

In Vietnam - the pace quickens - with U.S. Intelligence sources reporting tonight - a sudden step-up in enemy activity. Apparently pointing toward an intensification - of the current Red offensive; which could mean another major attack against the great city of Saigon - perhaps this weekend.

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Meanwhile, the enemy was again concentrating - on hit and run rocket and mortar barrages. One such attack at Da Nang - killing two U.S. marines - also blasting the office of Marine Major Chuck Robb - son-in-law of President Johnson. Luckily Major Robb was in another room at the time.

Here at home for Defense Secretary Melvin Laird - barely two months in office - the honeymoon ended abruptly today. Stopped dead by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee during heated debate on the President's proposed anti-ballistic missile system.

To bolster his case - Melvin Laird warning that Russia is shooting toward a "first strike" nuclear capability; in other words - a means of devastating the U.S. with one surprise attack. Whereupon the Secretary was accused of "fear mongering" in an attempt to force support of the ABM system. Senator Fulbright asserting that "this happens all the time in discussing the Russians military capacity - they suddenly become ten feet tall." Senator Gore of Tennessee and Senator Cooper of Kentucky also joining in the attack.

~~Senator~~ Fulbright further demanding to know when President Nixon is going to do something about ending the war in Vietnam. However, Melvin Laird - refusing^{ed} to engage in a public discussion of U S strategy. Saying only: "We will have an alternate approach if we are not successful at Paris."

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At Independence, Missouri - ~~Richard~~ ^{President} Nixon
meets ^{former President} ~~Harry~~ Truman - and what a difference a decade
makes. Where once they were the bitterest of political
foes - the two ^{were - so it appeared - now} ~~men performing today~~ in perfect harmony.
^{As you have heard} ~~the present~~ President ^{was there to} ~~present~~ the former President
- with the piano ^{on which #ST} ~~he~~ played during his ~~the~~ White House
days.

At the urging of Bess Truman - Richard
Nixon ^{today went} ~~said~~ so far as to offer his own rendition of
"The Missouri Waltz". Displaying plenty of enthusiasm
despite ^{maybe a} ~~few~~ ^{or two.} sour notes. The President explaining:
I play everything in the key of "G". Mr. Truman
replying: "That's all right - it's mighty nice of you
anyway."

In a more serious vein - the President
also noted the up-coming twentieth anniversary of the

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Nato Alliance - founded during the Truman administration.

Mr. Nixon telling Mr. Truman - "without your leadership at that time - it might not have been possible to prevent World Wars since then."

SAO PAULO

The story of a freak accident with tragic consequences -- reported today from Sao Paulo, Brazil. A crowded commuter train headed into town - when its engine suddenly conked out. Railroad officials quickly dispatching a relief locomotive - only somehow the original engine was restarted. Barreling off again toward Sao Paulo ^{and} ~~when it~~ smashed ^{ing} ~~ed~~ head-on into the relief engine.

At least fifteen killed instantly. Another two hundred injured - including several ~~so~~ badly hurt ~~they were~~ ^{and} not expected to live.

MOSCOW PEKING

The war of words between Russia and Red China - gets hotter by the day. In Moscow - a mass circulation magazine today ^{was} calling Chairman Mao - a "Chinese Feuhrer" with cannibalistic ambitions; one who would let tens of millions of people perish "solely to advance his own" insane ideas.

Earlier Radio Peking accused the Soviets - of "having long colluded with U.S. Imperialism - in carrying out aggression and expansion everywhere." Also calling Russia's invasion of Czechoslovakia - "a glaring exposure of its fascist features."

WASHINGTON

Washington again - Wally Hickel gets tough.

The Secretary of the Interior - former Governor of Alaska - today applying the tightest restrictions ever - to oil drilling operations off the coast of California.

Attempting to limit the possibility of another "blow out" - such as occurred off Santa Barbara earlier this year.

At the same time - Secretary Hickel set up a new wild life and recreational preserve directly opposite the Santa Barbara oil drilling area. Also he set aside an adjoining fifty-five thousand acres of off-shore territory - to serve as a sort of buffer zone between oil and conservation interests.

LONDON

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London - The British India Company - which specializes in teen-age tours ^{is} ~~λ~~ about to launch a new travel season. Therefore, company officials ^{today were} announcing ~~today~~ a new set of sailing instructions including a section addressed specifically to British school girls entitled "beware minis!" In short telling the youngsters to leave their mini-skirts at home - especially if they intend to travel in Greece, Italy or North Africa.

British India's general manager, John Sharp - attempting to explain the ban - observing that "two things tend to happen" when British girls wear mini-skirts where they shouldn't. First - said he - "the local men get excited"; second, their women get angry" and the result - he added - "unsettling to say the least."

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Ever unsettled by a mini, Warren?

Newest in aerial innovations - reported today from the Wright Patterson Air Force Base. A remote control aircraft television camera - designed to eliminate so-called "blind-spots" in pilot vision.

The way it works - the camera points in whatever direction the pilot is looking. This through the magic of electronic sensors - built right into the pilot's helmet. The picture relayed to a miniature screen - about the size of a half dollar - also rigged to follow the pilot's head movement. Giving him, in effect - an extra pair of eyes. Permitting him to "see" right through his wings, his fuselage, even his own seat.