

VIETNAM

Mon. Feb. 26-'68.

HERE AT HOME - IN SOUTHEAST ASIA - AROUND THE  
WORLD - WAR IN VIETNAM CONTINUES TO DOMINATE THE NEWS TONIGHT.

AT THE TEXAS WHITE HOUSE - PRESIDENT JOHNSON  
STRIKING BACK AT CERTAIN WAR CRITICS, ~~HE~~ QUOTED AS SAYING  
HE IS "FULLY SATISFIED" // THAT THOSE NORTH VIETNAMESE ATTACKS  
ON U S DESTROYERS IN THE GULF OF TONKIN WERE UNPROVOKED. ALSO  
THAT CONGRESS WAS PRESENTED <sup>the</sup> FULL FACTS IN THE CASE - WHEN IT  
AUTHORIZED "ALL NECESSARY MEASURES" TO REPEL ASIAN AGGRESSION.

AT THE SAME TIME - IN WASHINGTON - SECRETARY  
OF STATE DEAN RUSK WAS BRUSHING ASIDE A PROPOSAL FROM SENATOR  
FULBRIGHT, CALLING FOR A FULL SCALE CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW -  
OF THE "VALIDITY OF OUR COMMITMENT IN VIETNAM." DEAN RUSK  
ASSERTING THAT U S WAR POLICY - HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO  
"CAREFUL AND CONTINUING REEXAMINATION - AT ALL STAGES OF THE  
FIGHTING." LEADING TO THE PRESENT COURSE - WHICH IS - "MIDWAY  
BETWEEN A LARGER WAR AND ABANDONMENT OF OUR COMMITMENT,"  
SAID HE.

WHILE IN BANGKOK - ENROUTE HOME FROM VIETNAM -  
GENERAL EARL WHEELER WAS REPORTING THAT THE ~~THE~~ VIET CONG  
~~THE~~ SUFFERED ENORMOUS LOSSES - IN THEIR RECENT TET OFFENSIVE.

ADDING, HOWEVER, THAT THE ENEMY STILL HAS "SUBSTANTIAL  
UNCOMMITTED FORCES" AND PROBABLY STILL PLANS TO USE THEM  
IN ANOTHER MAJOR OFFENSIVE.

KHE SANH FOLLOW VIETNAM

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UNDERSCORING GENERAL WHEELER'S REMARKS ANOTHER  
BLOODY CLASH TODAY NEAR KHE SANH ON THE FIGHTING FRONT. WITH  
A FORCE OF ABOUT TWO HUNDRED VIET CONG - AMBUSHING AND BADLY  
MAULING A U S MARINE PATROL. FIRST REPORTS INDICATING THAT  
LESS THAN HALF THE LEATHERNECKS - MADE IT BACK TO BASE.

ADDITIONAL NEW FIGHTING IN SAIGON - ALSO IN THE  
MEKONG DELTA. COUPLED WITH NEWS OF A STRIKE BY NORTH VIETNAMESE  
TROOPS - DEEP INTO NEIGHBORING LAOS.

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U S REACTION - PERHAPS BEST SUMMED UP IN SAIGON;  
WHERE THE AMERICAN COMMAND SAID TODAY - THAT U S BOMBING RAIDS  
ON NORTH VIETNAM WILL BE INTENSIFIED IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS *& this*  
INCLUDES <sup>2</sup>TARGETS - PREVIOUSLY 'OFF LIMITS' TO AMERICAN  
BOMBERS. AS ONE OFFICER PUT IT: "WE TRIED TO BE NICE -  
AND IT DIDN'T WORK."

HAMBURG

MORE ON THE WAR - FROM LONDON; WHERE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY GEORGE BROWN - TODAY STRONGLY DEFENDED U S POLICY IN VIETNAM. BLAMING HANOI - FOR FAILURE TO NEGOTIATE. BROWN ASSERTING: TALKS COULD BEGIN THE MOMENT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE MAKE IT CLEAR - THAT THEY ARE READY TO COME TO THE ~~SEA~~ TABLE."

MEANWHILE, AT HAMBURG, GERMANY, PUBLICATION TODAY OF AN INTERVIEW WITH FRENCH GENERAL RENE COGNY, <sup>9</sup> THE MAN WHO PLANNED FRENCH DEFENSES - AT ILL FATED DIEN BIEN PHU. GENERAL COGNY SAYING HE IS CONVINCED - THAT AMERICAN TROOPS CAN WIN AT KHE SANH. ADDING THAT U S FORCES - ARE INCOMPARABLY STRONGER THAN WERE THE FRENCH. "WE DID NOT HAVE THIS ANNIHILATING AIR FORCE - NOT EVEN <sup>one</sup> HELICOPTER" - SAID HE.

BUDAPEST

~~AT THE SAME TIME~~ IN BUDAPEST - FIRST SESSION  
TODAY OF A WORLD COMMUNIST SUMMIT MEETING; CALLED ORIGINALLY  
BY THE ~~NEW~~ RUSSIANS IN HOPES OF DENOUNCING RED CHINA; BUT  
TURNING QUICKLY - ALMOST INEVITABLY - TO VIET NAM.

IN FACT, FIRST NEWS FROM THE MEETING - TELLING  
OF A CABLE FROM NORTH VIETNAMESE PRESIDENT HO CHI MINH,  
APPEALING FOR ALL SIXTY FOUR NATIONS IN ATTENDANCE - TO MOUNT  
AN ALL OUT FIGHT AGAINST - QUOTE - AMERICAN AGGRESSION - UNQUOTE  
IN VIETNAM.

UNITED NATIONS

AT THE UNITED NATIONS - APPARENT SIGNS TODAY

*a new tack in the*  
OF ~~STILL ANOTHER~~ MID EAST, ~~DEAD END~~. WITH U N ~~SECRETARY~~ SECRETARY  
GENERAL U THANT SUMMONING BACK TO NEW YORK - SPECIAL MIDDLE EAST  
PEACE ENVOY GUNNAR JARRING. PURPOSE - WE ARE TOLD - TO DISCUSS  
PROSPECTS FOR SOME NEW WAY TO RESOLVE THAT CONTINUING ARAB-  
ISRAELI IMPASSE.

SENATE

IN THE SENATE - A NEW LIFE TODAY FOR PENDING  
CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION ~~AND~~ DESPITE A SECOND FAILURE TO  
SHUT OFF DEBATE - AND THEREBY FORCE A VOTE ON THE ISSUE.

INSTEAD OF SHELVING THE BILL - AS HE WOULD  
NORMALLY - SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MIKE MANSFIELD AGREEING  
TO KEEP THE MEASURE ALIVE; ON ADVICE FROM TOP REPUBLICANS  
- ~~HE~~ WHO SAID THERE IS REAL HOPE OF A COMPROMISE BEFORE THE  
WEEK IS OUT; INCLUDING - HOPEFULLY - AN OPEN HOUSING PROVISION  
IN SOME FORM.

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PANAMA

SOUTH OF THE BORDER - DOWN PANAMA WAY - A GREEN LIGHT AGAIN FOR CANAL SHIPPING. SALVAGE WORKERS TODAY REFLOATING THAT ~~XXXX~~ JAPANESE ORE SHIP THE SHOZAN MARU - WHICH HAD SUNK EARLIER IN THE CANAL'S MAIN CHANNEL. CLEARING THE WAY FOR A LINEUP OF EIGHTY-FOUR SHIPS - WAITING TO RESUME PASSAGE BETWEEN THE PACIFIC AND THE GULF OF MEXICO.

ALL IN ALL - AN AMAZING RECOVERY. EVEN SO - THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE PANAMA CANAL HAS EVER BEEN BLOCKED; AND A SPECIAL BOARD OF INQUIRY HAS BEEN CALLED FOR TOMORROW - TO TRY TO FIND OUT WHY.



MOSCOW

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Man versus machine. THE STORY TODAY FROM  
MOSCOW: REPORTING RESULTS OF A FOUR MONTH CHESS DUEL -  
BETWEEN A GIANT COMPUTER AND A TEAM OF EIGHTY RUSSIAN  
CHESS EXPERTS. AFTER NINETEEN MOVES - THE COMPUTER  
THROWING IN THE TOWEL. MAN WINS AGAIN!

ALL OF WHICH CALLS TO MIND A COMMENT NOT  
SO LONG AGO - FROM DIRECTOR IDA RHODES OF THE NATIONAL  
BUREAU <sup>of</sup> STANDARDS - WHO SAID: "THE MORE WE WORK WITH  
ELECTRONIC MACHINES - THE MORE AWE WE FEEL ABOUT THE  
MARVELOUS WORKINGS OF THE HUMAN MIND. WE CALL IT ADAM".  
SHE WENT ON; THE LETTERS STANDING FOR - "ABSOLUTELY  
DIVINE AUTOMATIC MACHINE." Now Adam - I  
mean Warren -

LONDON

IN THE BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS - ANOTHER FERVENT  
PLEA FOR THE RELEASE OF AGING RUDOLF HESS; LAST OF THE NAZI  
WAR CRIMINALS - STILL CONFUSED TO THAT FOUR POWER SPANDAU  
PRISON. RUDOLF HESS, THE MAN WHO TRIED TO END THE WAR WHEN  
HE FLEW TO SCOTLAND.

THE ISSUE COMING ONCE MORE TO THE FORE - WITH  
PUBLICATION OF AA GOVERNMENT REPORT, SETTING AT MORE THAN  
FOURTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS - BRITAIN'S SHARE OF THE ANNUAL  
COST OF RUNNING SPANDAU FOR ONE LONG PRISONER. GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIALS FURTHER EXPLAINING IT HAD BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO RELEASE  
HESS - BECAUSE RUSSIA VETOED IT.

THIS PROMPTING A REPLY - FROM LABORITE BACKBENCHER  
REGINALD PAGET; WHO NOTED THAT HESS "CAME TO BRITAIN IN NINETEEN  
FORTY-ONE - TO TRY TO MAKE PEACE." SUGGESTING THEREFORE, IF  
WE CAN'T LET HIM GO LEGALLY THEN THE FOURTEEN THOUSAND A YEAR  
MIGHT BE "BETTER SPENT ARRANGING FOR HIS ESCAPE."