

VIETNAM

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In official Washington circles - an air of "cautious optimism" today. Enhanced by President Nixon's action - in summoning Henry Cabot Lodge home from Paris. This on the eve of the President's scheduled report to the nation - on Vietnamese peace developments; Following earlier consultations - with Viet Nam Commander General Creighton Abrams.

Be that as it may - the White House <sup>was</sup> insisting today <sup>that</sup> the President will not ~~ever~~ announce a breakthrough of any kind. Adding only that Lodge will receive new instructions - "in light of the President's speech."

Confusing? It certainly is. However, the President pledg<sup>ing</sup>~~ing~~ a full explanation - ~~at~~  
~~ten to eleven night~~

WAR FOLLOW VIETNAM

In the meantime - the war goes on - with a vengeance. Enemy troops attacking allied forces today - near three of South Vietnam's biggest cities. Also, shelling Allied installations with rockets and mortars - forty of them, in all. Making two straight days - of intensified Viet Cong offensive; where Allied officials we're saying <sup>that such an offensive</sup> last week ~~it~~ was well nigh impossible.

In the long run though - they may still be right, <sup>since this</sup> ~~with~~ a new drive - already <sup>is</sup> said to have cost the Communists about a thousand men. <sup>Some of our</sup> ~~Indeed, American~~ people are calling ~~officers suggesting~~ this is a desperation drive aimed solely at forcing ~~still~~ more U S concessions at Paris.

WHITE HOUSE

Here at home <sup>again</sup> - President Nixon put forward today  
a new draft plan. This - in another special message  
to Congress. Urging <sup>a lottery system!</sup> - among other things, <sup>also,</sup> a reversal of  
the existing order of induction <sup>in order to take youngest</sup>  
men first, <sup>instead of elder men.</sup> A bid - we are told - to  
"remove some of the uncertainties" that now plague draft-age  
men - sometimes for years.

However, the President emphasized - this would be  
merely an interim plan. His ultimate goal - he said again  
- an all-volunteer military establishment - as soon as  
world conditions permit.

## KUALA LUMPUR

*Race riots in Malasia. The violent flairing today - in at least fifteen communities in and around the capital city of Kuala Lumpur. With rampaging mobs of Chinese and Malays - battling each other - also, police - also, army troupes. First reports indicating more than a dozen dead - scores injured.*

*This in the wake of a bitter political campaign - that ended last Saturday with Malasia's ruling ~~the~~ Alliance Party returned once more to power. However, the strong Malasian Chinese Association has since withdrawn from this coalition regime. ~~Further,~~ The Chinese ~~to~~ today <sup>were</sup> ~~demonstrations~~ shouting over and over - "Down with the government!"*

MOSCOW

The Russians and Red Chinese - apparently at it again. Reports reaching Moscow ~~today~~ - telling of a ~~south~~ Chinese border crossing in <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ disputed Sinkiang-Kazakhstan area. With an estimated one thousand Chinese troops - now said to be occupying ~~about~~ <sup>some</sup> fifteen square miles of Soviet territory.

These same reports adding that nearby Russian troops - have so far refrained from any counter-action. However, the ~~the~~ situation said to be tense - raising the possibility of a new military confrontation at any moment.

GUATEMALA

*Governor Rockefeller of New York - the President's special emissary to Latin America - a visitor today to Guatemala City, Guatemala. Arriving under heavy security guard - departing four hours later - same way. Although expected demonstrations - failed to materialize - there were no incidents. Next stop - San Salvadore, ~~and El Salvadore.~~*

## HONG KONG

Here's one - in effect, a real-live version of the popular "I Spy" TV series - except in reverse. Reports from Hong Kong - telling today of the disappearance of a South Vietnamese tennis ace - Lou Hoang Duc; said to have vanished en route home from Seoul - after leading the South Vietnamese tennis team to a Davis Cup victory over South Korea.

And where is he now? In Hanoi - says the Hong Kong report. Adding that Lou Hoang Duc was forced to take flight - when he was unmasked as a secret agent for the Viet Cong; an "I Spy" - Communist-style.

PENRHYNDEUDRAETH

~~Overseas again~~ ~~London~~ → controversial British  
philosopher Bertrand <sup>Russell</sup> has another book just out. The third  
volume of his autobiography - covering the period from  
Nineteen-Forty-Four- to - Nineteen-Sixty-Seven. Publication  
timed to coincide with his ninety-seventh birthday - coming  
up this Sunday.

Meanwhile, at his home in Penrhyndeudraeth, Wales -  
Lord Russell taking advantage of all this; blasting his  
many critics - especially those in the U.S. who tend  
to dismiss him these days as being "senile." In the first  
place - it's a lot of "rot" - said Lord Russell. Adding:  
"In any case, if the charge is true - I fail to see why  
anyone troubles to remark on my babbling."

By the way, Lord Russell was also asked to comment on  
a recent statement by a British doctor - suggesting eighty  
as a reasonable age limit for the elderly. His answer:  
"I've written twenty-two books since I was eighty." He might



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have added - he was also married for the fourth time at  
age eighty; and at last report - <sup>that</sup> ~~the~~ union was still going  
strong - at Pen-rhyn-deudraeth, <sup>1 Warren</sup> that seems  
to be the present situation at Pen-rhyn-deu-draeth.

# SALZBURG

*From Salzburg, Austria - the story of Kurt Richter; director of the Untersberg Mountain cable car concession - also, an inventor of sorts. In fact, he recently invented a new emergency safety belt - for lowering stranded cable car riders. Only trouble - he couldn't get anyone to test it.*

*Finally, Kurt Richter taking his problem - to his eighty-year-old mother; and presto - a solution.*

*The elder Mrs. Richter donning one of the new safety belts - stepping out of an Untersberg cable car a hundred and eighty feet up - putting her son's <sup>Kurt's</sup> invention through the acid test.*

*P. S. <sup>1 -</sup> Sonny Boys invention would work - and it did!*  
*Momma knew ~~best~~ ~~it~~ ~~work~~ ~~ed~~ - and it did!*