

SAIGON

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~~Returning~~ ^{there was} ~~sitting back~~ to earth - ~~with a bang~~ a Viet Cong

rocket attack tonight on the great city of Saigon. First

such attack - this year. ^{With} Enemy gunners pumping ~~at~~

~~least four~~ shells ~~into~~ into the city's downtown area, Killing

at least four - wounding some forty more. Most of the

victims - sitting in a movie house - watching a film; when

one of the Soviet-made missiles - scored a direct hit.

This following by a few hours - a warning from

U.S. intelligence; a warning that the enemy can be expected

to launch the second phase of his current spring offensive -

probably sometime later this month.

PENTAGON

Be that as it may - President Nixon conferred with his top advisers today at the Pentagon; hammering out the final shape of his next Vietnam report - which he will give to the nation this Thursday. The President ^{is} then expected to announce - another phased reduction of U.S. troop strength in Vietnam; on the basis of past performance - a reduction that will probably run about ten thousand men a month.

HOUSE

~~Turning to~~ ^{GM} the domestic front - House Minority

Leader Gerald Ford today announced plans to introduce a bill this week; a bill seeking to establish - a special investigative committee; with its assigned task - that of determining whether Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas should be removed from office.

Ford went on to say that he was "convinced" - such a committee would recommend impeachment. And he added that he personally - would support such a move. The Congressman said he would also spell out on Wednesday - the results of a preliminary investigation of his own; and these will deal specifically- said he - with Douglas' writings on obscenity, ~~murder~~ youth and rebellion - as well as his connection with a foundation ^{supposedly} linked with gambling interests.

CAIRO

In the Middle East - Cairo - U.S. Assistant

Secretary of State Joseph Sisco conferred today with top Egyptian leaders. Attempting to find ways and means, if any - of cooling the present Mideast crisis.

Reverse side - Tel Aviv newspapers today calling the Sisco visit - nothing more than an attempt to buy Egypt's sympathy." Adding that it's time ^{we} learned - "it is not in America's interest to try to placate the Arabs."

At the same time - Israeli jets were hitting deep into Egypt - for the first time in ten days. Targets including an Egyptian military installation - ^{within} ~~only~~ eighteen miles from Cairo.

MOSCOW

U.S. automaker Henry Ford the Second - a visitor today in Moscow; where he was accorded - extra-special V.I.P. treatment; including free use of a comfortable villa - in the exclusive government guest compound at Lenin Hills. All of which suggests - the Russians may have something big in mind; but what? ~~we'll have to wait and see~~ An aide to Ford saying only the Russians are expected to "lay a proposal on the table" - perhaps before the end of the week.

SAN FRANCISCO

Consumer protection crusader Ralph Nader - who has also become an anti-pollution crusader of late - a speaker this weekend at the University of San Francisco.

There using the formation of student action armies - to enlist community support in the battle against so-called "environmental violence." Nader asserting: "It's difficult for the common citizen - to do much about breaking new ground; and, therefore, we need the leadership of lawyers, doctors and scientists - to correct the abuses of industry."

He added that first though - college students must decide "whether they can live by what they believe" - whether they can practice what they preach. Nader observing that "a lot of young people have been high on rhetoric - and maybe too high on militancy;" but up to now - far "too short on commitment."

~~On the business front again -~~ ^{secret} A warning today was addressed to the nation's major corporations. With the approach of another vacation season - a warning to beware of the business executive who absolutely refuses to ^{a vacation} ~~take one~~.

This - courtesy of New York business consultant Smith Montgomery, who says there are many reasons why a man might want to turn down a vacation - but ^{all such} ~~these~~ reasons are sure to be ~~practically all~~ bad. For example, he might be afraid to leave his job - for fear ~~that~~ his substitute might take it over permanently; or for fear that the big boss might discover - all those mistakes he's been trying to cover up. Or maybe he's a spendthrift ~~who~~ can't afford a vacation. And then there's the man who just can't stand his family - even for a week.

Smith Montgomery coming to the conclusion that an executive who refuses to take a vacation - for whatever reason ⁻ is undermining not only his own morale - but also that of all his co-workers.

BIRMINGHAM

The development of a new, improved anesthetic - first such success in years - is reported ~~today~~ from the University of Alabama. ~~It's~~ ^{the} drug they're calling - ketamine hydrochloride; which is said to render a surgery patient completely insensitive to pain - without ever actually putting him to sleep.

7/2 This by causing the patient to become "disconnected" - or isolated from his surroundings; and yet - still conscious; which means that it won't interfere with normal respiration, pulse and so on - as with ether or chloroform. As such, ideally suited to high-risk patients - including especially the very young and the very old.

Another big plus - in the fact that ketamine hydrochloride induces "complete amnesia for the entire period of the operation..." ^{In other words} / You won't remember a thing. Now John Shafer - and no amnesia John!

OUTWARD BOUND

This next - a new twist on "How to Succeed in Business"; telling of a school that calls itself - "Outward Bound". A school established for - and largely supported by - a number of big U.S. business firms. Its students - mostly rising young executives; and what they learn - is simply to survive.

This by means of a twenty-six-day course - which is offered at six wilderness locations around the nation. Outward Bound's curriculum including woodlore, hiking, canoeing, sailing, wall-scaling, mountain climbing - even swinging from tree to tree. Culminating in a final exam - as, for example, a three-day survival test without food or water.

Ultimate goal - we are told: To "teach people to cope with physical fear, exhaustion, hunger and loneliness - and to solve troubles alone with no help;" for these are the attributes that serve equally well - apparently - in the business jungle as well as the real jungle