

PORTSMOUTH

Tues. Feb. 27-68.

HERE'S ONE - APPARENT MURDER ON THE HIGH SEAS.

THE COLD BLOODED STORY FROM A POINT ABOUT EIGHT MILES OFF THE COAST OF PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA, WHERE A CUBAN SHIP TODAY DROPPED OFF ~~4~~ THREE WOULD-BE DEFECTIONERS; ONLY TO TURN RIGHT AROUND - AND RAM THEIR LIFEBOAT. GUNNERS ABOARD THE CUBAN VESSEL LATER OPENING FIRE ON THE TRIO, UNTIL ALL THREE HAD DISAPPEARED BENEATH THE WAVES.

TWO U S COAST GUARD CUTTERS- STANDING BY AT THE TIME TO PICK UP THE DEFECTIONERS<sup>^</sup> QUICKLY STRIPPING THEIR GUNS FOR ACTION.- BUT TOO LATE TO INTERVENE. FINALLY, HEMMING IN THE CUBAN SHIP WHILE COAST GUARD LEGAL EXPERTS SEARCHED FOR A MEANS OF TAKING MORE POSITIVE ACTION. AFTER AN HOUR, <sup>1/2</sup> THOUGH - THE VESSEL RELEASED. NO WAY IT SEEMED - OF EXACTING RETRIBUTION.

DALLAS

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE HE BECAME PRESIDENT  
- FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THAT FATEFUL NOVEMBER TWENTY -  
SECOND, NINETEEN SIXTY THREE - LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON RETURNED  
BRIEFLY TODAY TO DALLAS. UNDER TIGHTEST SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS  
POSSIBLE THE PRESIDENT TRAVELLING TO A SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT  
IN A MOTORCADE PAST <sup>sing</sup> THE SAME SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY BUILDING -  
FROM WHICH THE LATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS SHOT TO DEATH.  
SURELY - A POIGNANT MOMENT.

PURPOSE OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT - TO ADDRESS  
A REGIONAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
ASSOCIATION; WHERE HIS CHIEF TOPIC WAS AGAIN - AS IT IS SO  
OFTEN THESE DAYS - VIETNAM. "THERE IS A LONG ROAD AHEAD"  
- SAID THE PRESIDENT. "THERE WILL BE BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS"  
- HE WENT ON - AND THE WEAK WILL ~~SHAKE~~ DROP FROM THE LINES,  
THEIR FEET SORE AND THEIR VOICES LOUD." "BUT THERE WILL BE  
NO RETREAT" SAID HE. ADDING "THAT FREE MEN WILL NEVER BOW  
TO FORCE NOR ABANDON THEIR FUTURE TO TYRANNY."

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED - THE PRESIDENT WAS GONE

DALLAS - 2

AGAIN IN A MATTER OF MINUTES. FLYING FROM DALLAS' LOVE FIELD  
- WHERE HE WAS FIRST SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT, <sup>- flying</sup> BACK, BACK AGAIN  
TO THE L B J RANCH.

WASHINGTON FOLLOW DALLAS

MEANWHILE, BACK IN WASHINGTON - THE PRESIDENT'S  
ELECTION YEAR FARM MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED ~~TO~~ TO CONGRESS.  
INCLUDING AS ~~THE~~ ITS PRINCIPAL ITEM, A PLAN TO PLACE ON A  
PERMANENT BASIS - ALL EXISTING U S CROP SUPPORT AND CONTROL  
PROGRAMS.

CONGRESSIONAL REACTION - PERHAPS BEST EXPRESSED  
BY CHAIRMAN ELLENDER OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE,  
WHO SAYS HE SEES "NO CHANCE" - FOR THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN.  
REASON - SAID HE: "BECAUSE WE WANT TO LOOK INTO THESE  
PROGRAMS EVERY NOW AND THEN - IN <sup>the</sup> HOPE THAT EVENTUALLY WE  
CAN DROP THEM ALL TOGETHER."

VIETNAM

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE GLOBE - THE WAR IN  
VIETNAM CONTINUED TO SPILL OVER TODAY INTO NEIGHBORING LAOS.  
AMERICAN BOMBERS BLASTING ~~ARMY~~ AT VIET CONG INVADERS <sup>2</sup>  
SEEKING TO EXPAND THEIR FIELD OF CONTROL, THE BETTER TO  
LAUNCH SNEAK ATTACKS AGAINST U S AND ALLIED TROOPS <sup>+</sup> ACROSS <sup>that</sup>  
LAOS' ~~NEARBY~~ BORDER WITH SOUTH VIETNAM. AT THE SAME TIME -  
ROYAL LAOTIANS ARE SAID TO HAVE SCORED MINOR VICTORIES IN A  
PAIR OF BATTLES. RADIO VIENTIANE ADMITTING, HOWEVER, THAT  
THE MAIN COMMUNIST THRUST IN ~~LAOS~~ LAOS - REMAINS UNCHECKED.

EARLIER, IN SAIGON - THE U S COMMAND REPORTING  
DISCOVERY OF AN ENEMY ARMORED FORCE - FOR THE FIRST TIME <sup>getting</sup>  
WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE HEARTLAND.  
LUCKILY, ALLIED ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ TROOPS INTERCEPTING THE ARMORED  
COLUMN - ALMOST SIXTY-FIVE MILES NORTH OF THE CAPITAL. HEAVILY  
DAMAGING AT LEAST ONE TANK AND KILLING SOME THIRTY VIET CONG <sup>and</sup>  
<sup>ing</sup> TO BREAK UP THE ENEMY ADVANCE.

IN A RELATING DEVELOPMENT - THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT  
TODAY REPLACING TWO OF ITS FOUR KEY AREA COMMANDERS. PURPOSE  
- WE HEAR, <sup>g</sup> TO ELIMINATE INEFFICIENCY AND ~~NE~~ NEPOTISM- AS A  
FIRST STEP TO ENDING CORRUPTION IN THE PROVINCES.

BUDAPEST

THE AMERICAN COMMUNIST PARTY - PRACTICALLY  
A "LOST CAUSE" IN THIS COUNTRY LO THESE MANY YEARS - ~~THAT~~  
~~COGNIZED~~. BUT FAR FROM DEAD - AS WE LEARN IN THIS NEXT FROM  
BUDAPEST - WHERE THE COMMUNIST WORLD CONFERENCE IS CURRENTLY  
IN <sup>S</sup>SESSION.

TODAY'S FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS - A MOTION  
FROM AMERICAN COMMUNIST LEADER GUS HALL - WHO ALSO HAPPENS  
TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE. A MOTION EXPRESSING  
COMPLETE SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT FOR NORTH VIETNAM - IN ITS  
STRUGGLE AGAINST SO CALLED - "AMERICAN AGGRESSION."

AS ~~RIGHT~~ EXPECTED - IT PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY.

DUBAI

HERE IN THE UNITED STATES THE "AMERICAN DREAM" IS GENERALLY DEFINED AS A DESIRE TO BE "YOUR OWN BOSS." TURNS OUT NOW - THIS "AMERICAN DREAM" IS NEARLY A REALITY - IN THE LITTLE KNOWN TRUCIAL STATES AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE PERSIAN GULF.

THIS ESPECIALLY TRUE - WE HEAR TODAY - IN THE AREA'S CHIEF CITY - THE FREE PORT OF DUBAI, WHERE ALL A MAN NEEDS TO GO INTO BUSINESS FOR HIMSELF - IS A LITTLE BOAT AND A LOT OF COURAGE.

THE BUSINESS - THAT OF SMUGGLING GOLD FROM THE NEAR EAST TO THE FAR EAST. LATTER DAY SINBADS - CARRYING SECRET CARGOES OF THE PRECIOUS METAL; MELTED DOWN INTO BISCUIT SIZED WAFERS AND STOWED AWAY IN THE POCKETS OF SPECIALLY MADE LIFE JACKETS. <sup>TO</sup> FILLING THE DEMANDS OF ORIENTAL POTENTATES WHO STILL PREFER TO HOARD THEIR WEALTH IN GOLD; RATHER THAN RISK IT IN DOLLARS - OR SOME OTHER CURRENCY THAT MIGHT EVENTUALLY FACE DEVALUATION.

THERE IS AT LEAST ONE, OCCUPATIONAL HAZARD: INDIAN POLICE IN ARMED PATROL BOATS ATTEMPTING TO STEM THE FLOW OF DUTY FREE GOLD. BUT AS FAR AS DUBAI IS CONCERNED - IT'S ALL

PERFECTLY LEGAL AND ABOVE BOARD. THE CITY THUS A CONVENIENT  
PLACE - FOR KEEPING TRACK OF <sup>the</sup> GOLD SUPPLY; WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR  
THE FACT THAT ONE OF THE CHIEF GOLD BROAKERS IN DUBAI - WITH  
SPECIAL PERMISSION FROM THE U S GOVERNMENT - IS NONE OTHER

THAN THE FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK. *So says  
The Wall Street Journal in a great report  
from the Land of Sindbad the Sailor,*

*Now Sindbad - I mean Warren -*

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ILLINOIS

CHICAGO - A SECOND DAY OF CLOSED DOOR MEETINGS

~~THESE~~ - IN THAT PROVERBIAL "SMOKE FILLED ROOM". ILLINOIS  
DEMOCRATS TRYING TO COME UP WITH A WINNING COMBINATION OF  
CANDIDATES - FOR GOVERNOR AND U S SENATOR <sup>doing this</sup> FROM A LIST OF  
HOPEFULS INCLUDING MOST PROMINENTLY STATE TREASURER <sup>Young</sup> ADLAI  
STEVENSON - ALSO WAR-ON-POVERTY DIRECTOR SARGENT SHRIVER.

IN THE END THOUGH - LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SAMUEL  
SHAPIRO <sup>was</sup> THE MAN PICKED AS PARTY CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED  
RETIRING GOVERNOR KERNER. WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM  
CLARK - THE PARTY'S CHOICE TO OPPOSE SENATE MINORITY LEADER  
EVERETT DIRKSEN.

WHAT OF STEVENSON AND SHRIVER? BOTH - OUT IN  
THE COLD. *And a-l-u-t-m.*