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A medical milestone - ^a ~~some might call it a~~

miracle - today at Houston. Famed surgeon Dr. Michael DeBakey - successfully implanting an artificial heart - in the chest of ~~xxx~~ a sixty-five year old coal miner.

6 1/2 The patient rescued from almost certain death and given a new lease on life.

The operation - technically a "left ventricular by-pass". Once in place - the bypass activated by a grape-fruit-sized compressor -- attached to the outside of the patient's chest. Installation of the apparatus taking five full hours - before it began to beat with a steady "thump-thump" - like the human heart.

47 The patient - Marcel DeRudder - past the ~~ext~~ critical point at last report. ^{Said} ~~This comment - from~~ Dr. DeBakey: - ~~Said~~ ~~for~~ ~~he~~: "The operation went as I hoped -- and planned."

VIET NAM

Renewed political violence today in Viet Nam -
at the heretofore peaceful resort of Dalat, Up to now -
seemingly immune to the ravages even of war. Early
reports indicating at least three students killed - in
a ~~force~~ battle with government troops.

~~Nevertheless~~ ^{Also -} a tremendous victory today -
for U S Marines and South Vietnamese troops, in their
biggest joint ground operation -- since the start of the
political crisis in Viet Nam six weeks ago.

The allied troops dropping by helicopter -
into the midst of a surprised Communist battalion,
about three hundred and thirty miles - northeast of
Saigon. A defector from the Viet Cong - showing the way.
~~Enemy~~ Enemy losses in the resulting battle - totaling
about two hundred. ~~was~~

MEDAL

At the White House - President Johnson today conferred the Medal of Honor posthumously - on ^{the} a negro soldier killed in Viet Nam, Private First Class Milton Lee Olive the third - an eighteen year old ~~cadet~~ from Chicago, who fell on an enemy hand grenade - to save the lives of four of his buddies.

The President commenting that "men like Milton Olive - die for honor" - the honor of a nation - determined to sustain "the freedom and independence of a new and struggling people." A nation - said he - that will not be "turned aside because the outcome was uncertain - the course steep - or the cost high."

RECONCILIATION FOLLOW MEDAL

At the same time - across Washington - a public reconciliation today - between Senate Minority Leader Everett Dirksen - and House Minority Leader Gerald Ford.

On the weekly "Ev and Jerry show" - Ford repeating his charge of "shocking mismanagement" in the war in Viet Nam. ~~Dirk~~ Dirksen - who had earlier refuted the Ford charge - today concurring that the administration was probably guilty of "misjudgment" in Viet Nam.

Dirksen adding - "if I don't agree up to the last smidgen - I don't know that it matters." "This" - said he - "is not a split."

RUSK FOLLOW RECONCILIATION

Meanwhile, an expression of cautious optimism today from Secretary of State Dean Rusk - at that continuing Cento Meeting in Ankara. Dean Rusk voicing the hope that political unrest in South Viet Nam - will soon be settled. Because - said he - the feuding factions are apparently determined to ~~work~~ work out a compromise solution - to their various differences.

However, the outlook for peace in Viet Nam - ^{that's} not quite so rosy - said Dean Rusk. Noting that the Communist "hard line" has recently grown harder - despite repeated western peace feelers.

JAKARTA

At Jakarta - a rambling two hour monologue today - by Indonesian President Sukarno, at the first meeting - of his new cabinet. A meeting - strangely open to newsmen.

Along the way - Sukarno outlining plans for a grand "transmigration" - to solve Indonesia's economic woes. The scheme involving transfer of some six thousand people a day - from populous areas to sparsely-populated outer islands. Supposedly ~~by~~ means of a giant fleet of ocean liners - operating around the clock.

Sukarno further discussing a few other pet projects - before he got to the point, ~~The President for~~ ~~life~~ finally admitting - that he is being pressed to become a figure head leader. Asserting however, that he will never ~~surrender~~ surrender - his broad authority.

"God willing" - said Sukarno - "I am still and will continue to be - actively, actively, actively the leader."

TRAIN

Rebellious Naga tribesmen in northern India are blamed today for the explosion that shattered a passenger train on the Assam frontier railway. ^{Possibly} Marking another tragic chapter - in the Naga nine year battle for independence.

The crowded train standing in a station at Lumding - when the blast went off. More than fifty passengers - killed outright. More than a hundred injured - with many in such serious condition - they were not expected to live.

This the second such disaster on the Assam railway - in two months. Thirty-eight persons having been killed in a similar blast last February - in the same area. A number of Nagas arrested ^{at that time are} ~~in the earlier case~~ now awaiting trial.

ROBBERY

One of the last remaining fugitives from the greatest crime of all time -- it was called that -- captured quietly tonight in the English resort town of Littlestone-on-sea.

Arch-criminal James Edward White -- taken into custody by Scotland Yard's "Flying Squad", after White himself got in touch with a London newspaper -- saying he was fed up with running.

White -- forty-five -- one of a dozen men who staged the great mailtrain robbery of Nineteen Sixty-Three.

Escaping with more than seven million dollars -- from that Glasgow-London mail train. His arrest leaving just two of the robbers -- who have never been caught. Two were caught and convicted -- but later escaped.

What happened to the money? White admits he received more than three hundred and sixty thousand dollars -- as his share of the loot. But spent it all -- Warren -- paying off blackmailers -- hiding from police.

The moral?

ATLANTIS

The legendary "long continent of Atlantis" - found at long last; according to a report today from James Mavor - of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts.

Mavor asserting that Atlantis existed on a volcanic island - known today as Santorin - about a hundred miles north of Crete. That the people of Atlantis - were actually members of the ancient Minoan civilization. That they apparently were ~~dx~~ destroyed by a tremendous eruption - which ended in collapse of the island's central volcanic cone. This covered eventually by a body of water - much like our own ~~xo~~ Crater Lake in Oregon.

The proof - says Mavor - in recent discovery of three cities and towns - beneath the waters of that crater-like lake on Santorin. Ruins dating back - to about fourteen hundred B. C. to be further explored by an archaeological expedition - starting this summer.