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VIETNAM

12 In Vietnam -- ground action continues to mount. With today's biggest clash --

~~a battle between units of the U.S. Americal Division and forces of Viet Cong~~ at

^{at} Tam Ky, about forty miles south of Da Nang. The enemy losing thirty-nine, ~~more~~ --

~~as compared with~~ American losses ^{put} ~~at~~ five.

PENTAGON

~~You at home~~ ^{at which he} ~~at~~ the Pentagon -- Defense Secretary Melvin Laird held a press conference today ^{oddly enough} ~~emphatically~~ ^{ed} stressing the importance of health, education and welfare ~~programs~~ -- in U.S. domestic affairs. Melvin Laird asserting: "It is most important that we get defense expenditures -- in tune with other priorities." Adding that he has drastically reduced defense spending -- since taking office last year; and intends ~~what's more~~ to reduce defense spending -- still further in the months ahead.

However, the Secretary stressed -- there are limits. Further observing that like it or not -- we might be compelled to develop new offensive weapons systems. This -- said he -- in the event that arms limitation talks prove fruitless -- or to meet perhaps an increase in the Soviet military threat.

CLARKSVILLE

From Clarksville, Pennsylvania -- a trickle of information today in the Yablonski triple murder case. State police disclosing that the death bullets -- came from at least two different guns; suggesting that the ^{killers} ~~pirates~~ likewise numbered at least two -- or maybe even more.

Meanwhile, in Washington, -- United Mine workers chieftain Tony Boyle denied emphatically ~~today~~ -- any union involvement in the case. Noting that Jock Yablonski had just challenged the present union leadership -- and lost -- so what point could there be. As for charges emanating from Yablonski's two sons -- ~~said~~ Boyle, ~~asserted~~: "They are obviously emotionally upset -- and I can well understand why."

EDGARTOWN

Edgartown, Mass. -- another day of secret testimony ~~today~~ -- in the Mary Jo Kopechne inquest. ~~And~~ where it will all lead -- ~~as yet~~, ^{seems to} nobody knows. District Attorney Edmund Dinis -- in his one speculation -- suggesting that the inquest might be ended "around mid-day" tomorrow.

~~By the way~~ Dinis ~~was~~ later, chatting with news men; ~~when he~~ was asked what he thought about Teddy Kennedy's chances -- in next November senatorial election. Said the DA: "If Senator Kennedy is the Democratic nominee -- I expect I will vote for him."

Figure that out.

MIDDLE EAST

In the Middle East -- Israeli jets today blasted Egyptian military targets -- a scant eighteen miles from Cairo. Closest they have yet come to the Egyptian capital -- since that brief war of June, 1967. The raiders taking advantage of a series of earlier strikes -- that have all but destroyed Egypt's early warning system along the Suez Canal.

KUALA LUMPUR

Vice President Agnew spent today at Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia; one of the most beautiful cities in the exotic East, ^{The} crowds out to welcome him included the city's two thousand regular police -- as well as three thousand field troupes who were brought ^{specially} in by Prime Minister Tengku Abdul Rahman. After eight months of racial strife in this tropical Garden of Eden -- the government of Malaysia was taking no chance.

As it turned out though -- the tight security seemed unnecessary. The Vice President's motorcade made the fourteen miles ^{along those lines of Traveller Palms} through the heart of Kuala Lumpur -- without incident.

TEL AVIV, JERUSALEM

~~Back~~In Tel Aviv -- an article was published today in the authoritative newspaper Ma'ariv; an article telling of a recorded U.S. warning to Israel -- to avoid any action that might endanger the stability of Lebanon or Jordan.

Now this: The World Jewish Congress --- in session tonight at Jerusalem. Its president -- Doctor Nahum Goldmann -- warning Jews the world over that they must support Israel; whatever the "difficulty" -- whatever the cost. Dr. Goldmann decrying what he called a "process of erosion" -- especially in American support of Israel.i

VATICAN

At the Vatican -- ~~Rome~~ Pope Paul today criticized Roman Catholic liberals and conservatives alike; ~~though~~ ^{those} ~~said he~~ who would change the church too far, too fast -- and those who refuse to change at all.

Next question "What is the correct path?" to which the Pope replied -- simply that which is set by "responsible authority;" meaning the Pope himself -- along with "other pastors of the church."

NOORDWIJKERHOUT follow Vatican

Meanwhile at
Reverse side -- from Noordwijkerhout in the Netherlands; ~~where~~ a joint

meeting of Dutch priests and laymen voted overwhelmingly ~~today~~ in favor of
abolishing celibacy for priests in Holland.

Cardinal Bernardus Alfrink --the primate of Holland -- one of those ^{present} but not
voting, ~~he~~ said, however, he did regard the outcome -- as representative of the
feelings of Dutch Catholics. ~~And this seem as a sign that he will shortly issue an~~
~~official new policy statement -- fully endorsing same.~~

NEW YORK

New York City -- General David Sarnoff calls it quits. At age seventy-nine -- resigning today as chairman of RCA -- the company ~~that~~ he helped to launch more half a century ago. Turning the job over to his son, Robert -- ~~who~~ ^{who} now becomes president and chairman.

General David Sarnoff -- a giant of the broadcasting industry; and a man who will, indeed -- be sorely missed.

RED BALL

One of the fringe benefits of exploring the unknown -- is ~~the fact~~ that briefly, ~~at least~~, you can really "get away from it all;" as I did recently -- in one of the least known sections of still wild New Guinea. But when you are away you also miss some opportunities. This time I missed an important new book -- one I would have told you about at the time.

"RED BALL IN THE SKY" is a colorful, thrilling account of the experiences of one of America's great pilots; Charley Blair -- first man to fly solo across the Arctic, over the North Pole; -- first man to lead a flight of jet fighters across the top of the world -- winner of the Harmon International Trophy for outstanding contribution to aviation -- winner of the Thurlow Award for navigational achievement -- the Distinguished Flying Cross -- I could go on and on. ~~But, maybe his number one achievement was winning the hand of lovely Maureen O'Hara.~~

His book "RED BALL IN THE SKY" is much more than an action story.

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It contains an analysis -- of the awesome problems facing us in this era of nuclear weapons; written by a man who served as an Air Force General.

I suggest you read "RED BALL IN THE SKY."

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Come to think of it Warren, maybe his no. 1 achievement was winning the hand of lovely Maureen O'Hara!

KOKOMO

On the weatherfront -- ~~it was bone chilling~~ ^{a bit chilly} cold today -- north, east, south and west. The mercury hitting 20 below at Kokomo, Indiana -- freezing a natural gas pipe line and leaving thousands without heat. At nearby Chicago -- twelve below; freezing rail equipment -- stranding thousands more. Temperatures dropped ~~into the teens -- clear across the south; with Florida tourists --~~ ^{even in the deep} ~~off~~ ⁱⁿ ~~to be trading their bikinis for parkas.~~ ^{the girls taking} ~~and putting on~~ ^{parkas.}

Outlook for tonight? -- ~~more of the same.~~ In fact, The weather bureau predicting ~~overnight~~ ^S temperatures of zero or below -- in thirty-six states, ~~in all.~~

Baby, it's cold outside. Here at Lake Placid where I am in the Adirondacks the thermometer -- ^{why it's right at} ~~tells me it's~~ ^{at this moment reads} ~~zero.~~ ^{zero.}

And for mid-winter, that's not so cold, is it?