

VIETNAM

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On the Vietnam war front - a temporary lull today; with the Allies, at least, attempting to observe a Saigon-proclaimed cease-fire - in deference to ^{Gautama} Buddha's birthday. However, the Communist side noting that this is also the birth date - of the late Ho Chi Minh. Accordingly, Hanoi calling for stepped-up attacks - Buddha or no.

In any event - the fighting in Cambodia ^{was} continuing uninterrupted; with the vanguard of a South Vietnamese force - driving all the way to Takeo, ~~PM~~ a provincial capital - thirty-five miles inside Cambodia; ^{This} marking the Allies deepest penetration to date - also, easing reported Communist pressure in ~~the~~ surrounding areas.

PENTAGON-KEY BISCAYNE

Here at home, the Pentagon conceded today that American troops - acting as advisers - may have accompanied South Vietnamese forces on raids inside Laos. However, the Florida White House stressed that there has been - "no change in our activities in Laos;" adding that there are at present - no U.S. ground forces in Laos. The President himself later flying back to Washington - where he will hold a Cabinet meeting tomorrow morning; his first - in nearly three weeks.

FINCH

Meanwhile, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Robert Finch - was forced to cancel ~~today a~~^{his} scheduled meeting with H.E.W. workers. The Secretary coming down with a numbness in his left arm - whereupon he was hospitalized for a series of tests. In prepared remarks though - ^{Sec. did} Finch asserting ~~ing~~ that this Administration is "committed unequivocally" - to strict enforcement of Federal desegregation laws.

SUPREME COURT

Elsewhere in Washington - another Monday, another decision day at the Supreme Court. Including a verdict ~~that~~ upholding the right of women to equal pay with men - when they both hold identical jobs. The High Court also let stand a cease and ^{desist} order - first of its kind - against a factory refusing to comply with ~~the~~ ^a new Federal clean air regulation. In a third case, the Court ruling that press use of the term "blackmail" - in the heat of a political contest - does not, in and of itself, constitute libel.

GOLAN HEIGHTS

In the Middle East - Israeli jets ^{were} thundered ^{ing} to the attack ~~today~~ against Arab positions in Jordan. Attempting to silence Arab artillery - accused of pounding Israeli positions in the occupied Golan Heights. In the process though - the Israelis reportedly losing ~~two~~ ^{several} planes to Arab anti-aircraft fire.

Israeli jets were also in action ~~today~~ along the Suez Canal; attacking Egyptian positions in the Central Sector of the Canal Zone - following an exchange of artillery. Egyptian jets attempting to respond in kind; ^{but} - we are told - ~~but they~~ were quickly driven off.

CAIRO FOLLOW GOLAN HEIGHTS

A related item: Cairo responding today to Israeli charges - that Egypt is fast becoming a Communist satellite. Calling the allegation s - "utter nonsense;" first, because Nasser is a dedicated socialist - said Cairo; and second, because of Egypt's deep-rooted faith in Islam - as opposed to Communist atheism. Egypt adding that "the Soviet Union is simply a good friend - helping us in our time of need."

WARSAW

A meeting between U.S. and Red Chinese ambassadors - set for Wednesday in Warsaw - suddenly canceled today by Peking. This - according to an announcement from the U.S. State Department; with the Chinese reportedly giving as reason for the cancellation - that ^{the} U.S. military ^{activity} ~~action~~ in Cambodia. However, a State Department spokesman adds that Peking has left the door open for another contact - perhaps in "several weeks."

LONDON

Overseas again - the die was cast today in London.

British Prime Minister Harold Wilson calling on Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace - formally advising the Queen to dissolve Parliament as of next week; later calling for a general election - to be held June Eighteenth. On the strength of recent public opinion polls - Wilson hoping to obtain a new five-year mandate to head the British government. Observers agreeing he probably ~~will~~ will win a comfortable though reduced majority - in the next Parliament.

For the world's second longest surviving heart transplant patient - the end, ~~at last~~. Robert McKee passing away at the Stanford University Medical Center - where he first received his new heart nearly two years ago. During the interim, McKee resuming his work as a real estate agent - once again taking up gold, fishing, swimming; and then - a sudden relapse. ^{Age -} ~~Robert McKee - he was~~ fifty-two.

Incidentally, the world's longest living heart transplant patient - ~~follow by the name of~~ ^{one} Lewis Russel; who received his new heart - at the Medical College of Virginia - just a week before McKee. At last report - still going strong.

CHICAGO

In the current issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association - a discussion today of a newly-recognized medical disorder; one that's said to have reached epidemic proportions - namely, homosexuality. Dr. Charles Socarides estimating the number of U. S. sufferers - at perhaps as many as four million; which makes it more prevalent - says he - than any of the nation's four major illnesses - including even heart disease.

Dr. Socarides insists, what's more, that homosexuality is a medical problem - rather than a moral or legal problem. Adding that it can be cured - by psychotherapy. Further repudiating the idea - as expressed with increasing frequency of late - that homosexuality should be accepted as merely another facet of our diverse society.

Not so - says Dr. Socarides. In effect, echoing the words of the original Socrates - who once said: "False words are not only evil in themselves - but they infect the soul with evil."

HOT SPRINGS

Chairman Arthur Burns of the Federal Reserve Board

- a guest speaker today at a meeting of the American Bankers Association - Hot Springs, Virginia. There suggesting the possible adoption of a modest "incomes policy" - as he put it - to control the spiraling cost of living. Burns defining his "incomes policy" - as a scaled-down version of the wage and price guidelines set by the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations. ^{And he added} ~~that~~ that government monetary and fiscal policy - as practiced in the past - "cannot soon stop inflation" without risking a serious recession. ■

SYDNEY

From Sydney, Australia - another chapter today in
the ^{so-called} adventures of the "Premier-playboy of the Western
world;" meaning Canada's dashing ^{Gallant} Prime Minister - Pierre
Elliott Trudeau - who is currently visiting in Australia.

Trudeau discussing affairs of state with a host of newsmen -
when the subject turned unexpectedly to affairs more
personal in nature; including the Premier's much-publicized
relationship - with American film star Barbra Streisand.

And then - a reporter asking Monsieur Trudeau:

"Is it true that you have a date here tonight?" ~~After~~
^{without} ~~which~~ a moment's hesitation, ^{the Canadian P.M.} ~~Trudeau finally~~ answering:

"Yes - and she's waiting for me now." And with that - he
was out the door, ^{Warren.} ~~Farewell, Sydney - hello, Dolly.~~

SPACE

Turning to the space front - Neil Armstrong moves up and out. The first man to set foot on the moon - taking a new job, ~~today, that of~~ Deputy Associate Administrator of Aeronautics - in the office of Advanced Research and Technology at U.S. space headquarters in Washington.

The man who flew the X-Fifteen and the Gemini-Eight - in addition to the Apollo-Eleven - ~~thereby~~ leaving the astronaut corps. Neil Armstrong - at age thirty-nine - ~~sitting out~~ ^{now} in search of new fields to conquer.