

SAIGON

Mon, Apr. 14-75

For the first time in years - the sounds of out-going artillery fire ~~was~~ were heard today in Saigon; ^{this} ~~was~~ indicating ~~we are told~~ that government troops were firing on Communist positions ~~at~~ less than seven miles from the city. This following a Communist command attack - at vital Bien Hoa air base only fourteen miles from Saigon.

~~Meanwhile~~ ^{The North Viet Nam} ~~forces~~ ^{were} stepping up their shelling = at nearby Xuan Loc. ^(Zwan Lock) ~~But~~ ^{Nevertheless} government troops ^{were} succeeding, ~~nevertheless~~ in expanding their defensive ~~perimeter~~ perimeter. The Communists apparently pulling back there - rather than face a head-on battle with the city's elite paratrooper defenders.

PHNOM PENH

In neighboring Cambodia - the fate of Phnom
Penh was all but sealed today. Khmer Rouge rebels
-- smashing their way through the city's northern
defenses; ^{they were} at last report, battling government ~~as~~ troops
near the French embassy in the heart of ^{the city.} ~~the city.~~
~~Observers saying~~ The fall of the Cambodian ^{(capital} ~~capital)~~
^{may come within a few hours.}
~~is now imminent.~~

KUALA LUMPUR

At Kuala Lumpur - an announcement ^{was made} today ~~telling~~
of an agreement between Malaysia and ~~the~~ Thailand;
~~to work together~~ to counter ~~an upsurge~~ in Communist
guerrilla activity.

The two nations also proposing a meeting of
Southeast Asian countries - to work out a so-called
"Pax-Asiana". This to serve as a guide to peace -
when the fighting ~~was~~ finally ended ^S in ~~North~~ Vietnam,
Cambodia and Laos.

WASHINGTON

In the trial of John Connolly in Washington - the defense called to the stand today ^{an impressive} ~~a glittering~~ array of character witnesses, ~~these~~ including world bank President Robert McNamara - former First Lady Lady Bird Johnson - former Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Evangelist Billy Graham - and Democratic National Chairman Robert Strauss.

Mrs. ~~Le~~ Johnson ~~perhaps best~~ summing up - ~~the prevailing view~~ saying there may be "some people" who "don't like" the former Texas Governor, But, none that she knows who "doubt his integrity."

~~And~~ Then - Connolly himself ^{took} ~~taking~~ the stand ^{to} deny ~~ing~~ emphatically that he ever accepted ten thousand ~~dollars~~ ~~to~~ to help the milk producers win a price support increase.

LOS ANGELES

One of America's greatest and most enduring
movie stars-- has ~~just~~ passed away ^{at age 77.} ~~in Los Angeles.~~

Frederic March ~~a star~~ for more than fifty years a star
of stage and screen. ~~The~~ winner of two Academy
Awards--for "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" in ~~1931~~
in Nineteen Thirty-Two, - and "The Best Years of
Our lives" in NineteenForty -Six. Now - the victim
of a lengthy illness.

~~Frederick March - age seventy seven.~~

BOSTON

An armed robbery perhaps the first of its kind here in the U S - is reported ~~today~~ from Boston, ^{where}
Three men ~~armed~~ with automatic weapons ^{ed} invaded
Boston's museum of fine arts; beating up a guard
~~who happened to get in their way~~ - then making
off with a Rembrandt ~~painting~~, a portrait of his
sister: ^{they} As they sped off in a car ~~λ~~ firing ~~a volley~~
~~of~~ shots to "discourage pursuit."

~~By the way~~, The value of the painting ^{is put at} ~~they state~~ -
perhaps ~~as much as~~ ^a half a million, ^{armor.} ~~Assuming xxxxxxxx~~
^{Where} ~~Assuming~~ ^{they} they can dispose of it, [?] ~~as good as a bank~~
~~job any day.~~

LONDON

From a French doctor by the name of J P
Maury, in a book published ~~today~~ in London ^{tells} of a
new cure-all for whatever ~~it is that~~ ails you. Dr.
Maury urging ~~generous~~ generous doses of wine -
starting out with a table spoon a day at age four
and working up ~~to~~ from there. Dr. Maury also
prescribing specific types of wines - for specific
ailments. If you happen to be running a temperature,
for example -- he recommends two glasses of champagne;
for a sore throat - a pint of Mulled claret, ^uburgandy,
or beaujolais; for anemia ~~at~~ four glasses of ~~white~~
~~bordeaux~~ ^{white} bordeau and so on.

If the cure doesn't work, you can ^{at least be} ~~be fairly~~
^{sure} ~~confident at least~~ [^] you'll be feeling very little pain.