

VIET NAM

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Another Communist attack tonight - the third in four days - on that big U S air base at Da Nang. The largest American military complex - in all of Viet Nam.

Communist infiltrators firing on Marines and Seabees - with small arms, grenades and mortars. In a fight that lasted forty-five minutes - before the guerrillas were driven off. Evidently their objective was a

~~What were they after?~~ A major Marine helicopter base - at the southern end of the Da Nang peninsula. The helicopter - perhaps our prime weapon in Viet Nam.

Meanwhile, forty-five U S warplanes today blasted three Communist missile sites near Hanoi - in the Communist north. Also destroying a key bridge - on the route from Hanoi to Red China.

Communist missilemen reportedly firing at least ten Soviet-made missiles - at the attacking American aircraft. All missed -- although one plane was downed by conventional fire.

MONK FOLLOW VIET NAM

Back in Saigon - another Buddhist monk burned himself to death tonight, At the foot of an image of Buddha - in front of Buddhist headquarters in the capital city.

No explanation as yet - for the self-immolation.

Western officials noted, however, that today - was the second anniversary of the ouster of the Diem government, Following a series of such burnings by Buddhist monks - protesting alleged oppression by the then Catholic president.

Further, tonight's incident occurring across the street - from a Buddhist orphanage, Visited earlier in the day - by South Viet Nam's present leader - Prime Minister Ky. Ky also - a Catholic.

BUS

A tragic accident today - in Cairo. A trolley - bus so crowded its doors wouldn't close - plunging into the river Nile. Where it sank - like a rock.

About twenty persons - able to fight their way free of the bus. More than sixty others - trapped inside - were drowned, most of them youngsters on their way home from high school.

Cause of the mishap - we may never know. The bus driver - among the dead.

TRANQUILIZERS

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From Geneva, Switzerland - a call today for "drastic controls" - over the use of tranquilizers and stimulants. Or so-called "pep pills". The World Health Organization urging the same controls - as those now in effect for narcotic drugs such as opium and ~~maxop~~ morphine.

The world body warning that more and more people - are becoming addicted to sedatives and stimulants, ~~In~~ the same way - as persons addicted to narcotics.

Asserting that something must be done - "to combat the epidemic-like spreading of this abuse -- particularly among young people."

TEHRAN

A military tribunal in Tehran - today sentenced two Iranian students to death, for conspiring last April in the attempted assassination - of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlevi. Ten other students sentenced to jail terms - ranging from three-to-eight years - to life.

The student conspiracy - fomented by "foreign powers" - said the court, especially by Red China.

INDONESIA

Sukarno of Indonesia today declared a "state of war" in two districts of Central Java - reportedly under Communist control. The nation in "grave danger" said Sukarno. The situation demanding immediate action - to head off a national disaster. Government reinforcements promptly rushed from Jakarta and south Borneo - to help put down the revolt.

Communist terrorists are said to have ~~kk~~ killed ~~or~~ or kidnapped -- thousands of villagers in the disputed region. At least two hundred and fifty persons slaughtered in the Bojalali area alone -- since that abortive leftist coup of October one.

REFUGEES

A break in the weather - today triggered a renewal of that "Freedom shuttle" from Cuba. More than a hundred Cuban exiles - arriving at Key West ~~near~~ before dawn. More than four hundred others reported enroute - across the wind-whipped waters of the Florida Straits. With more than two hundred small boats still awaiting departure - at Camarioca, Cuba.

Fidel Castro ordered an end to the small boat traffic - as of last Thursday midnight, pending formal agreement - on an American airlift. But these - boats already in Camarioca at the time - will be allowed to leave with their fleeing passengers.

WILSON

There is now a path of Rhodesian independence - which would be acceptable to everyone. So said British Prime Minister Harold Wilson today - in a report to Parliament on his week-long trip to the rebellious colony.

Wilson stating that Rhodesian independence^{can} - and, indeed, must come - on terms "acceptable to the Rhodesian people, to Parliament and to world opinion."

*But only - said he - "by the authority of this parliament" =
- the House of Commons -
on the basis of continuing negotiations.*

What about Rhodesia's threatened - unilateral declaration of independence? Totally unacceptable - said Wilson.

PAINING

A Bellini masterpiece - reported stolen today from the library of St. Joseph's College, at Rensselaer, Indiana. The painting, titled **THE VIRGIN AND CHILD WITH ST NICHOLAS OF BARI AND A DONOR**" - valued at three hundred and fifty thousand Dollars.

This apparently the world's ^{major} ~~biggest single~~ art theft - since Nineteen Sixty One, ~~When~~ Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington - was stolen from Britain's National Gallery. That one - valued at nearly four hundred thousand.

~~but no~~

SENATOR

Senator Maurine Neuberger of Oregon today formally announced - that she will not be a candidate for re-election next year. The widow of the late Senator Richard Newberger - one of the two women now serving in the Senate, said today that she will ~~xxx~~ join her new husband - a Boston psychiatrist - in his work in the field of mental health.

Congresswoman Edith Greene of Oregon - is seen as the most formidable Democratic candidate - to succeed Mrs. Neuberger, also a Democrat. On the Republican side - it's Governor Mark Hatfield - way out in front.

COMMUNISTS

The Communist party went on trial today in Washington - for the second time in two years. Charged with failing to register with the Justice Department - as an agent of the Soviet Union. Opening statements - followed by a twenty-four hour recess - to permit further judicial study. Testimony - to begin tomorrow.

CHAPLIN

In London - Comedian Charlie Chaplin today announced plans for his first film in years. ^{To be} ~~It~~ called - "The Countess From Hong Kong". A romantic comedy that Chaplin himself has written - will direct - and for which he will also write the music.

The film to star Sophia Loren and Marlon Brando - said Chaplin. With his ^{own talented} eldest son - Sidney - in a featured role.

Asked whether his beatnik son Michael would also appear in the movie - Chaplin snapped: "No personal questions." When the interviewer persisted - Chaplin added; "don't be smart-alecky. Next question."

Next voice - Warren Moran.

BERLIN

A professional escape artist went on trial today in West Berlin - on charges of fraud. Hans Gehrman charged with collecting thirty thousand dollars - from relatives of East Berliners, who wanted him to arrange escapes - under, over or around the Berlin Wall - any way to get out!

Gehrman once the head of an organization - that specialized in arranging escapes from East Berlin, for a price, is said to have given that up in favor of simply collecting fees - on the basis of his past reputation.