 1861, Abraham Lincoln—President for just over one month—wrote a two sentence note to the governor of Pennsylvania. "I think the necessity of being ready increases," he said. "Look to it."

These are hardly immortal words in their cadence or their message. But they said for Lincoln what the country had yet to learn—that the day of crisis was rapidly approaching. With-out preparation, crisis could turn into tragedy.

The words are as pertinent today as they were then. Lyndon Johnson is less than a month from the inaugural that must name President in his own right—but we are again at the doors of crisis that can turn into tragedy. And here the parallel ends.

Looking back, as we sometimes do on Lincoln's Birthday, the view of the Great Emancipator is overhung with the mist of history, adulation and the self-serving rhetoric that has not ceased since an assassin's bullet ended his life. Even the phrase, "Great Emancipator," is deceptive in principle but one—without his decision to free the slaves was one born of wartime necessity and delayed as long as it was possible by a man who was ready to compromise principle but one—the preservation of the Union.

A man of heroic indecisions,

## WASHINGTON (NEA)—

Despite Russian and Red Chinese promises of support to North Viet Nam and shouts against "imperialistic" U.S. bombings, the evidence here is:

1. Peking's Mao Tse-tung isn't prepared to get into another Korea in Viet Nam.

2. Moscow's Brezhnev and Kossygin are not ready to jump into a Cuba-type showdown in Asia.

Moscow statements after the raids were milder than Premier Kossygin's speeches beforehand. Translated out of its peculiar code language used by the Communist powers, Peking's reactions have been equally cautious.

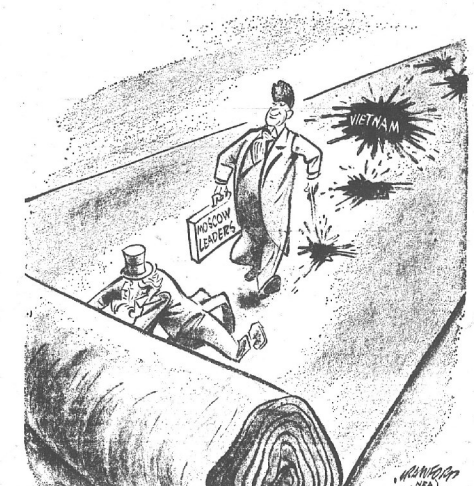
The Russians can't risk getting bogged down in Viet Nam, so far from home logistically. Neither can they risk now an open confrontation with the U.S. militarily in view of defense and economic weaknesses at home.

Nevertheless, reports reaching government analysts here indicate the Communists will step up the war in South Viet Nam.

These step-up decisions were made before the Kossygin visit to Asia—and before the U.S.-South Vietnamese attacks on Dong Hoi and Vinh Liah.

Where do we lack, U.S. government analysts had deduced from the composition of the

## The Red Carpet?



## RAY CROMLEY ...



### Reds Not Spoiling For All-Out Conflict

Neither Red China nor Soviet Russia can afford economically or militarily to commit ground forces to action in South Viet Nam.

The Red Chinese today can't be certain of the safe haven afforded them by the North Vietnamese and the 1950s. Then they had received assurances that China wouldn't be bombed, Peking has received no such assurances in this war. In fact, hints have been dropped to Mao that in case his Chinese do enter the Viet Nam war with Korea-type "volunteers," he can expect bombing raids on mainland China's industrial and military installations, including her nuclear plants in the northwest.

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Kossygin delegation to Hanoi that Moscow was getting ready to give North Viet Nam anti-aircraft weapons and possibly fighter planes.

As in Cuba, the Russians may well put in modern ground-to-air (anti-aircraft) missiles and provide Russian troops to train North Vietnamese in missile use. It is even possible the Russians will temporarily in a some of the anti-aircraft installations around Hanoi.

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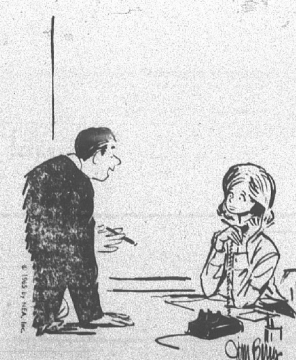
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## BERRY'S WORLD



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