

PEACE L.T. ^{Am. Tab.} ^{PSaugh} Promo-Thurs. Jan. 4 - '68.

After months and years of seemingly futile waiting -- hoping - praying - the pulse of the world suddenly quickened today; ^{what may be} at a sign at last - of possible peace in Vietnam.

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Reports from Paris - from Jakarta - from Saigon - telling of a startling change in North Vietnamese policy -- with Hanoi reportedly ready to start immediate talks toward peace - if the United States will stop its bombing and all other "acts of war" in Vietnam.

It remained, ~~how~~ however, for U S Secretary of State Dean Rusk - finally to put the peace offensive in perspective. Is North Vietnam really serious - he was asked today in Washington? Too early to tell - said Dean Rusk. It could be merely a propaganda ploy - he went on; especially in view of North Vietnam's recent "intolerable violations" of holiday cease fires; also the enemy's announced preparations - for new and more intensive battlefield offensives.

*Be that as it may - Dean Rusk adding: If
the Communists are ~~not~~ really sincere in their desire
for peace -- "we will go more than half way."*

VIETNAM

Meanwhile, the fighting goes on in Vietnam, with the enemy hurling a hit and-run raid today - against the provincial capital of Ban Me Thout in the Central Highlands; another - against an air strip serving a nearby U S infantry base; and still a third ~~sneak attack against the provincial capital of Ba Zuyen~~ in the Mekong Delta far to the South.

While in Saigon - the U S command was issuing a casualty report for the year Nineteen-sixty-seven; setting enemy losses at nearly ninety thousand men - as compared with South Vietnamese losses of about ten thousand - and American losses of just over nine thousand. Even so -- the bloodiest year of the war - for both sides.

KINSHASHA

From the Congolese city of Kinshasha - formerly Leopoldville -- comes the first sour note of Vice President Hubert Humphrey's current goodwill tour of Africa. With a mob of about a hundred and fifty students - all but stalling the Vice President's motorcade; following his arrival today - at Kinshasha airport.

The students carrying anti-Vietnam banners - throwing stones at the motorcade -- shouting, "Murderer, go home." Some of the stones - actually striking press cars and other official cars. However, the Vice President's limousine - escaping unscathed. Hubert Humphrey later conferring for more than an hour - with Congolese President Joseph Mobutu.

STOCKHOLM FOLLOW KINSHASHA

Speaking of anti-American demonstration - more of the same today at Stockholm; where a group of about sixty youths -- hurled rotten eggs and tomatoes at a U S diplomatic delegation, enroute to confer with Swedish officials - on methods of easing the U S balance of payments deficit.

US Ambassador to Stockholm Philip Trezise - who was struck by one of the foul-smelling eggs - later saying he was "astonished" by the incident. Swedish Premier Tage Erlander - also obviously taken aback; appearing on a nationwide radio broadcast - less than two hours after the incident; strongly condemning the attack as "against all Democratic principles - and totally impossible to defend."

Erlander further asserting that "more and more people believe we are on the road to a society - where radical tendencies are dissolving the social morale. The only way to stop this - said he - "is for responsible

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*people to dissassociate themselves from these anti-
American demonstrations. "*

WASHINGTON

Turning to politics -- Senator McCarthy of Minnesota emerged today as much more than a mere peace candidate; attacking President Johnson on a broad front, -- ^{Then} back in Washington ^g in his first news conference -- since entering the first-in-the-nation New Hampshire Presidential primary.

The present administration -- said McCarthy -- guilty of pursuing "a kind of Republican foreign policy in Asia;" a policy he called -- much like that of the late John Foster Dulles. As for the President's newly-announced economic reforms -- these "strictly defensive" -- said McCarthy. Adding that in efforts to stabilize the U. S. dollar -- "the administration position has been one of punting on first down."

AUSTIN

For President Johnson - after a week's working holiday at the L B J Ranch - a surprise trip today to Austin, Texas. The President setting up shop - in his own personal office atop the Federal Building in that city, ^{along with} ~~Amf's~~ reports of a possible meeting with Senator Yarborough of Texas -- who also has an office in Austin. Purpose - ^{presumably to} ~~we are told. Perhaps to discuss~~ discuss the State of Texas politics -- in the face of Governor Connolly's decision not to seek re-election.

Earlier, the Texas White House announcing the appointment of Chester Bowles -- as a special presidential envoy to Cambodia. Bowles -- ^{present} ~~present~~ U S Ambassador to India - assigned the task of ~~meeting~~ meeting with Cambodia's Prince Norodom Sihanouk, ^e hopefully - to effect a reconciliation between the United States and Cambodia. Later, at Phnom Penh -- a Cambodian government official announcing approval of the choice, ^{ed:} ~~Adding:~~ "We expect Ambassador Bowles to arrive here ⁱⁿ with a few days."

YALE

From the Yale University School of Music -
comes news today of a new doctoral degree program;
~~between~~ beginning same as before - with three years of
study in residence at Yale; this - leading to a master's
degree. The new program providing, however - that a
candidate for a doctorate must then concentrate on his
own creative work; this - either in performance or in
composition; but whichever the choice -- the work to be
performed outside the university. The candidate's
achievements in the pitiless glare of public exposure
deemed the best method of determining his true qualifications
for a doctor's degree.

Hit too many sour notes --

From Yale no doctoral votes!

But, Warren, just stay in key,

~~And even~~ you may win a ^{eum laudi} degree!
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CAPE TOWN

Latest from Cape Town: A report tonight that the world's second successful human heart transplant patient - is progressing "extremely well." Dr. Philip Blaiberg said to be fully conscious - with his appetite returning fast - and organs affected by his former diseased heart supposedly returning quickly to normal.

Summing up - Dr. Christian Barnard asserting:

"At this stage - he is in ~~the~~ better condition than the first patient." ^{Dramatic} ~~Good~~ news, indeed.