

VIETNAM

Tues. Dec. 5-67.

War in Vietnam -- marked today by a sudden surge of ground action, including a raid by a U.S. Marine patrol -- into that so-called demilitarized zone. The Leathernecks penetrating the D.M.Z. -- about midway between Con Thien and Gio Linh. Clashing twice with enemy soldiers -- before returning to base unscathed.

This the first time U.S. forces have entered the D.M.Z. -- since ~~way~~ last summer. <sup>in</sup> Apparently an attempt -- at safeguarding <sup>the</sup> McNamara's Wall"; that barrier to enemy infiltration -- now under <sup>construction</sup> ~~construction~~ at the southern fringe of the no man's land.

At The Same Time --  
~~Meanwhile~~ <sup>to</sup> the East -- a large force of guerillas were invading a civilian refugee village near the Cambodian border: killing <sup>20</sup> four -- wounding <sup>30</sup> fifteen -- kidnaping

twenty-nine. While to the South -- in the Mekong Delta --

American and South Vietnamese troops <sup>there</sup> breaking the back of an attempted enemy ambush. In the process -- killing an estimated two hundred and thirty-five Viet Cong. U.S. officials ~~are~~ calling it -- the biggest U.S. victory in the Delta this year.

SAIGON

Meanwhile, on the political front -- an apparent split today between U.S. and South Vietnamese policy. The Saigon government saying it will "resolutely disapprove" -- any Viet Cong participation in any projected U.N. debate on the Vietnamese war. This in direct opposition -- to a U.S. State Department announcement Saturday; saying we would not block a U.N. invitation -- to the Viet Cong.

KOHLER

One of America's top career diplomats -- soon to leave government service. At age fifty-nine -- Foy Kohler retiring as Deputy Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs<sup>?</sup> to take up a teaching position -- at the University of Miami in Florida. His reason said to be -- "frankly financial."

Foy Kohler -- as you know -- U.S. Ambassador to Moscow during that Cuban missile crisis in Nineteen-Sixty-Two.

Returning home from Russia last year to take up his present position <sup>at State Dept.</sup> -- the highest possible for a career diplomat;

~~Serving as~~ liaison between the Defense Department -- the Central Intelligence Agency -- and U.S. diplomats throughout the world.

That post -- now to be filled by Charles "Chip" Bohlen another Russian expert -- and, more recently U.S. Ambassador to Paris.

## ST. PATRICK'S

At St. Patrick's Cathedral -- just across the street from my office here in New York -- another historic first today in the world ecumenical movement. With the Greek Orthodox Archbishop of North and South America -- there conducting a special mass for his good friend and colleague -- the late Francis Cardinal Spellman. This said to be the first Greek Orthodox service in a Roman Catholic Church -- since the year Ten-Fifty-Three.

Archbishop Iakovos -- the celebrant; with special permission -- from the Arcndioecese of New York. The bearded prelate -- a striking figure in robes of red, gold and purple: as he led eight ~~six~~<sup>black</sup>-robed Greek Orthodox priests -- in their traditional "Trisagion" -- or requiem service. Truly -- a millenium.

LONDON

Across the Atlantic -- in London -- more than a hundred commuter trains were cancelled today. At the same time -- vital food shipments switched to trucks; in the second day -- of a general British rail slowdown; now threatening to snowball into a general strike ~~↔~~ that could force Britain into a state of national emergency.

As if that weren't enough -- Britain's Labor government also plagued by new outbreaks of hoof-and-mouth disease; already the worst such epidemic -- in all British history.

While Britain's new-look pound -- was slumping to its lowest level since devaluation; though a flurry of late buying <sup>did</sup> ~~improving that~~ <sup>vastly improved that</sup> situation ~~somewhat~~.

SENATE

With the U.S. dollar <sup>also</sup> ~~currently~~ under attack <sup>of late</sup> -- mainly  
from France -- this next perhaps a of special note. A  
Senate speech today -- by Senator Talmadge of Georgia, ~~Noting~~  
that France has received Nine Billion in U.S. aid -- since  
World War Two; while still owing some Seven Billion -- from  
World War One. Talmadge going on to say that "in view of  
French hostility -- and in the interest of shoring up the  
American economy" -- ~~it~~ maybe now is good time for France  
"to settle her debts."

DeGaulle -- please note.

## HELSINKI

Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny--an honored guest tonight at ceremonies in Helsinki; starting <sup>for the</sup> ~~ing~~ the fiftieth Anniversary celebration of Finland's Nineteen-Seventeen Declaration of Independence from Russia.

And what did he hear? A fiery speech--from Finnish President Urho Kekkonen; hailing Finland's successful defense against Soviet invaders in World War Two--as the country's "foremost achievement" of the past half-century.

In deference to his guest though--Kekkonen later admitting that times have changed. Adding that Finnish <sup>security</sup> "now requires ~~good~~ good neighborly relations and cooperation--with all neighboring states."

TOKYO

From Tokyo comes the story today -- of Japan's first major spy case since World War Two; ~~Disclosing~~ an amazing gap -- in Japan's postwar legal structure.

The accused: Shingo Yamamoto -- a Japanese foreign office employee, who is said to have passed state secrets to Lee Chai Won -- an alleged North Korean agent. Only trouble -- there is no such thing as a spy charge in modern Japan. The worst that either could get would be a year in jail -- for pilfering government files.

The reason -- in the fact that today's Japan has become a nation of pacifists ~~in the wake~~ <sup>After the horror</sup> of Hiroshima and Nagasaki; refusing -- wherever possible -- to recognize even the existence of foreign intrigue. Indeed, <sup>some of them</sup> the Japanese are such devout pacifists -- they have made service in their <sup>so-called</sup> "self-defense forces" -- Army, Navy and Air Force -- entirely voluntary. If a man wants out -- he has merely to leave.

Just one thing: The Japanese deserter had better return his uniform within three days -- or else it's a court martial. The charge -- petit larceny.



SAN FRANCISCO

A couple of months ago -- you may recall -- hippie leaders of San Francisco held a mock "funeral," celebrating what they called -- "the death of the hippie;" paving the way -- they said -- for a rebirth of the movement -- minus dirt, drugs and despair.

Turns out now -- that "death notice" was only slightly exaggerated. (Latest word ~~today~~ <sup>Today</sup> from "hippiedom" telling it like it is, "baby -- and that ain't good!" The "diggers" -- charitable elite of the breed -- have all but vanished. Gone, too, the free meals -- free clothes -- free lodging they provided; which means fewer runaways -- fewer cases of V.D. -- and more police to make sure it stays that way.

Where "flower-power" once reigned supreme -- all that remains -- according to one police official -- in a "hobo jungle" infested by "beggars and thieves." And even these dregs will leave" -- said he -- "when there are no more hippies to pick on."

DETROIT

In Detroit -- the United Auto Workers and General Motors were reported near agreement today -- on the money terms of a new pact. However, both sides -- later agreeing to a "news blackout" on their contract talks: also pledging a "major effort" -- to clean up non-economic matters in hopes of wrapping up the new agreement -- before the union's strike deadline of December Fourteen.

As for that money package -- it's said to conform "in broad outlines" -- to previous "economic settlements reached at Ford and Chrysler." As such -- supposedly providing for wage increases totaling more than a dollar-an-hour -- over the <sup>Full</sup> three-year span of the contract.

CHICAGO

Here's one -- from Chicago. The subject: Roses -- also cucumbers. Or to be exact -- the sad story of Mrs. Frances Virgilio -- who liked roses; and her husband Michael -- who liked cucumbers; to the point where they battled constantly -- over how their garden should grow; last year -- ending up in a divorce court.

Enter a judge -- effecting a reconciliation by splitting the Virgilio garden <sup>right</sup> down the middle; half for roses -- half for cucumbers -- but to no avail. The couple back in court this week -- charging each other with sabotage on the farm front. Result -- divorce granted: with the couple's house and garden to be sold -- proceeds to be divided equally.

A case of crossing roses with cucumbers -- and everything coming up poison ivy.

EAGLE

A final item -- from Eagle, Wisconsin. All about Mr. and Mrs. Orin Benson -- and their pet timber wolf -- "Kepa."

Seems a Federal agency ~~was~~ planning a wildlife film -- heard about "Kepa"-- and decided to cast ~~it~~<sup>him</sup> in a lead role. Film entitled: "The Timber Wolf -- A Vanishing Species." But now -- it's all off.

Reason: You guessed it. Timber Wolf "Kepa" -- member of a vanishing species -- has just vanished, *and before we vanish Warren — S-l-u-t-m*