

JAKARTA

Thurs, Aug. 26-71.

The island nation of Indonesia - for more than three centuries a Dutch colony; once known far and wide - as "the Tropical Netherlands." Then came the revolution - and the Dutch ~~were ousted~~ <sup>departed</sup>; with a whole generation later taught - that the Dutch were nothing but evil, despicable imperialists.

Ah, but three hundred years of close association <sup>seems to be</sup> something you can't just wipe out. And when the Indonesians hit on hard times a few years ago - it was the Dutch who stepped in; helping to scare up the necessary financial aid - to get the Indonesian economy back on its feet.

And now - a fresh start. Queen <sup>Juliana</sup> ~~of~~ the Netherlands - arriving in Jakarta today for the start of a ten-day state visit; the first member of the Dutch royal family to set foot on Indonesian soil - in twenty-six years; receiving a royal welcome - complete with cannon salute, <sup>(honor guard, dancing girls too)</sup> ~~as~~ the Netherlands and Indonesia - letting bygones be bygones.

# **LIBERIA**

PARIS

A young woman, of the ~~member of the~~ U.S. Peace Corps - <sup>was</sup> <sub>^</sub> found slashed to death today in a remote part of Liberia. Miss Marsha Lynn Ragno - age twenty-three - of Winthrop Harbor, Illinois - said to be the Corps' first member ever to die off foul play.

<sup>we hear, are</sup> Police holding for questioning ~~we are told~~ two suspects; one - a European.

## PARIS

*At the peace table in Paris - an enemy charge today that South Vietnam's current Presidential race - is, quote, "an electoral farce;" allegedly "arranged by the White House - and produced by the U.S. Embassy in Saigon."*

*Next up - South Vietnam's Pham Dang Lam; who replied angrily that the North Vietnamese are less qualified "than anyone - to criticize upcoming elections in Saigon." Adding, in effect: "When was the last time the press was invited to Hanoi - to follow their Presidential election."*

## **VIETNAM FOLLOW PARIS**

Meanwhile, in Vietnam - a sudden surge of enemy activity, ~~clear across the land; but most of it~~ directed mainly at South Vietnamese troops; clearly an attempt to test their mettle - in the wake of <sup>the</sup> wholesale U.S. troop withdrawals.

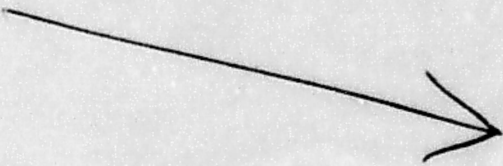
The same trend also reflected in latest casualty figures - reported today back in Saigon. These showing a sharp increase over the past week - in both North and South Vietnamese casualties; <sup>with</sup> ~~but the number of~~ American combat deaths - set at ten; ~~and that's~~ the lowest such figure - in six years.



## **ECONOMY**

*On the money markets of Europe - the pressure was on today; with the U.S. dollar beginning to drop more sharply - especially vis-a-vis the British pound; spurred in part by a British decision - to retain, at least for the time being, its present high interest rates.*

*The price of gold - also dropping sharply; to the consternation of a growing number of speculators - who are now getting out while the getting is good. On the face of it, <sup>Nixon's</sup> ~~the~~ President's new economic policy <sup>is</sup> proceeding ~~strictly~~ according to plan.*



## TRADE FOLLOW ECONOMY

And this - just in time, it seems. At any rate,  
the U. S. Commerce Department <sup>has</sup> ~~ed~~ releasing ~~today~~ its latest  
set of trade figures ~~These~~ showing a trade deficit for the  
fourth straight month - the longest such period in U.S.  
history; with July imports exceeding exports - by another  
Three Hundred <sup>and Four</sup> Million.

## **MEXICO CITY**

**Mexico City - an attempt today to cash in on the present U.S. dollar crisis. The government of Mexico authorizing a ten per cent reduction in tourist rates - starting next week. This in an effort to attract American visitors - who otherwise might have been heading for Europe. Mexico's tourism director - Augustin Olachea Borbon - telling Americans: "Your 'floating' dollar - is a magic carpet to Mexico."**

## WASHINGTON

*Astronaut Alan Shepard - America's first man in space; and now - the first spaceman to achieve flag rank; receiving the two stars of a Navy rear admiral - in a ceremony today at the Pentagon.*

*Admiral Shepard later saying he will remain in his present post - as chief of the astronaut office in Houston; but adding that he now intends to spend - three or four days a month in Washington; <sup>seeing</sup> as he put it - ~~seeing~~ "in the Navy space shop - and helping to tell the Navy story."*



## MALDA

In India's West Bengal ~~State~~ - additional flood-waters swirled higher and higher today through the streets of Malda; the result of additional monsoon rains - in the north of Hindustan; sending a cascade of water - down the Mahananda River *into the Ganges.*

And this - we are told - isolating an estimated seventy-five thousand Malda residents; who now must suffer the twin hardships - of little food and less medical supplies; all in the midst of a cholera epidemic, ~~that has claimed~~  
~~at least fifty lives.~~

~~In a land that has already known more than its share~~  
~~of sorrow - still another tragedy.~~

## GARLIC

According to an old French saying: "A green salad without garlic - is like a kiss without a mustache." All of which serves as a lead-in - to this next; a report today that U.S. scientists have just discovered - that a whiff of garlic, to a mosquito, is the kiss of death; and thus a possible substitute - for certain insecticides recently judged harmful to humans; ~~assuming, of course they can~~  
~~read out the smelt.~~

Incidentally, the National Geographic reminds us that garlic has been used down through the centuries - as a "cure" for all kinds of medical ills; and was even thought at one time - to be a powerful aphrodisiac. Adding, however: "It probably has a better track record <sup>- Warren -</sup> at breaking up romances - and making mosquitoes unhappy.

NEW YORK

~~Here~~ <sup>Here were a</sup> In New York City and around the country--A  
number of events today marking the Fifty-First Anniversary  
of Women's Suffrage. These including a feminine invasion  
--of the American Stock Exchange; with the ladies  
chanting over and over--"desexegrate Wall Street now;"  
and--"we can't bear any more bull." Followed by a parade  
up Fifth Avenue--and a giant rally tonight in Central  
Park. And so it goes--in the age-old battle of the sexes.