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ENTERPRISE NEWS

USS ENTERPRISE AT SEA (AP) - President Johnson dramatically proposed from the flight deck of the world's largest warship yesterday a meeting at sea in search of peace in Vietnam. In terms of the Navy he served in World War II, Johnson sent a "hail across the seas" to Hanoi: "Now hear this: You force us to fight, but you only have to say the word for our quarrel to be buried beneath the waves."

The President stood in the slanting rays of an early morning sun streaming across the folded wings of fighting planes and spoke in a special Veteran's Day service aboard the nuclear carrier Enterprise as the ship was idling off the California coast near San Diego. Declaring again that "our statesmen will press the search for peace to the corners of the earth," Johnson came up with the fresh thought that "the meeting ground could even be at sea," with the Atlantic Charter of 1941 as a pattern.

"Standing here," he said, "specks between the vastness of ocean and Heaven, men might realize the ultimate smallness of their quarrels. They just might come to see the waste of war amidst this wealth of God and nature. Somehow they might realize the infinity of promise that stretches outward like the sea, could men only settle their differences and be free to explore together. It may only be a dream, but it could be salvation. The United States follows the dream of peace, so we include even the seas in our search. For us, the wardroom could readily be a conference room. A neutral sea would be as good a meeting place as any. So long as two came to the meeting; so long as both met halfway; so long as one did not insist that the other walk on water and work a miracle alone."

The President said these thoughts came upon him aboard the Enterprise because the ship reminded him of the cruiser Augusta, August, 1941, and another time dark with war. Roosevelt and Churchill, he said, met in the wardroom of the Augusta and lit a flame of hope in a charter which held that: There shall be no territorial changes not in accord with the freely expressed wills of the people concerned, and all nations must have the right to dwell in safety within their own boundaries living their lives in freedom from fear and want.

"Nations can meet on the seas to repeat that miracle now," Johnson said, "but if they meet, it must be to build on the two central principles of the Atlantic Charter." The speech was a climactic spot in a whirlwind Presidential tour that was taking Johnson across the continent and back in two days.

From the Enterprise, he went ashore by helicopter, shifted to a jet at North Island Naval Air Station and took off for McConnell APB in Kansas. The last scheduled stop on a visit to installations of all the Armed Forces was at the Coast Guard Station at Yorktown, Virginia, late in the day.

The Public Affairs Office expresses thanks to all personnel who assisted us in handling the needs of the press during the President's visit.

SYRIA, (AP) - Syria demanded Friday an "official explanation" for statements made by King Hussein of Jordan that Arab states must recognize Israel as a "fact of life." The official Syrian Arab News Agency said the Jordanian Ambassador was summoned to the Syrian Foreign Ministry and told that Hussein does not speak for Syria. Syria and Algeria are the most militant of the Arab states and demand that Israel be obliterated.

PASADENA, (UPI) - Surveyor 6, America's sophisticated moon probe, yesterday scanned the lunar surface with a television camera and reported seeing terrain that was "pretty rough, heavily cratered and with few rocks." Beating the odds against success, the 600-pound, three-legged robot settled gently onto the moon's Central Bay after a 65-hour 240,000 mile journey from its launching pad at Cape Kennedy. "Picture quality is excellent," said jubilant scientists at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory here, after ordering onboard television cameras to start the picture-taking sequence. Almost 300 pictures were taken and transmitted during the night to earth stations in California's Mojave Desert, Johannesburg, South Africa and Madrid, Spain.

CAMBODIA, (AP) - The Viet Cong's National Liberation Front this morning handed three American war prisoners over to a representative of an American peace committee.

Two of the American prisoners attended a staged press conference in the party's headquarters here.

The third was reported seriously ill with dysentery.

The two prisoners at the news conference were Sgt. Danile Lee Pitzer of Spring Lake, N. C., a prisoner for four years, and Sgt. James E. Jackson, Jr. of Talcott, W. Va., who was captured in 1965.

A Liberation Front representative said the third American, Sgt. Edward R. Johnson of Seaside, Calif., has been sick with dysentery, but was in the next room.

The prisoners were turned over formally to Tom Hayden, an antiwar activist in several American organizations, and a recent visitor to Hanoi.

WASHINGTON, (AP) - Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield and chief economic adviser Gardner Ackley are both warning that the nation faces inflation next year because of Congressional failure to pass the tax hike. Mansfield said that without the ten per cent income tax surcharge this year, Congress may have to face an even bigger tax hike in 1968 to head off inflation. He said the economic situation is already bad, with rising interest rates, a general price hike of three per cent and a national deficit that threatens to hit \$30 billion. At the same time Ackley said the the tax hike and other fiscal restraints are needed to curb an unhealthy boom that could ultimately end the nation's prosperity. Ackley said he doesn't mean there will be galloping inflation next year.

OHIO, (AP) - A member of the renowned Taft family of Ohio, sixty-year-old broadcasting executive Hulbert Taft, Jr., has been killed in an explosion that demolished a bomb shelter on his estate near Cincinnati. Police did not recover the body until three hours after the explosion. A gardener on the estate said Taft, who was chairman of the Taft Broadcasting Company, had entered the shelter shortly before the blast. But why he went into the shelter is not known. The shelter was in an old house on Taft's estate in Indian Hill, an exclusive Cincinnati suburb. The cause of the explosion was not known.

AUSTIN, Texas, (AP) - Texas Governor John Connally, 50, who twice nominated Lyndon Johnson for President and who was wounded in the gunfire that killed President Kennedy, announced yesterday that he will not seek re-election in 1968.

Connally's decision cleared the way for a free-swinging Governor's race and deprives Mr. Johnson of the help of popular Governors name in the Democratic column of the Texas ballot.

The President's control over the State delegation to the 1968 Democratic convention in Chicago might not be as strong without Connally in charge, but a delegate revolt by Texans is unlikely.

Lieutenant Governor Preston Smith announced his candidacy for Governor weeks ago.

WASHINGTON, (AP) - The nation's police are being urged to consider a wide range of supplemental weapons, including a super water pistol, itching powder and sticky blobs to glue rioters together.

The suggestions are in a report by the Institute for Defense Analysis, which conducted a study for nonlethal weapons for the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration for Justice. Although the commission finished its work last June, the institute report was not completed until Friday.

It contends the night stick is still the law enforcement officer's most effective weapon.

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