

VIET NAM

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*seems to be*

The air war over Communist North Viet Nam ~~X~~ increasing in tempo. ~~with every passing day~~. American flyers today reporting another swarm of Soviet-built Mig-Seventeens -- attempting to block a U.S. <sup>air</sup> strike at the Communist heartland.

After a series of dogfights -- for the Fourth consecutive day -- mission eventually accomplished. But at a cost of two more American planes -- victims of North Viet Nam's growing air defenses.

A third American jet -- an Air Force reconnaissance plane -- later downed by the enemy deep in Communist territory; near Dien Bien Phu -- that historic French battlefield. Luckily though -- its two crewmen quickly retrieved in a daring helicopter rescue.

## SAIGON

Back in Saigon -- a prediction today from U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge -- that there may never be a negotiated peace in Viet Nam. Rather that the war -- in his own words -- "just might fade out."

The forecast -- said Lodge -- based on fact one -- that the Communists are losing the "purely military war;" two, that the government of South Viet Nam -- is now finally moving toward a Constitutional democracy; and three, that Red China has as yet shown no sign -- of wanting to enter the war.

In view of these conditions -- said Lodge -- ~~the~~<sup>the</sup> war may be over before we know it. The fighting simply ending -- as it did in Malaysia and the Philippines. Past experience in Asia having shown -- said Lodge -- that the Communists "don't even admit they were in a war -- let alone that they got defeated at it."

## RANCH FOLLOW HAIGON

Here at home -- a special ceremony today at the LBJ Ranch. President Johnson presenting the Congressional Medal of Honor -- to Marine Sergeant Robert O'Malley of New York City. At Twenty-Three -- the first Marine to win the nation's highest award for bravery -- while fighting in Viet Nam.

The President also taking the occasion -- to lecture anti-war demonstrators. Asserting that U.S. servicemen in Viet Nam -- are fighting for "a good cause." "A cause" -- said he -- "which deserves not only the bravery of our soldiers -- but the fortitude of our citizens."

Fortunately -- said the President -- "we have both in good supply." This fact -- said he -- far <sup>outweighing the</sup> ~~outweighing the~~ actions of those "who exercise so well the right of dissent; but let others fight to protect them" -- from those whose very philosophy is to do away with the right of dissent."

**ADD RANCH**

A later report: The President this afternoon disclosing that he will ask Congress -- for an additional Nine-to-Ten Billion next year. The money needed -- said he -- to pay for ~~the~~ mounting costs of the war in Viet Nam.

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## MIAMI BEACH FOLLOW RANCH

A related item -- from Miami Beach, Florida, where Dr. Author S. Flemming -- Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare under President Eisenhower -- today was elected president of the National Council of Churches.

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## NABLUS

Border tension in the Middle East -- again at fever pitch today. Jordan's king Hussein ordering a house-to-house search -- in the walled city of Nablus; attempting to round up hidden arms -- reportedly smuggled in by Palestinian gun runners.

The weapons --theoretically - - for defense against the possibility of another Israeli raid on Nablus; such as that of last month -- which set off the present crisis. However, the guns have fallen into the hands -- of anti-government forces; setting off a wave of shootings -- which have killed at least Eight and wounded Twenty-Five in the last few days.

## MOSCOW

In Moscow -- a strong American note delivered today to the Kremlin. The U.S. protesting what it called the "impermissible treatment" -- of a naturalized American citizen. Said citizen being Vladimir Kazan-Komarek -- that American travel agent who was recently hijacked by Czech police from a Soviet airliner.

The note further rejecting Russia's claim -- that it is no longer responsible for what happens to Kazan-Komarek. Demanding that Russia take immediate steps -- to free the Czech captive.

## KREMLIN

Also in Moscow -- ceremonies today at the Kremlin; commemorating the Twenty-Fifth anniversary -- of the World War Two "Battle of Moscow."

The occasion marred, however, by a top Soviet Communist Party Leader -- who made a speech accusing Red China of trying to foment a new world war. Whereupon two Chinese diplomats in attendance -- immediately walked out:

This the third Chinese walkout from an official Soviet function -- in less than a month.

## LONDON

The London stock market -- hard-hit today; by Britian's reluctant decision -- to call for United Nations sanctions against Rhodesia.

Chief market losses -- in tobacco, copper and other Rhodesian commodities. Also a brief run -- on the pound sterling. Apparently on the assumption that what's bad for Rhodesia -- may be equally bad for Britian's own crippled economy.

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## ST. LOUIS

From St. Louis -- the story today of a gallant Catholic nun; who will be buried tomorrow -- in a rare military ceremony.

Sister Mary Catherine Coleman -- a member of the Daughters of Charity; who served as a battlefield nurse in World War One -- and later at an evacuation hospital in Genoa, Italy, ~~who~~ died Monday at the age of Eighty-Seven -- with her final request that she be granted a full military funeral.

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## TREASURE

Twenty-Five years ago this evening -- Japanese marauders  
*what FDR called*  
laid the groundwork for a day that will live in infamy; Pearl  
Harbor Day -- Nineteen-Forty-One.

A quarter-of-a-century later -- soldiers of fortune from many  
nations are still following the footsteps of the Japanese  
conquerors. Pursuing a seemingly endless search -- for buried  
treasure; according to legend -- the hidden plunder of an empire.

Year after year -- they come to the Philippines -- looking for  
the "Lost Millions of Mindanao" -- or the buried loot of Luzon.  
To Borneo -- in search of diamonds said to be buried by the  
trunkful. To Malaya -- in search of the legendary "Treasure of  
Yamashita." Yamashita -- you may recall -- the Japanese general  
who allegedly absconded with the Malayan crown jewels.

Most of the treasure-hunters' armed with maps -- often  
purchased at great expense. Many of them equipped with special  
electronic searching devices -- some with heavy excavating  
equipment. And for every one who digs in the earth -- there's  
another in search of millions of pesos in Filipino silver --

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supposedly buried at the bottom of Manila Bay; or someone who seeks the legendary "submarine of gold" -- said to have <sup>been</sup> sunk by the Japanese as it tried to escape the Philippines.

To set the record straight -- the Malayan crown jewels are still in Malaya; the silver pesos supposedly at the bottom of Manila Bay -- have all long since been recovered; the submarine filled with gold -- though real -- was not sunk -- but rather made it safely to Australia. And of all the treasure maps currently in circulation -- as far as is known, not one is worth the paper it's printed on.

# RETAKE

## LEOPOLD AND HEINRICH HARRER

Ex-King Leopold of Belgium flew off today from the new Park Avenue Pan American heliport; on his way home from another expedition. This time he and Heinrich Harrer, famed mountaineer, have been in South America, -- in Surinam, formerly Dutch Guiana.

The tall, blond, soft-spoken ex-king, and Henry Harrer of "Seven Years in Tibet" fame, tackled a spectacular mountain four hundred miles south of Pernambuco -- a mountain reported to be impossible to climb because the face is sheer and as smooth as glass, with almost no hand holds or niches in which to put your toes. But the ex-king and Harrer are veteran mountaineers, and by using pitons they made the ascent.

King Leopold shares his famous father's enthusiasm for mountain climbing. King Albert of course, was well known as a climber -- mainly in the Dolomites.

The peak King Leopold and Harrer scaled in Surinam is called Kassi Kassima. It's in a region inhabited by the Trio Indians

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and also by others that so far have avoided contact with civilization. They simply melt into the jungle.

Harrer, known the world around for his best seller, "Seven Years in Tibet", escaped from a prison camp in India during World War II, fled across the Himalayas to Lhasa, where finally he became a tutor to the young Dalai Lama.

Since leaving Tibet, at the time of the Chinese Red invasion, he has been on many other expeditions and has scaled some fifty unclimbed mountains in Alaska, the Andes, and unexplored parts of the great island of New Guinea. His most recent book was entitled: "I Came From the Stone Age".

Before Leopold joined him, Harrer had spent several months in Amazonia, far up the Xingu River, filming the primitive peoples who are still unspoiled by contact with White man -- the country where Colonel Fawcett and his son ~~1~~ vanished years ago.

As a young man Harrer first gained fame for a climb in The Alps, when he was the first to conquer that sheer wall called The

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North Wall of the Eiger that has taken some thirty lives.

King Leopold incidentally, ~~and~~<sup>he</sup> had an adventure with just about the largest of all reptiles, a huge Anaconda -- a snake some twenty feet long and a foot and a half in diameter <sup>that the King</sup> ~~which~~ killed.

~~Harrer leaves today for his home in Kitzbühl, Austria. Both were the guests of Lowell Thomas while in New York.~~

## LAS VEGAS

A study in contrasts this week -- at Las Vegas, Nevada; home of wide-open gambling -- topless showgirls -- and round-the-clock drinking. Las Vegas host this week -- to the Forty-Eighth annual convention of the American Farm Federation.

Hundreds of farmer-delegates who are still plain, country folk; who prefer to gamble on the sun, the rain and the market -- rather than on slot machines, roulette and craps.

As one farm couple put it: "We came to Las Vegas with the Ten Commandments in one hand -- and Fifty Dollars in the other -- and we haven't broken either yet."