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MANHATTAN KANSAS

The demand of leadership right now - this year 1969 came under examination today at Kansas State University. General William Westmoreland asserting that Viet Nam has taught us the need - for "generalist not specialist"; for men who can see - "beyond present action to their ultimate consequences."

General Westmoreland and going on to explain: "The Army can prevent a guerrilla force from achieving its military objective - but it cannot resolve the political problems from which an insurgency is derived." That - said he - cannot be accomplished by "stovepipe vision" - but only by men who qualify as "spherical thinkers."

Further pinning it down - Westmoreland adds: "Surely, the late General Eisenhower - was one of these men." And, Richard Nixon, too - we all hope.

## VIET NAM

War news from Viet Nam is marked by a report today that U.S. patrols have been operating in that D.M.Z. for months now. Indeed, U.S. sources say the G.I. patrols - have engaged in scores of battles with enemy forces; engagements all but two of which - have apparently gone officially unnoticed.

One American officer quoted as saying: "The Communists don't respect the D.M.Z.'s neutrality and as a result we can't afford to either."

WASHINGTON FOLLOW VIET NAM

Nevertheless - there is a second report today here at home; a report again quoting so-called knowledgeable sources to the effect the U.S. may begin a unilateral withdrawal of some of its forces in South Viet Nam - within the near future.

This assuming, of course - there is no significant increase in Communist military action. Also, contingent - we are told - on some hint of progress in Paris.

## UNITED NATIONS

At the United Nations - New York - Gunnar Jarring calls it quits - at least, temporarily. Another serious blow - to the cause of peace in the Mid-East.

U.N. Secretary General U Thant - the man who made it official. Announcing that Jarring has suspended indefinitely any further attempt to mediate the Arab-Israeli impasse.

"For the time being" - preferring to return to his old job as Sweden's Ambassador to Moscow.

Why so - no one's saying officially. The word is out though - that Jarring felt his usefulness had been exhausted. In any case - his departure may add new impetus to the Big Four talks aimed at achieving an acceptable Mid-East formula. It all points up - in the words of British Foreign Secretary, Michael Stewart - "the urgent need for progress," - now!

## JERUSALEM FOLLOW UNITED NATIONS

In the same vein - a warning today from Jerusalem. A warning to Jordan that Israel could easily blockade the city of Akaba - Jordan's only port. Could, and probably would - if relations between the two countries continue to deteriorate

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## WHITE HOUSE

The President's new Special Assistant for Consumer Affairs: a fifty-four-year old grandmother - Mrs. Virginia Knauer (Nower) of Philadelphia. Taking up her job today - by appointment from the White House. In her first news conference - dedicating herself to the proposition - as she put it - that all Americans should be protected against "pitfalls in the marketplace."

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LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles - the start of final arguments in the case of Sirhan Sirhan. Deputy District Attorney David Fitts - first up for the prosecution. At the outset - demanding a verdict of murder in the first degree - in the slaying of the late Senator Robert Kennedy.

Fitts also set off another of Sirhan's periodic outbursts - when he later questioned the truthfulness of Sirhan's own account of the shooting. The defendant finally led from the courtroom - muttering over and over as he left: "He's lying, he's lying."

## MOUNT SAMAT

In the Philippines - memories of a generation past were as fresh as light today; with the dedication of an impressive new war memorial - marking the twenty-seventh anniversary of the "Fall of Batan."

The memorial called "Shrine of Valor" - and it's atop Batan's Mount Samat. Featuring a two hundred and seventy foot cross - clearly visible in Manila twenty miles away across the bay. The cross, in turn, supported by a marble collonnade - its walls engraved with the story of Batan. The story of a scant hundred thousand AMERICANS and FILIPINOS - who gave their all against tremendous odds that freedom might survive.



## ATLANTA

At Georgia Tech University - a campus demonstration today with a difference. Some three thousand chanting, milling students - staging a fond farewell "happening" for their retiring President - Edwin Harrison.

As the "piece de resistance" of the entire affair - seven Tech students climbing a ninety foot tower atop the school's administration building. There removing a ten-foot "T" - from the giant Georgia Tech sign. When they finally got it down - presenting it to the President as a sort of king sized monogram for services rendered. A deed for which Harrison promptly granted them amnesty - to the cheers of one and all.

President Edwin Harrison of Georgia Tech Warren, must be something of a modern "Mr. Chips".

## SPRING

Across the U.N. and right around the globe - Spring was busting out all over today. The proof in a series of items - signs of the time - at, for example, the following:

At Drumnadrochit, Scotland - one Clement Skelton reporting today the year's first sighting of a Loch Ness monster. At Budapest - young Hungarians starting a fad - perhaps best described as "the marathon kiss." While in Rome - police were announcing that this year - but definitely - they will pinch girl pinchers.

Ah, Spring! - Ah! Spring - From WARN on the Florida East Coast - so long until tomorrow.