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New war plans to stop Hanoi

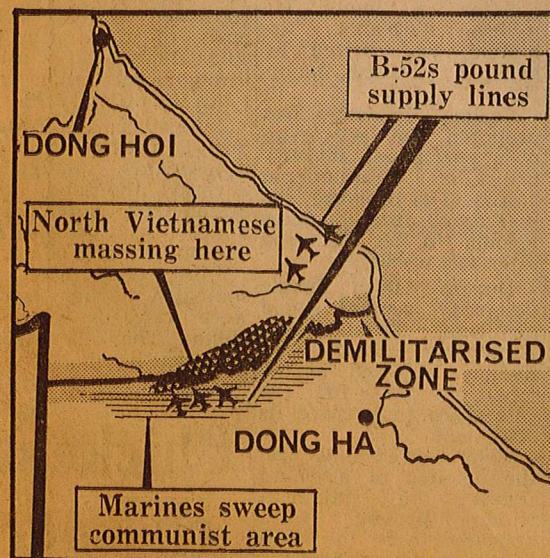
U.S. officers put 4-nation 'block force' scheme

From OUR WORLD CABLE SERVICE: SAIGON, MONDAY

The demilitarised zone of Vietnam—DMZ—has emerged as the focal point of the Vietnam war.

Thousands of North Vietnamese regular troops are massing there in preparation for a huge monsoon offensive next month.

Waves of Guam-based B-52 bombers are flying against them every day, trying to wipe out communist assembly points and supply lines before the monsoon limits the planes' effectiveness.



Two regiments of U.S. marines today fought units from the North Vietnamese 324B division just south of the DMZ.

The zone, created at the 1954 Geneva talks to provide a buffer area across the border between North and South Vietnam, ranges from four to eight miles wide.

It spans the Ben Hai river for the 42 miles between the Laos border and the

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Power cuts called off as strike ends

Power restrictions in Victoria were lifted at midnight after more than 4500 State Electricity Commission workers decided to end their six-day strike.

Strikers at power plants in the Latrobe Valley, Newport and Melbourne, agreed to obey a return-to-work order by Melbourne Trades Hall Council.

But they decided at mass meetings to ban overtime.

Maintenance of power supplies now depends on a conference tomorrow at which SEC officials and union leaders will attempt to agree on the final form of a log of pay and leave claims to be submitted to arbitration.

Failure to agree could result in resumption of the strike which has been inspired by militant shop stewards in defiance of both Melbourne THC disputes committee and leaders of many of the 22 unions involved in the dispute.

An inquest on the strike's causes and implications will be held today by Trades Hall Council executive.

Moderate members are not satisfied that some of the militant unions in-

BANKS GET POLICE GUARD

Detectives guarded 100 of Sydney's 1000 metropolitan banks yesterday under the new plan by the Police Commissioner, Mr Allan, to break the crime wave.

Working to a secret roster, detectives from city and suburban divisions spread themselves in a thin security cordon among the more-vulnerable banks.

Under Mr Allan's plan to beat the bandits, detectives were placed in small banks which lack the armed security men used in the larger banks.

Today the roster will keep rotating and the detectives will move on to other banks they believe require protection.

The NSW Premier, Mr

EXECUTION DEMANDED FOR SUKARNO

JAKARTA, MONDAY
A Jakarta newspaper today demanded that President Sukarno be brought before a firing squad.

He had deserted to the enemy in last year's attempted coup, the militant Moslem daily, Karya Bhakti, said.

"Sukarno has committed desertion by siding with the enemy, not because he was afraid or under threat but because Bung Karno wanted to lead and strengthen the forces of the Indonesian Communist Party," it said.

The newspaper also accused President Sukarno of leading the September 30 Movement at the rebel headquarters in Halim Perdanakusumah air base, south of Jakarta.

It described President Sukarno as one of the leading figures of Lobang Buaya.

Lobang Buaya is the village near the air base where the badly mutilated bodies of Indonesia's six top Army generals — slain by communists — were later discovered.

TRIAL EVIDENCE

An independent Jakarta newspaper, Ampera, said today that President Sukarno would be asked to give written testimony in the trial of Indonesia's former foreign minister, Dr Subandrio.

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Qantas expects to be operating 15 Boeing-747 jumbo jets as well as 10 supersonic aircraft in 1980, the company's chief executive and general manager, Mr C. O. Turner, said in Sydney yesterday.

The 15 jumbo jets — which carry 350 passengers each — would be the equivalent of a fleet of 80 Boeing-707s.

Mr Turner said that, if all went to plan, the estimated figures for the company in 1980 might be too conservative.

Qantas had already ordered 10 supersonics — four Anglo-French Concorde and six American aircraft.

The supersonics would be used for rapid transport. The jumbo jets would be used to carry passengers cheaply or with a high degree of luxury.

EXPANSION

Mr Turner was speaking at Sydney Airport at the first graduation of cadet pilots from the Qantas training scheme.

He told the 21 cadets that by 1980, Qantas was expected to be six times as big as it was today.

"A question that crops up from time to time is that of paying for all these aircraft—the U.S. supersonics will cost between \$30 million and \$40 million each—and the effect these huge payments in American dollars have on our balance of payments," he said.

"In defence, we quote the tremendous benefit of Qantas service to the Australian balance of payments which will rise from about \$50 million

Typhoon deaths up to 300

TOKYO, MONDAY

Deaths in the typhoon which hit Japan at the weekend were officially stated today to be 193, with 123 missing and presumed dead.

The final death toll will be at least 300.

Other official estimates of damage: Fourteen ships were sunk or capsized in Tokyo Bay and on the nearby coast.

More than 600 homes were destroyed or damaged and 14,000 others badly flooded.

The total property damage cannot yet be estimated, but the damage done to the U.S. naval air station 20 miles west of Tokyo was put at about \$5 million.

Fifty villagers were killed when rocks and mud swept down the slopes of Mt Fuji, crushing houses.

It was the worst typhoon disaster in Japan since 1959 when typhoon Kitty killed 5041 people.

WORLD IS HIS OYSTER

A Japanese pearl expert arrived in Sydney yesterday to open a new business.

He is Mr Yoshitaka Mikimoto who employs 1500 highly-trained humans and 20 million oysters in his multi-million dollar business.

Mr Mikimoto will launch Mikimoto Pearls (Australia) Pty Ltd, the tenth company in his world-wide pearl export business.

His cousin already runs a cultured pearl business in Sydney using Australian oysters.

According to Mr Mikimoto, these taste better than the Japanese variety, but don't produce as valuable pearls.

"Japanese oysters are the best," he said. "They have the thickest flesh — the most beautiful colors in the shell. But they cannot grow in Australia. The sea is too different."

It has taken the firm of Mikimoto Pearls just 73 years from the time Mr Kokichi Mikimoto, Mr Mikimoto's grandfather, produced the first cultured pearl to provide Japan with one of its most valuable exports.

A.L.P. CHOICE

Mr John William Andersen, a 43-year-old Melbourne oil company executive, was last night nominated ALP candidate for the seat of Batman vacated by the resignation of Mr S. J. Benson.

Revised Prayer Book plea

The General Synod of the Anglican Church last night voted to encourage the use of a revised Prayer Book in Australian churches during the next three years.

But any decision to use the new version of Anglican services must come first from parishioners.

Section Four of the church's constitution states that any request to alter the form of services must be referred to the bishop of the diocese by a majority vote of a special meeting of parishioners.

The Coadjutor bishop of Melbourne, Dr Felix Arnott, who introduced the debate on the revised Prayer Book at the Synod meeting in Sydney, said the draft was flexible and relevant to modern needs.

"What suited our grandfathers does, not suit our children," he said.

"Significantly opposition to the proposed drafts comes from the noncommitted literate or old men beyond my age."

The motion, passed almost unanimously by the Synod, says that revision of the Anglican Prayer Book should proceed in stages — the first stage should be to encourage use of the new draft in parishes where a meeting of parishioners had requested it.

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If you want to start the day right — have breakfast with a bishop ...

I BROKE a life-long habit and got up at the ungodly hour of 6.30 am yesterday — to have breakfast with a swinging, non-stop bishop.

Over porridge, bacon and eggs and toast and marmalade we talked about secularism and ecumenism, the business of publishing, and the business of selling Christianity in a secularist age.

The Right Reverend Ronald Clive Kerle, Anglican Bishop of Armidale, is a remarkable man—a dedicated dynamo with a deceptively quiet personality.

At 50 he has the resilience and enthusiasm and outlook of a man 20 years younger. And at the moment he is a man with a mission.

Bishop Kerle—married, one daughter, one son; hobbies, golf and reading—is president of a new association formed to publish an inter-denominational, non-profit, monthly magazine called *Together*. "It's a good New Testament word and it suggests what we want."



He was in Canberra for talks about the venture with Roman Catholic leaders (on Sunday night he announced the new monthly magazine at a meeting in Sydney; tomorrow he will be in Brisbane).

We met at the home of the Archdeacon of Canberra, the Venerable Frederick Milton Hill.

"We think the climate is ripe for a venture of this sort," he said as we got down to the porridge.

"Thoughtful Christians want to know if the church has a point of view on public affairs and what that point of view is or should be."

Did he agree that the ecumenical movement was coming from the bottom rather than the top . . . that ordinary people might think the challenge facing Christianity more important than theological bickering?

"Yes . . . more people are interested today in what the churches are saying and doing. The ecumenical movement will go from strength to strength, although I don't think—as some people do—that it will eventually narrow down the number of denominations."

Pause for the bacon and eggs. The sunshine streaming through the window reminds the bishop of outback sunrises and black, fertile soil—when it rains.

With a diocese of thousands of square miles in New England and north-west New South Wales he must do a lot of travelling?

"I fly a lot, but when I have to travel to Brisbane or



BISHOP KERLE

Sydney—Armidale is about the same distance from each city—I go by car.

"It's a lot slower, but it saves a lot on the air fare. Last year I drove more than 45,000 miles."

The outspoken bishop — two years ago he campaigned against legalised off-course betting; earlier this year he had some harsh things to say about the plight of the Aborigines in his territory—took and buttered a slice of toast.

"I didn't eat at all yesterday on doctor's orders. Some of us went down with food poisoning at the General Synod in Sydney," he said.



And skilfully steered the conversation back to the mechanics and aims of the *Together* Publishing Association.

"We intend to cover ecumenical news, carry a regular Life magazine-style essay on theology and report various points of view, emphasising the lines we think are right."

"The editor will have all the freedom he wants, except where articles are theologically controversial. Then a board of three people will give him the necessary authority to re-write or withdraw them."

"We are aiming at a circulation of 4000 for the first issue, which will be of 24 pages, and will be available throughout Australia . . ."

The Right Reverend Ronald Clive Kerle finished his cup of tea, refused a second on the grounds that he hadn't got the time, and left me with the distinct impression that here was a bishop who is — and intends to remain — several

moves ahead of most people . . .

The drought in NSW is affecting attendances at country churches and out of the small north-western town of Boggabri comes this story:

On a recent Sunday only one person, a man, arrived at church for the service. Dismayed, but determined, the minister greeted his parishioner and then commenced the service.

First, prayers were said and they were followed by the first hymn and the first lesson. After this came the second hymn and another lesson.

Still unperturbed by the lack of numbers the minister continued and took up the collection, then followed up with the third hymn. The 45-minute service ended with the benediction.

The minister then strode quickly to the church door to farewell the lone parishioner. As he shook his hand he inquired: "Well, George, what are you planning to do this afternoon?"

"At the moment," replied George, "I still have 45 cows left on the property so I will have to load the truck with hay and go out and feed them."

"But I tell you this, if only one cow saunters up for some feed I'm not going to toss off the whole damn lot!"

The ABC has gone past the PMG at last to make its first stereo recording with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra in great secrecy at its new studios in Malvern, a Melbourne suburb.

Previously the ABC has always made its symphony orchestral recordings in Sydney—but through the PMG. Now that it's broken away from the PMG—which did a good job—but which could not expect its telephone experts to have quite the finesse of stereo equipment, it can go ahead to bigger and better things with its recordings.

For the first secret recording—to be released in the middle of next month—that expensive stereo has produced a 12" album with Dorian le Gallienne's beautiful symphonetta, a work in three movements, on one side, and Peter Sculthorpe's *Sun Music* and *Irkanda IV*, written for solo violin, strings and percussion, on the other.

The leader is Leonard Donnet. John Hopkins is the conductor.

So ABC is moving out into the big music world at last, using our own artists, composers, soloists and conductors. This first record will be released overseas to England, America and Russia. Fame indeed!