

VIET NAM

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NEWS FROM VIET NAM TELLS TODAY OF COASTAL PLAINS
DRENCHED WITH COMMUNIST BLOOD. AMERICAN AND GOVERNMENT FORCES
CLAIMING TO HAVE KILLED MORE THAN A THOUSAND NORTH VIETNAMESE
TROOPS, IN ONE OF THE ALLIES' GREATEST VICTORIES SO FAR.

THIS IN OPERATION RIO GRANDE - ABOUT THREE HUNDRED
MILES NORTH OF SAIGON, NOW DRAWING TO A CLOSE - WITH AMERICAN
MARINES FAST WIPING UP THE REMNANTS OF A ONCE ELITE NORTH
VIETNAMESE FORCE. PUSHING THE COMMUNIST DEATH TOLL - TO MORE
THAN TWO THOUSAND IN THE LAST EIGHT DAYS.

WASHINGTON FOLLOW VIETNAM

Here at home -- a strong argument for continuation of the present level of U.S. bombing attacks against North Vietnam; in testimony released today -- the the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Defense Secretary McNamara asserting that it would be politically and militarily wrong -- to suspend bombing of the Communist North "at this time." He added however that it would be just as wrong to step up such air raids. The current level of bombing -- just about right -- said he; to hold up the "small numbers of men and material" -- now "being sent from the North to the South."

attempting to rob Robert Humphrey as he returned to his car. The Vice President shaken a bit but saving it safely behind a flying wedge of Secret Service agents.

STANFORD FOLLOW WASHINGTON

A related item comes today from Stanford University in California. Where Vice President Hubert Humphrey was guest speaker before an audience containing large numbers of anti-war protestors.

Despite a so-called "silent reception" Hubert Humphrey finally winning the audience over. Earning and getting loud applause at the end of a rough question and answer period, during which the Vice President said at one point -- that Hanoi will soon know "the ball game is over."

Outside However -- something else again. The waiting crowd of about three hundred more anti-war students -- attempting to mob Hubert Humphrey as he returned to his car. The Vice President shaken a bit but making it safely behind a flying wedge of Secret Service agents.

NEUBERGER

Former U.S. Senator Maurine Neuberger of Oregon will soon become the first woman ever to serve as a Presidential advisor on military weaponry. This by virtue of a pending appointment to the U.S. Armed Control and Disarmament Agency -- announced today by the White House.

Apart from her new job Senator Maurine Neuberger will continue to serve as chairman of the President's Commission of the Status of Women; and also as a member -- of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Commission.

MIAMI BEACH

TOP LEADERS OF THE A F L - C I O - IN MIAMI BEACH
TODAY FOR THEIR ANNUAL WINTER MEETING. ALL EXCEPT WALTER
REUTHER OF THE UNITED AUTO ~~SEXIE~~ WORKERS, WHO IS DEEPLY
EMBROILED IN A FEUD WITH A F L - C I O PRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY.

RESULT: THOSE PRESENT VOTING UNANIMOUSLY - TO
EXPUL REUTHER FROM ~~THE~~ THE UNION'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.
FURTHER TELLING REUTHER THAT IF HE HAS ANY MORE COMPLAINTS
HE SHOULD MAKE THEM THROUGH PROPER CHANNELS RATHER THAN PRESS
RELEASES. ALL THIS RAISING INCREASED SPECULATION THAT THE
GIANT U A W WILL SOON BREAK ~~TE~~ FROM ITS PARENT ORGANIZATION.

RED CHINA

MORE THAN A THOUSAND PERSONS WERE KILLED OR INJURED -
IN BLOODY FIGHTING LAST WEEK IN A SINGLE PROVINCE IN RED CHINA;
ACCORDING TO A REPORT TODAY / FROM NATIONALIST CHINA'S
OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY.

THE BATTLEFIELD SAID TO BE SZECHUAN ~~RENEW~~ PROVINCE IN
CENTRAL CHINA, WITH OPPONENTS OF CHAIRMAN MAO TSE TUNG REPORTEDLY
LEADING MEMBERS OF A LOCAL COMMUNE IN AN ALL OUT ATTACK ON
PRO MAO RED GUARDS. THE OUTCOME STILL IN DOUBT - SAYS
NATIONALIST CHINA.

JAKARTA

SUKARNO OF INDONESIA - A VIRTUAL PRISONER TODAY
IN THE COUNTRY HE FOUNDED. INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER
ADAM MALIK - SAYING THAT SUKARNO "CANNOT" LEAVE THE ~~RENTREIX~~
COUNTRY UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES ~~UNLESS~~ UNTIL HE STANDS TRIAL
-- FOR ~~EE~~ ALLEGED ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CRIMES.

MALIK'S STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO REPEATED RUMORS
THAT SUKARNO IS PLANNING A FLIGHT TO ~~ZEKINK~~ JAPAN TO ESCAPE
PROSECUTION. THE FOREIGN MINISTER ADDING THAT ONLY ONE PERSON
- WANTS SUKARNO TO GO ABROAD; AND THAT, SAID HE - IS SUKARNO'S
FOURTH WIFE - DEWI; WHO IS CURRENTLY IN TOKYO - AWAITING THE
BIRTH ~~EXXN~~ OF HER FIRST ~~CH~~ CHILD.

OLONGAPO

FROM THE PHILIPPINES - NEWS TODAY OF A POLITICAL
- also
MURDER; RAISING THE THREAT - OF ~~A~~ POSSIBLE ANTI-AMERICAN
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REPERCUSSIONS.

THE VICTIM - MAYOR JAMES GORDON OF OLONGAPO CITY.
"LIBERTY TOWN" FOR AMERICAN SAILORS FROM THE NEARBY SUBIC-BAY
NAVAL BASE - ~~XXX~~ SOME SEVENTY MILES NORTH OF MANILA.

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THE KILLER - IDENTIFIED AS A NINETEEN YEAR OLD
PAID ASSASSIN, ALLEGEDLY HIRED BY PHILIPPINE MOBSTERS -
TO CUT SHORT THE MAYOR'S CAMPAIGN TO CLEAN UP OLONGAPO CITY
AND KEEP IT HONEST.

RIO

THE DEATH TOLL FROM MASSIVE ~~AN~~ MUD SLIDES IN RIO
DE JANEIRO ^{at last report} ~~NEARING~~ TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY PERSONS. ~~AT-LEAST~~
~~REPORT.~~ WITH THOUSANDS LEFT HOMELESS _ IN THE WAKE OF THIRTY
HOURS OF STEADY RAIN.

MORE THAN HALF OF THE VICTIMS ~~WERE~~ - RESIDENTS
OF A PAIR OF FOUR STORY APARTMENT BUILDINGS: THAT COLLAPSED
ONE ON TOP OF THE OTHER ON A RAINSOAKED HILLSIDE NOT FAR
FROM THE OLD PRESIDENTIAL PALACE IN RIO.

GRAIN

The United States and India today formally signed an agreement -- that will send two million more tons of grain to hungry Indians. The ceremony in Washington -- under terms of the new food for peace program. With the value of the grain -- set at about a hundred and thirty five million dollars.

India is expected to pay for the grain -- in rupees except that twenty-two percent of the purchase price -- will be given back eventually to the Indian government by us, the money to be used for self-help projects including a number of family planning programs.

PEORIA

Twenty-Five year old Richard Franklin Speck -- accused slayer of those eight Chicago nurses -- finally placed on trial today in Peoria, Illinois; under Security wraps perhaps the tightest in U.S. peace time history. With presiding Judge Paschen -- clamping a virtual news blackout on the opening session.

The judge -- turning back complaints from news men; by saying he was "not going to impinge on the freedom of the press." But merely insuring a fair trial. "The eyes of the world are on this case -- and on Peoria," said he.

SALT LAKE CITY

Governor Romney of Michigan -- a step closer today -- closer than he has ever been before -- to becoming an avowed candidate for President. This the result of a news conference at Salt Lake City; where Romney was asked for comment on an organization -- who's avowed purpose is to get him to run -- founded by former Republican national chairman Len Hall.

The Governor saying that Hall's group will supplement and compliment the work of an organization called Romney associates; a group of Romney friends in Michigan -- who are researching foreign and domestic issues for possible use in a Presidential campaign. Romney adding, once more that he was "fortunate and impressed" -- to have a man of Len Hall's experience working in his behalf.

Next question: Does that mean Romney endorses what they are trying to do? The Governor replying: "I didn't discourage him and I expressed appreciation."

CONVENTION FOLLOW SALT LAKE CITY

MEANWHILE, THE BIDDING OPENED ~~TODAY~~ IN WASHINGTON TODAY ON SELECTION OF A SITE FOR THE SIXTY EIGHT^h REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CONVENTION. CIVIC LEADERS FROM CHICAGO, HOUSTON, LOS ANGELES AND PHILADELPHIA - FIRST TO PRESENT OFFERS TO THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE; WITH BIDS FROM SAN FRANCISCO AND MIAMI - SET FOR TOMORROW.

THE FAVORITE - IF ANY - HOUSTON, WHICH IS ALSO BIDDING - FOR THE SIXTY-EIGHT^h DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CONVENTION. THE REASON, OF COURSE HOUSTON'S FABLED ASTRODOME - WORLD'S LARGEST ENCLOSED STADIUM WHICH COULD WELL MEAN THE END - OF AN OLD POLITICAL BROMIDE.)

^ HOUSTON'S REPRESENTATIVE BOASTING ~~THE~~ TODAY - THAT THE ASTRODOME IS FULLY AIR CONDITIONED. "SO WELL"- SAID HE - "THAT IT WILL ELIMINATE SMOKE FILLED ROOMS."

MONT TREMBLANT

Now an item that I hope won't annoy my non-skiing friends -- too much. As some of you know, skiing has meant far more to me than any other sport. Just getting into the mountains in mid-winter can be a thrilling experience. Skiing down them through new powder snow -- ah, that's about the ultimate. There's nothing more exhilarating.

When I became bitten by the ski bug more than thirty years ago, there were only a handful of skiers in North America. We all knew each other. Now, as you know, the sport is enjoying a world-wide boom.

I'm broadcasting tonight from one of the top ski places in the world -- in the Laurentians -- at Mont Tremblant. Joe Ryan's fairy village at the foot of Mount Tremblant and all the lifts and trails and everything, have been taken over by four French Canadian gentlemen with picturesque names -- Andre Char-ron, Roger Beau-Chemin, J. Louis Levesque and Roger De Serres. These gentlemen aided and

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~~ARE~~ abetted by their able general manager, a Candian Scot
named Stan Ferguson, have spent another million or two here;
and
~~and~~ all skiers who want to cavort in new dry powder snow --
should come to Mont Tremblant, here where I've been
broadcasting off and on nearly every winter, ever since
Joe Ryan, ~~D~~og-team-racer Harry Wheeler, Lowell Jr. and I
climbed this the highest mountain in Canada together more
than thirty years ago. And solong until tomorrow.