

VIET NAM

L. J. Quick, ~~fisher~~ Tues., June 29 - '65

American troops today launched their first major combat offensive -- of the war in Viet Nam. Some Two thousand U.S. Paratroopers -- joining the same number of Australian and South Vietnamese ~~troops~~ in a giant pincers movement, Aimed at wiping out a Communist stronghold -- about Thirty miles north of Saigon. ~~The~~ The same jungle area -- blasted by our B-Fifty-Twos last week.

U.S. Marines also ^{were} in action today, ~~on~~ ~~with~~ another massive search-and-destroy mission -- near the big U.S. Air Base at Da Nang. While in the air -- American jets struck today -- to within Sixty-five miles of Red China. Blasting a supply depot at Thuan Chau -- in their deepest penetration of the war so far.

BLISS

Republican National Chairman ~~Ray C.~~ Bliss -- today presented his formula for a political come-back in Nineteen Sixty-Six, ~~keyed~~ to a resurgence of the GOP -- in big cities and their suburbs.

The Bliss plan calls for an immediate workshop -- Republican for big city chairmen. To implement at last the recommendations of a "Big City" planning committee -- which Bliss headed four years ago.

He also wants a school for Republican campaign managers -- a new program for recruiting the most able candidates -- and a strengthening of GOP programs -- to win the support of minority groups, senior citizens and new voters.

IKE FOLLOW BLISS

Meanwhile, the Republican National Committee today created a special study group; to report back on possible ways -- of "reforming and modernizing" presidential conventions. This in response to former President Eisenhower's recent suggestion of a thorough overhaul of the convention system -- in his speech yesterday before the Republican leaders.

EXPLOSION

Hearings continued today in Washington -- on the first public legislative attempt to prevent a world population explosion. Senate hearings on a bill that would set up special agencies in the federal government, ~~to~~ collect and distribute birth control information to those who request it -- both at home and abroad.

— a Harvard chemist —
Today's chief witness -- [^]Dr. George

Kistiakowsky -- White House science adviser in the Eisenhower Administration, ^{who} ~~the Harvard chemist~~

⁵~~warning~~ that prevention of a world population explosion -- is entwined irrevocably with the prevention of war. Unless the population crisis can be solved -- said he -- "war is inevitable."

SPORTS

A Senate Sub-committee today approved a major sports bill. One that would grant professional football, basketball and hockey -- virtually the same anti-trust exemptions -- as those now permitted baseball.

The bill proposing official government approval -- of the controversial player draft, ~~Along~~ with permission for the various leagues -- to establish the terms and conditions of player contracts -- as well as non-raiding agreements.

The Sub-Committee also sent to the Senate -- a bill to establish a Federal czar over boxing. But, ~~this one -- almost sure to fade in the stretch.~~ Since it was sent along -- without recommendation, *it may fade out this time.*

INDIA

In New Delhi -- the Indian government today voted officially to accept that British proposal -- for a formal cease-fire in the disputed Rann of Kutch. India and Pakistan next expected to sign the agreement -- in simultaneous ceremonies tomorrow in New Delhi and Karachi. Ending for now at least -- the border dispute that only last month -- threatened to engulf both nations in a major war.

DUTCH

Crown Princess Beatrix of Holland today won the plaudits of her Parliament -- and, more important, the plaudits of her people.

The Princess and her West German fiance ^{were} ~~was~~ cheered lustily in the Dutch parliament. The lawmakers ~~later~~ joining in singing -- "long live the Princess."

As for the people -- they nearly mobbed the happy couple -- on their way both to and from the Parliamentary reception. Thousands upon thousands -- cheering the Princess and her fiance. Heaping flowers on their open car -- until it was virtually flooded with ^{blossoms.} ~~fragrances~~

SKYDIVERS

The nation's airlines today appealed to the Federal Aviation Agency -- to get skydivers out of the nation's airways. The airlines noting that there has never been a collision -- between a skydiver and an airliner. At least -- not yet. ~~Warning,~~ However, ~~that~~ the sport is mushrooming so fast -- ~~that~~ there have been a number of near-accidents; Any one of which -- could have had tragic results.

At present -- a skydiver can jump anywhere he wants-- just as long as he notifies the FAA of his intentions. The airlines urging now that the sport be confined entirely to areas ~~of free access~~ outside the commercial air routes.

DUTY

Just as the House had done earlier -- the Senate today rejected that Administration proposal to limit tourists returning from abroad -- to just fifty dollars' worth of duty-free goods.

Defeat of the measure -- leaves the exemption of a hundred dollars -- same as before; except that the exemption will be based henceforth -- on the retail value of such goods -- rather than wholesale.

BIRDS

Two giant prehistoric birds -- were on the missing list today here in New York, ⁹ Vanished -- without a clue.

One -- probably the world's first bird; an Archaeopteryx -- about two feet tall. The other -- a sort of turkey-like bird -- six feet tall.

Both were part of an outdoor exhibit -- at the World's Fair, an exhibit featuring replicas of nine prehistoric monsters -- so lifelike that they've apparently -- flown the coop. Dick: -- Any of you have a clue?

SMOKING

Governor Rockefeller today signed into law -- a bill to require all cigarette packages sold in New York -- to have the following on them: -- "Warning -- excessive use is dangerous to health." This the first state measure -- of its kind.

The Agriculture Department tells us that Americans are smoking more than ever. The increase blamed in part -- on those who quit smoking for reasons of health, but are now back at their coffin nails -- smoking 'em more than ever.