

VIETNAM

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The tempo of ground action in Vietnam - fast building tonight; with the struggle for Dak To in the Central Highlands -- ~~now~~ shaping up ~~to~~ as one of the most important battles of the war.

This according to Major General William Peers - Commander of the U S Fourth Infantry, who said the Viet Cong have already committed - at least four regiments to the battle; with additional reinforcements pouring in from Cambodia.

To top it off - said he - the enemy troops apparently under the personal direction of North Vietnamese Defense Minister Vo Nguyen Giap; ^{the} Communist hero of Dien Bien Phu ^{who will be} trying hard for another prestige victory.

Will he get it: Not on your life - says General Peers. An aide adding: "If that so-and-so General Giap doesn't watch out - he's going to get a Dien Bien Phu of his own."

American field troops backing ~~th~~ boast - in
another fierce engagement today just a few miles from
Dak To, In an ~~eleventh~~ eleventh straight day of fighting -
that had already claimed perhaps as many as thirteen
~~hundred~~ hundred enemy ~~troops~~ troops; as against ninety-
two - American dead.

NEW YORK

Three American G I's just released by the Viet
Cong - on the last leg of their long journey home tonight.
State Department and Defense Department officials -
waiting to ~~met~~ meet them at New York's ^{JFK} ~~Kennedy~~ airport.
~~What happens next - we'll just have to wait and see.~~

Meanwhile, from Tokyo -- a report today that
four American seamen have deserted the U S Navy --
in protest against the war in Vietnam. One of the young
sailors quoted as saying: "I am willing to be labeled a
Communist - if this is what it takes to stop this war and
bring America to its senses."

WHITE HOUSE

Here ^{at home} ~~on our own shores~~ - President Johnson today began a week-long review of the war - ■■ conferring with top government officials. First of all - U S Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker -- just back from Saigon.

After^{ward}, Bunker was asked about the possibility of another bombing pause - over North Vietnam. "There have been five pauses before" said he - "and they were used each time by the enemy to build up his forces and supplies." There will be another pause - said Bunker - only when Hanoi gives some sign of "reciprocity."

SUPREME COURT


~~The war in Vietnam was~~ also a major factor ~~in~~
in at least two decisions today from the U S Supreme
Court. In the first - the High Tribunal rejecting an
appeal from Army Captain Howard Levy, who was sentenced
to two years at hard labor -- for refusing to train Green
Beret Medical Aides. In the second - the court reaffirming
another two year sentence for one David Gearey, who
who tried to claim status as a conscientious objector -
after he was drafted.

RICHMOND

From Governor Godwin of Virginia -- a public apology today to President Johnson; over that Sunday sermon by a Williamsburg clergyman -- challenging U.S. policy in Vietnam while the President was more or less -- a "captive" audience.

"Personally and as Governor" -- said Godwin -- "I want to make clear that I regret the incident. It was not -- he added -- a true reflection of "Virginia's traditional hospitality."

The parson in question -- also under fire today from his own congregation. ^{also} At least one letter to the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation -- calling the sermon an example of "exquisite bad taste."



ADD RICHMOND

*Back in Washington - House Democrats later joining
in the barrage. Including this - from Congressman Hays
of Ohio: "I think it's fair to say" - said he - "that
nobody ever heard of ~~the~~ this preacher before yesterday --
and nobody ever will again - and it will be no great loss."*

PHNOM PENH

At Phnom Penh in Cambodia -- Prince Norodom

Sihanouk was off on another tirade today. The volatile ruler calling world Communism -- "a farce". Asserting that "Communists use internationalism -- as a pretext for becoming Imperialists in their own right". Communism -- he added -- "is not an international ideology -- which can bring happiness and prosperity to humanity."

All this -- in a speech to a young Socialist rally.

Sihanouk concluding: "There is a white Communism and a yellow Communism -- and they collide when their national interests diverge."

PEKING FOLLOW PHNOM PENH

As if on cue -- this next from radio Peking. An official government broadcast today -- calling the current Communist celebration in Moscow; "A big ugly show -- an intolerable insult to the world's revolutionary people."

Red China further promising -- that a "new revolutionary storm" will soon erase the present Soviet leadership. Why so? ^{says Peking,} Because of personal insults from the Kremlin -- against "our great beloved leader -- Chairman Mao" -- ~~said Peking.~~

CLEVELAND

In Cleveland -- the great-grandson of a slave was formally inaugurated as Mayor today. Carl B. Stokes becoming the first Negro -- ever elected to leadership of a major U. S. city, promptly pledging an all-out war against the forces that attack our urban civilization.

"The enemy" -- said he -- "is a combination of big and little problems -- tangibles and intangibles -- human problems and physical problems -- ~~problems that range~~ ^{ranging} from tangled traffic to race relations; problems ~~that can~~ ^{to} be solved only by the entire community -- working together as a team," ^{said he,}

~~Toward that end -- Carl Stokes promising~~ "to serve the best interests of all the people -- without fear or favoritism." ^{he added --} "That is what everyone wants" -- ~~said he,~~ -- "and that is what everyone will receive."

WASHINGTON

From the Census Bureau in Washington comes a reminder ~~today~~ that ~~the~~ ^{our} population ^{in this country} will soon reach the amazing two hundred million mark; with the witching hour -- supposedly set just seven days hence. I can remember when it was less than half that number.

How much -- in actual flesh and blood -- is two hundred million people? Enough -- says the Census Bureau -- that we Americans stacked end on end -- would reach something like halfway to the moon. Allowing for the fact, of course, that some ~~of us~~ are better-stacked than others, would you say ~~that~~ Allan?

SAN MATEO FOLLOW CLEVELAND

Across the continent -- in San Mateo, California -- another political drama is just about ready to unfold. With tomorrow set as primary day -- for a special election to Congress. The vote expected to serve as a sort of "sneak preview" -- of the political aspirations of Shirley Temple Black.

(Mrs. Black -- the "little Miss Marker" of yesteryear -- heavily favored to snare the Republican nomination. But a run-off election set for December twelve -- something else again.) Political pundits ^{are} hoping tomorrow will give them a solid clue -- as to the strength and depth of that so-called "Hollywood backlash."

Shirley's backers -- still supremely confident; noting that others have made it -- "in spite of their movie careers."

Just the point! -- say her foes. Raising the question: "With Ronald Reagan as your Governor -- and George Murphy as

your Senator -- how would you like to admit that your Congressman was Shirley Temple? Why not?