

Soviets Part Friends, Dubcek Wins Showdown

BRATISLAVA -- The reform-minded Czechoslovakian government reconciled with the Soviet Union and Saturday announced that "everything is all right."

The Czech and Soviet party leaders, along with leaders of Poland, Hungary and Bulgaria, signed a 10-page declaration amounting to a solid vote of confidence for Alexander Dubcek and his liberal reform government.

Dubcek led the Czech Presidency into a showdown with Soviet leaders, headed by party leader Leonid I. Brezhnev. The last Russian troops withdrew from Czech soil Saturday night, ending the threat of military intervention.

KINSHASA, the Congo -- Almost five years of Congolese leadership ended abruptly Saturday with the overthrow of president Alphonse Massamba-Débat.

A young lieutenant, Augustin Poignet, a tribal brother and minister of the fallen president, is now chief of state. Left wing military elements, led by Captain Marien Ngoussou, took control of the people's national army.

PARIS -- A Yugoslav housemaid was killed when she apparently fell from the wheel well of a jetliner bound for Lisbon.

She was reported trying to get to the United States to join her fiancé. The pilot of the plane said he tried several times to get the wheels into place, probably crushing her.

Her body was found in a garden eight miles from the airport.

LONDON -- A British Cardinal has tried to ease the argument over the recent Papal order on birth control by asking Catholics to try and follow the law—but not despair if they fail to temptation.

John Cardinal Heenan, archbishop of Westminster and head of the hierarchy in England and Wales, defended the Pope's ruling, but at the same time said it would cause hardship to many.

MILAN, Italy -- Twelve died but 83 escaped with their lives when an Alitalia Airlines DC8 jetliner went down in a driving rain and thick fog.

The plane was bound for Montreal from Rome, and crashed six miles from the runway on a pine-covered hill. It burst into flames, but many survivors were able to escape through cracks in the fuselage.

MANILA -- The toll in the Manila earthquake is expected to rise after fresh tremors shook the island.

Rescue workers were still sifting the rubble to find some 250 people believed lost in the wreckage of a five-story apartment house.

The new tremors registered six on a scale of nine.

SAIGON -- American intelligence operations in Vietnam have been perfected, according to a Defense Department spokesman.

This was shown when President Johnson said 30,000 North Vietnamese soldiers had infiltrated the south in July, the spokesman said.

MEXICO CITY -- The earthquake that struck this area has left four dead, and over \$2.4 million of property damaged.

It was the worst quake in eleven years. Hardest hit in the

capital city was a nine-story office building that was left leaning after the tremors. Officials report that the building and several others will have to be torn down because of the potential danger.

Villages in the surrounding countryside were also reported hit hard. One, Pinotepa Nacional, near the center of the quake, had 80 per cent of its buildings destroyed.

SAIGON -- North Vietnamese troops overran American positions in southern North Vietnam, killing or wounding almost all the Americans Saturday.

Fourteen Marines died and 20 others were wounded in the battles south of Da Nang.

MIAMI -- In a story filed Monday, Tass, the Soviet News agency, said the Republican Party platform offered no new alternatives to the war in Vietnam.

Tass said the platform was "full of vague generalities," but offered no new answers.

OTTAWA -- More than two million undelivered pieces of mail have been backlogged due to the two-week postal strike in Canada.

The backlog was increased by the arrival of several ships bringing mail to Canada.

And the news from the bargaining table was not bright as negotiations collapsed and talk of intervention by parliament was circulated.

MEXICO CITY -- Student-police confrontations continued in Mexico City this week as more than 2,000 police and

government troops were called out to face 500 angry demonstrators.

A week and a half ago bloody fighting erupted when government troops were on the University of Mexico Campus clearing rioters. Then Thursday an estimated 85,000 marched in protest of the use of troops.

JERUSALEM -- More than 50 patrons of a Jerusalem night club escaped injury when a bomb exploded in front of a washroom that tore away a roof section.

The cafe had become a meeting place for both Arabs and Jews since the union of the city. Ten Arabs were arrested and held for questioning in the bombing.

JAKARTA -- Indonesia's worst flood in 30 years has claimed 21 lives and left 90,000 homeless, according to the Antara news agency.

The flood ravaged all of Java and part of Sumatra after days of torrential rains sent rivers over their banks.

TAIZHA, Yemen -- The regime of President Qahtan Al Shaabi today appeared in grave danger after the revolt in South Yemen.

MADRID -- The former dictator of Venezuela arrived in Spain this week to take up residence in exile.

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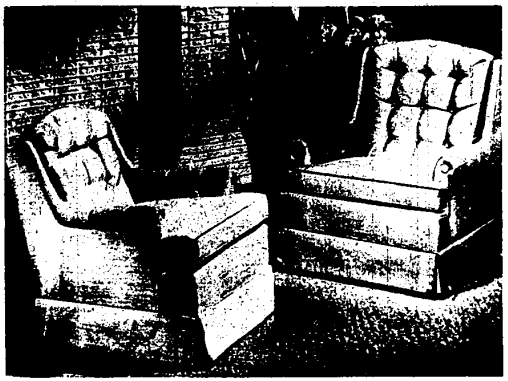
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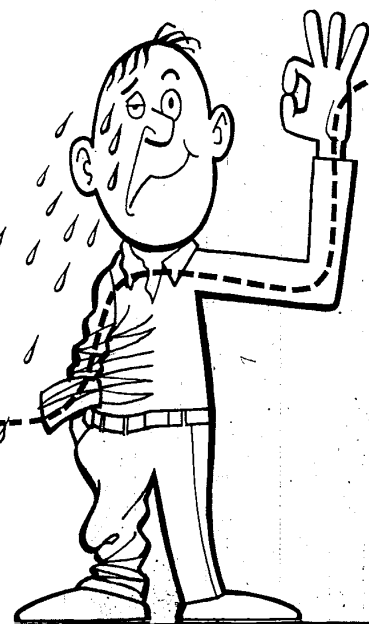
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