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THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRIME MINISTER HAS PREDICTED THAT NORTH VIETNAM WILL ACCEPT DEFEAT WITHIN TWO OR THREE YEARS.

PRESIDENT SUKARNO SAYS THAT MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA WILL NOT EXCHANGE AMBASSADORS FOR SOME TIME.

THERE HAS BEEN A BIG PARADE IN EAST BERLIN TO MARK THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BERLIN WALL.

THE RUSSIANS ARE EXPELLING AN ISRAEL DIPLOMAT.

Chinese communist leaders have decided to press on with the purge which has already led to the dismissal of several top men. The decision was taken at the first meeting of the Communist Party Central Committee for four years. Mao Tse Tung presided at the twelve-day session, after which the Chinese leaders announced a four-point clean-up, in politics, ideology, organisation and economic life, and said it must be carried through to the end. Their statement also speaks of an all-round leap forwards in China's development. The Chinese leaders say that no compromise is possible with the Russians, whom they describe as "scabs" working hand in hand with the American "paper tigers," and they declare they can't accept any joint action with the Russians against the Americans in Vietnam.

The Prime Minister of South Vietnam has predicted that if his country continues its present progress, North Vietnam would accept defeat within the next two or three years. The Air Marshall, back in Saigon after a visit to the Phillipines, repeated that a partial withdrawal of United States troops should be possible then. In Manilla, he and the president of the Phillipines issued a communique saying they would defend freedom against communist aggression.

Cambodia has cancelled a visit next month by the American envoy Mr. Harriman, whom President Johnson has given the job of co-ordinating the Vietnam peace effort. The Cambodian head of State said the American apology over the bombing of a frontier village last week is unsatisfactory. He complained that the Americans are using maps which show some Cambodian villages as being part of Vietnam.

In North Vietnam, two Mig fighters attacked American aircraft during a raid about sixty miles north-west of Hanoi. The American planes were circling over one of their aircraft which had been shot down when the Migs arrived on the scene. An American spokesman said that the Migs broke off the engagement after they had been damaged. He said that one of the American aircraft was 'slightly damaged'.

The United States has rejected charges by the Soviet Union that a Russian merchant ship in the North Vietnamese port of Haipong was damaged by American aircraft. The United States Ambassador in Moscow told the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister that if the Russian ship was damaged it must have been hit by shrapnel from North Vietnamese anti-aircraft fire.

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President Sukarno of Indonesia has said that the exchange of ambassadors between his country and Malaysia would be delayed. In a surprise statement two days after the signing of a peace agreement between Malaysia and Indonesia President Sukarno said that diplomats would be appointed only after the people of the Malaysian Borneo ~~states~~ states had been given a chance to re-affirm their wish to remain in Malaysia at the coming general election. Thousands of Malaysians cheered and waved when the Indonesian Foreign Minister left Kuala Lumpur after a 24 hour visit to Malaysia.

The three Western Commandants in Berlin have criticised the demonstration held in East Berlin to celebrate the building of the Berlin Wall five years ago. They call it a flagrant violation of the Four Power Agreement, and say there is no possible reason to celebrate an action which divides a city, separates families, and has cost the lives of many Berliners. Steel-helmeted East German militiamen marched through the Eastern Sector of the city chanting communist slogans, and the East German Communist Leader, Herr Ulbricht, said that the Berlin Wall had prevented a war by ending Western schemes to abolish communism in East Germany. He suggested that the West German government should offer his regime a long-term loan as a token of good-will. In West Berlin, wreaths were laid at memorials to those people killed while trying to escape across the wall.

The Soviet Union has accused an Israel diplomat of spying, and has ordered him to leave the country. Israel has denied the charges against the diplomat. ■

In London, police have appealed for help in finding a car in which a gang fled after shooting in which three policemen were killed. Descriptions have also been issued of three men the police want to interview. The Home Secretary has visited the police station which is directing a massive man-hunt for the killers. He was greeted by cries of "Bring back Hanging" from bystanders.

In Jakarta, Indonesian marines fired their sten guns into a rioting crowd at a football match killing an Army major and wounding many other people. Women and children were trampled underfoot, as about forty thousand spectators scattered for the exits. The marines opened fire after fighting between players on the field spread to the crowd.

In South Africa, police say that more than 1000 Africans have been detained in a raid on a township in Johannesburg. They say that firearms and stolen goods were seized, and that most of the detained would appear in court next week. It was the fourth in a series of police raids to clear Johannesburg of vagrants and criminals.

Mexican police have arrested 33 people on charges of subversive activities. Machine guns and other weapons were seized. The police say that some of the people arrested had been in radio contact with organisations in Cuba.

In the Commonwealth Games, Australian swimmers have broken three more world records. They set new times in the Men's Medley Relay, The Men's 110 yard Breast Stroke, and the Women's 440 yard Freestyle. With only ten athletic events to be decided, England has won thirty one gold medals. Australia has twenty gold medals, and Canada has thirteen. Other gold medal winners are: New Zealand - 7, Ghana, ~~RM~~ Pakistan, and Trinidad and Tobago - 4 each, Nigeria, India and Kenya 3 each, Malaya - 2.

Three Chinese atomic scientists have been invited to attend an international physics conference in the United States next month. The American chairman of the conference said the invitations were sent two weeks ago in view of the new American policy aimed at encouraging some cultural exchange with the mainland of China. So far, no reply has been received.