

International Banks Move To Save British Pound

LONDON—Central bankers from 12 countries—including France—have agreed to initiate a new insurance scheme to protect Britain from massive speculation against the pound, the Bank of England has announced.

The Bank of England statement gave no indication of the size of the proposed new standby credits for the pound. Some predictions have put the size of the eventual package at \$2 billion to \$2.4 billion, which would cover about a third of Britain's overseas sterling liabilities.

SAIGON—U.S. Marines have killed 201 North Vietnamese soldiers along the eastern end of the demilitarized zone in recent fighting that could presage more big battles along South Vietnam's northern border, according to military spokesmen.

CAPE TOWN, South Africa—Dr. Philip Blaiberg, the world's longest surviving heart transplant patient, has rallied from the worst setback since his operation Jan. 2.

Blaiberg's doctors successfully used a new serum and indicated they no longer plan another heart transplant for him.

PARIS—France has begun a two-month series of nuclear tests on Mururoa atoll in the South Pacific. The test series is expected to culminate with the explosion of France's first hydrogen bomb.

SAIGON—President Nguyen Van Thieu has decided to postpone his state visit to Washington again "to a later date this year" because of information that the Communists are planning a new offensive.

Thieu has proposed to President Johnson that they meet "for a few days somewhere in the Pacific in the forthcoming weeks."

SAIGON -- Viet Cong guerrillas have ambushed four young American jazz musicians and an Army sergeant escort driving near Saigon on an isolated road.

Phil Phillips, 17, and Curt Willis, 18, two members of the "Brandt Perry and the Bubble Machine" quartet, were killed when they tried surrendering with their hands in the air. Two others, 20-year-old singer Paula Levine of North Hollywood, Calif. and a U.S. soldier, were wounded.

"I played dead and that's the only reason I'm alive today," the attractive, dark-haired Miss Levine said at the U.S. Army's 93rd Evacuation Hospital where she was treated for fragment wounds in the back and legs.

The music group had started out late in the day for the Vietnamese coastal resort of Vung Tau, about 45 miles southeast of Saigon, to play for the American troops.

CAIRO, Egypt -- Diplomats in London say Egypt has offered to take back a United Nations peacekeeping force on its soil as part of an Arab-

Israeli settlement, but meanwhile a boost in Egyptian military spending was reported in Cairo.

The report was deemed a hopeful development because Egyptian President Nasser's expulsion of U.N. troops was a major factor in the train of events that led to the six-day Middle East War of June 1967.

GENEVA -- The council of the General Agreement on Tar-

iffs and Trade-GATT has set up a 21-nation working party to examine restrictive trade measures taken by France in recent weeks.

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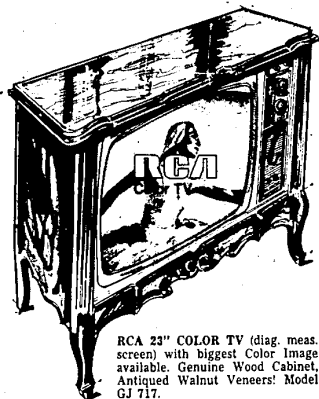


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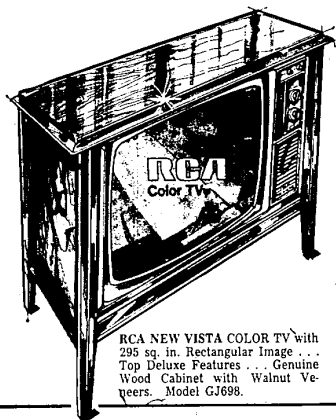
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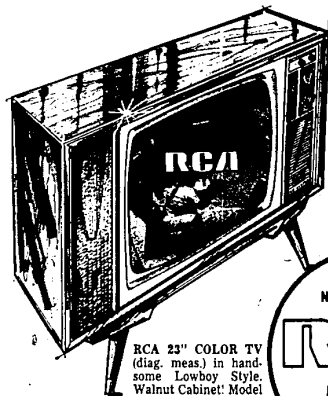
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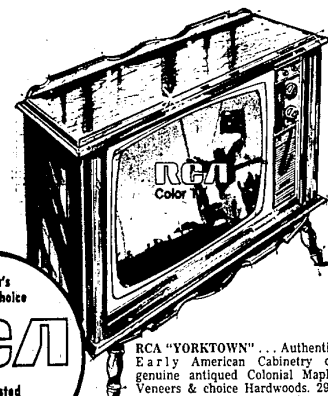
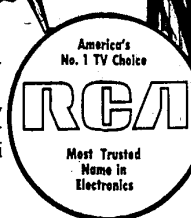
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