

VIET NAM

L.T. Quick, Fisher. Thurs, July 7, 1966.

Navy jet bombers continued their air strikes against North Viet Nam's oil depots, scoring direct hits on one just two miles from the port city of Haiphong. Pilots reported that smoke rose twenty thousand feet out of a giant fireball over the fuel depot on the Cua Cam River. One American plane was shot down but the pilot was rescued. Two Soviet-made Mig fighters fired missiles at the U S planes, and American officials said it was the first enemy use of air to air guided missiles. But they scored no hits.

One hundred fifteen Americans were killed in action during the week ~~dx~~ ending July Second - bringing to ~~four-thousand-one-hundred-twenty-nine~~ the total of U. S. combat deaths since the war began.

The Communists Warsaw Pact nations - still meeting in Bucharest -- today denounced what they called U S aggression -- and said they would send volunteers to North Viet Nam if Hanoi asked for them. In Washington,

*the State Department said there is nothing "essentially new" in the declaration, because the eastern European Communist nations have issued the same statements in the past.*

*President Johnson discussed the Vietnamese situation with Defense Secretary McNamara at the L <sup>D</sup> J Ranch today. And later, <sup>See,</sup> McNamara left for Los Angeles, ~~the plane~~ on a flight to Honolulu for a conference with military officials.*

WILSON

*In London, it was announced that Prime Minister Wilson will urge Russia to join Britain in a new Viet Nam peace drive when he goes to Moscow on July sixteenth, prior to flying to Washington for talks with President Johnson.*

**DRAFT**

*The Pentagon announced today that the military draft quota for July and August will be increased because of an insufficient number of voluntary enlistments. The July quota will be more than twenty-eight thousand - September, thirty-one thousand, the largest draft call since last May.*

*A new policy also announced, that will allow "sole surviving sons" to obtain discharges from active military duty in Viet Nam in cases of family hardship. But the policy would not apply<sup>4</sup> in time ~~for~~ of war or national emergency declared by Congress."*

## GENEVA

*At Geneva, the United States accused Russia of trying to conceal an active program of underground nuclear tests. Charges and counter-charges flew between U S Ambassador William Foster and his Soviet counterpart, Alexei Roshchin in a heated session at the Geneva Disarmament Conference. The Russians claimed that the United States is deliberately ~~block~~ blocking an agreement on banning underground tests.*

**SHELEPIN**

**The Kremlin's top trouble-shooter -- Alexander Shelepin - has been named administrator of a broad new economic program, aimed at raising the Soviet standard of living. The program will be formally adopted on August second, when Premier Kosygin is scheduled to <sup>present</sup> a new five year economic plan to the Soviet Parliament.**

## BABIES

*An English-language newspaper in Dacca, East Pakistan, says that nine babies were born to a woman in the village of Punkarat this week - but that all of the infants died. A correspondent for the paper says the "fact of the nine births were vouched for by eyewitnesses."*

*A local doctor is quoted as saying - "if this case is correct, it would be the only one of its kind in recorded medical history."*

## MALAWI

*President Hastings Banda has pledged that the new Republic of Malawi will follow a course of what he calls "selective non-alignment, favoring neither East nor West - ~~not~~ north nor south." Banda also said his country will be a member of the thirty-six nation organization of African Unity. Malawi became a Republic within the British Commonwealth last Tuesday.*



## AIRLINES

A nationwide strike against five major airlines is scheduled to begin tomorrow morning at six o'clock Eastern Daylight time. Negotiations with the machinists union were broken off this afternoon, and Assistant Labor Secretary Reynolds said the talks would remain recessed until he could consult with Labor Secretary Wirtz who will return from Tokyo tomorrow night. The strike, against United, Eastern, Trans-World, TWA, National and Northwest Airlines.

President Johnson made an appeal tonight in an effort to head off the strike. He also is arranging for Federal air facilities so all military requirements will be taken care of.

## DEGAULLE

*It was learned in Paris today that ~~French~~ President DeGaulle will travel around the world when he makes his next series of visits abroad this fall. His passage through the western hemisphere would give him an opportunity to meet with President Johnson, although such a meeting has not yet been arranged. DeGaulle is scheduled to witness a nuclear test in the French Pacific Islands in early September and would return to Paris by way of Guadeloupe in the Caribbean.*

HOFFA

*James Hoffa, facing a possible thirteen years  
in prison, today won ~~an~~ an uncontested re-election to  
a third term as President of the <sup>huge</sup> Teamsters Union. He won  
the new five year term at the Teamsters Convention in  
Miami Beach.*

## GULF STREAM

*The Gulf Stream has veered to within about one hundred fifty miles of the New England coast - the closest approach ever recorded. The Gulf Stream is a mighty oceanic river of warm water that flows from the Florida straits up the North American coast and thence across the Atlantic toward Europe. Scientists say the stream's close approach to New England creates a possible hazard to ~~the~~ marine life ~~of the Gulf Stream~~, a major commercial fishing area.*

## PROCRASTINATE

As expected, Les Waas showed up late for his newspaper interview in Philadelphia -- because he happens to be President of the "Procrastinators Club of America." Les told about the club -- a group of about eighty advertising and professional men -- who enjoy putting things off. Last year, the club's Fourth of July celebration was held in February -- and the Christmas party didn't come off until June. The members once went to a racetrack and presented a trophy to the horse that came in last. And only recently, they picketed the Philadelphia City Hall -- to protest the war of Eighteen-Twelve. How's that for a screw ball item, Warren?

CHEMICAL

Some four hundred residents of the village of Argyle, Michigan - half the total population - fled their homes today after an airplane pilot accidentally sprayed the community with a deadly chemical. Then <sup>they</sup> ~~townspeople, however,~~ decided to remain inside closed <sup>buildings</sup> ~~homes~~ on being warned to stay away from foliage and grassy areas that might be covered with the chemical.

The village was sprayed last night ~~in a move~~ to get rid of mosquitoes, and afterward it was learned ~~that~~ the wrong chemical was used.

*Recorded -  
Piece*

STAND BY IN CASE STRIKE IS POSTPONED

*A nationwide strike against five major airlines has been postponed. The walkout by members of the machinists union had been scheduled to begin at six a. m. tomorrow -- local time -- against United Eastern, trans-world, national and northwest airlines. Earlier this afternoon, a strike tomorrow morning appeared to have been inevitable when contract talks were broken off. We repeat - the strike against five major airlines which had been scheduled for tomorrow morning has been postponed.*