

INDOCHINA

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On the war front in Southeast Asia - the rains came today. An early monsoon downpour hitting first in Laos - virtually flooding out the Communists' Ho Chi Minh supply trail. The storm later enveloping Central Cambodia - reportedly bogging down additional enemy infiltration routes. With total rainfall in affected areas - expected to reach as much as eighteen inches between now and June One; <sup>and</sup> in the process - probably bringing the war to a near-standstill.

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~~In the meantime though~~ The U.S. Command was taking advantage of the advancing storm front; concentrating its air strikes - in northern South Vietnam and also southern Cambodia. The U.S. warplanes scoring heavily - we are told; especially in raids against Communist troops - said to be operating in Phnom Penh.

CONGRESS FOLLOW INDOCHINA

Here at home - the so-called "great debate" continued today in Congress. Senator Symington, for one, asserting that the war in Southeast Asia - has created a "cancer on the world's future." Reverse side - Republican Leaders Hugh Scott and Gerald Ford - reporting evidence of "surprising support" for the President's latest war moves. Both sides <sup>seem to think</sup> ~~agreeing though~~ the "talkathon" will probably last another month or six weeks; by which time the President has already promised - a complete withdrawal of U.S. troops from <sup>Cambodia.</sup> ~~Vietnam.~~

WASHINGTON

In the midst of strife and turmoil that seems to stretch at times clear across the land - this next is perhaps worthy of special note. Chief Justice Warren Burger of the U.S. Supreme Court - addressing today a keynote session of the American Law Institute in Washington. Discussing - in his own words - "the uneasy temper of the times - times that stir and shake the mind and spirit" <sup>as he put it,</sup>

~~Adding~~ <sup>Add</sup> that we must "find ways to convince the young - <sup>how</sup> progress is not made in great leaps;" but rather in methods prescribed by law - "the only road to durable progress."

At the same time, the Chief Justice taking issue with those who urge <sup>= in his words -</sup> ~~as he put it~~ - "a crackdown on the challengers of the American system of justice;" because history teaches - said he - "that in times of great national emergency - we have often found, in retrospect, that we had overreacted."

In sum then - Warren Burger asserting that the times

call for great patience; supreme in the confidence - *he*

*went on* - ~~said he~~ - that "our institutions are durable enough  
to surmount any attack."

CLEVELAND FOLLOW WASHINGTON

In the same vein - Attorney General John Mitchell addressing a meeting of <sup>local leaders</sup> ~~the so-called Delta Council~~ today at Cleveland, Mississippi, <sup>was</sup> ~~there~~ deploring the recent student shooting deaths - at Mississippi's nearby Jackson State College - also, Kent State University; events - said he - symbolizing "the saddest semester in the history of American education."

However, the Attorney General then went on to say:

"This is a nation - determined to live within the law."

And he added that "neither violent demonstrations nor unrestrained reactions - are a part of that law."

Incidentally, Mitchell's remarks also contained - a brief reference to the state of the nation's economy. The Attorney General <sup>saying</sup> ~~asserting that~~ wage and price controls - "are not now and ~~never~~ have been" considered by the President. And this - we are told - a statement included specifically at White House request.

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW CLEVELAND

Speaking of fiscal matters - the President himself  
was also doing just that today. Reporting ~~that~~ government  
revenues ~~would~~<sup>will</sup> be lower than expected - thus placing the  
Federal budget in the red - both this year and next.

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However, the President propose<sup>s</sup> to take up at least part  
of the slack - by means of an "anti-pollution" tax; one  
~~that would~~<sup>to</sup> apply - solely to the lead used in gasolines.

CAIRO-TEL AVIV

Twin reports from Cairo and Tel Aviv - are telling today of an Egyptian raid across the Suez Canal. Time and place - are about all they agree on though. Cairo ~~according to~~ <sup>say</sup> that the raiders attacked an Israeli armored column<sup>s</sup> - "with deadly results." However, Tel Aviv ~~insisting that~~ <sup>says</sup> the raiders were driven back across the canal -- before they could do any serious damage; ~~saying that the~~ Egyptians ~~left~~ <sup>leaving</sup> behind - at least seven dead <sup>with</sup> ~~in any event,~~ the raid setting off another cross-canal artillery duel - followed by a series of Israeli air strikes.

## SEMINOLE

*From Thor Heyerdahl - via ham radio in Seminole,  
Florida - the best of news tonight; the seafaring Norwegian  
explorer making record time - in his second attempt to sail  
the Atlantic on a papyrus raft. The Ra-Two reportedly  
covering nearly two hundred miles - in its first two days at  
sea; compared with an average of fifty a day on the previous  
voyage. Explained, in part - says Thor - by the fact that  
the new Ra is nine feet shorter than the old one; slightly  
streamlined.*



DETROIT

On the political scene - Detroit - an old, familiar  
(was back in the news)  
name today. Michigan's former six-term governor - G.  
Mennen "Soapy" Williams - resuming his pursuit of  
elective office. Announcing himself as a candidate - for  
Associate Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court.

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The former governor - more recently an Assistant  
Secretary of State for African Affairs - also, U.S.  
Ambassador to the Philippines - under the Kennedy and  
Johnson Administrations. Now - at age fifty-nine -  
"Soapy" Williams attempting to work up another lather.

ALBUQUERQUE

From Albuquerque, New Mexico, comes the story

~~today~~ of a nudist colony - whose members decided to "take  
<sup>em</sup> ~~off~~" for charity. The gift ~~offering~~ <sup>of garments</sup> - taking place at the  
club's regular monthly potluck lunch. Assembled members  
doffing their clothes en masse - turning them over to a  
local representative of Goodwill Industries. Nudist  
leaders <sup>saying as Ethel Merman used to sing</sup> ~~remarking they were~~ only doing what comes  
naturally.

~~Warren, I can't help wondering though later on,~~

Then how did they Warren -  
~~how did they manage to get home? Ah, but the answer to~~

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Maybe  
~~that, I guess~~ just barely?

CHICAGO

~~Here's one~~ <sup>From</sup> Chicago - a progress report ~~today~~ on continuing research - into the effects of a new miracle drug. N.P. One-Thirteen - ~~is~~ it's called - given to guinea pigs who were old and senile; whereupon their brain cells began to function again - ~~for the most part~~ as if they were still young and virile. Professor Paul Gordon of the Chicago Medical School - observing that this "could be of significant benefit to the nation's elderly population." He adds that N.P. One-Thirteen has also proved effective - in treating virus diseases such as polio, influenza and the common cold - in animals, at least. ~~But whether~~ <sup>will</sup> it works on humans? - ~~that we'll still have to wait and see.~~