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We have been hearing

~~War news~~ from Vietnam - ~~we've~~ ~~tells today of~~

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one of the ~~major~~ ~~major~~ battles of the year - ~~this~~ in the

sweltering Que Son Valley - ~~about~~ <sup>some</sup> three hundred and  
forty miles northeast of Saigon. With U S infantrymen

and on-coming Marine reinforcements - battling the

~~and the~~ Viet Cong - ~~also~~ <sup>up</sup> temperatures ~~that soared to~~ a hundred

and twenty degrees. ~~Attempting to~~ ~~to forge a link~~

~~to mass their combined fire power - against the well-~~

~~trained, well entrenched enemy.~~

From

~~the~~ the Marines, ~~especially - dough studding~~

~~all the way.~~ Battlefield reports telling of ~~many~~ <sup>many</sup> ~~casualties~~

casualties - with the bullets coming "in like rain".

To the point - we hear - where even cooks and clerks

have been pressed into emergency duty - serving

temporarily as combat riflemen.

BANGKOK

At Bangkok in neighboring Thailand - a joint  
communique today from U S and Thai officials. Announcing  
plans to start negotiations September one, on the gradual  
withdrawal of American troops stationed in that country.  
~~An attempt - as you know~~ <sup>This</sup> to ease the fear of American  
involvement - in another major land war in Asia.

However, the announcement ~~stressing that~~ <sup>says</sup>  
withdrawal will be quote - consistent with the assessment  
of both governments" with regard to "the security  
situation." <sup>It all sounds rather iffy</sup>  
~~This - we are told - "assuming that there~~  
~~is no significant alteration" in said situation. And so~~  
~~it all remains as of now a very "iffy" proposition.~~

Here at home - the Defense ~~Sec~~ Secretary takes the offensive. Melvin Laird addressing an American Legion convention today at Atlanta; lashing out at those who would slash defense spending this year - beyond the three billion cut-back he had already announced.

These critics are <sup>indeed</sup> urging a ~~very~~ dangerous <sup>Seen</sup> course said Laird. Asserting that - "any further major cuts" - would subject the American people to "even greater ~~great~~ risks". And then he went on to say: "Too little and too late - has been the ~~with~~ epitath of more than one great nation." ~~The Secretary adding~~ "I am determined that it will not be ours," said he,

## MIDDLE EAST

In the tense Middle East - <sup>another</sup> ~~a~~ flurry of developments, ~~today.~~ Beginning with early morning Arab rocket attacks - against Jerusalem and Beisan. According to the Al Assifa guerrilla movement <sup>this</sup> an answer to recent Israeli "desecration" of Islamic shrines. <sup>All of which was</sup> ~~This~~ followed quickly by Israeli retaliation - in the form of air strikes against Arab commando bases in Jordan.

Meanwhile at Amman - Jordan's King Hussein was announcing another cabinet shuffle; ~~Appointing~~ a civilian as defense minister - in place of major General Amer Khammash. The latter apparently failing to <sup>carry out</sup> ~~implement his~~ Hussein's newly announced policy - <sup>for</sup> ~~that of a~~ harder line against Israel, ~~a softer line against~~ ~~the common commandos.~~

# UNITED NATIONS

*Now this: At the United Nations - the* **Ux3**

*U N Security Council today unanimously condemning*

*Israel for its air raid on Lebanon two weeks ago.*

## VIENNA

Fire bombing in Vienna. Target - the Canadian Embassy. With a crazed man bursting into the building - hurling a Molotov cocktail at a member of the staff. Setting off a raging blaze that killed ~~two~~ <sup>two</sup> ~~both~~ ~~Austrians~~ Austrians who worked there. Also, sending some thirty to the hospital - including a number of firemen.

~~Arxx~~ Arrested at the scene - a man identified only as "Kolman L". <sup>the</sup> ~~Police saying he was~~ a Canadian - ~~although~~ born in Hungary. Further quoting the man as saying over and over - "I did it - I did it". But why - still a ~~xx~~ mystery.

Lusaka, Zambia - the plot thickens. In the midst of a government shape-up President Kenneth Kaunda's personal jet crashing today, shortly after take-off. Killing three British crew members - also critically injuring an African.

As for the President himself - he was not aboard. <sup>At the time</sup> Kaunda <sup>was</sup> conducting a press conference ~~at the~~ <sup>discussing</sup> ~~time - dealing mainly with~~ the announced resignation of ~~Zambian Vice President~~ <sup>Simon Kapwepwe</sup>. However, he was asked about a London report - to the effect that a bomb had been found recently aboard the Presidential plane. To which Kaunda replied - he knew nothing about <sup>that</sup> it - ~~as~~ his own security was not his personal concern.

~~In light of what happened though - that statement~~  
~~no doubt - subject to immediate change.~~

SAN CLEMENTE

From the summer White House - San Clemente

- news today that President Nixon ~~will be heading~~ <sup>soon will be on his</sup> ~~soon~~ <sup>way</sup> "south of the border." The President to meet with Mexico's chief executive - President Diaz Ordaz -- September Eight - a week from Monday. This at dedication ceremonies near Del Rio, Texas, ~~marking~~ <sup>for</sup> the opening of the new Amistad Dam across the Rio Grande.

WALTER REED FOLLOW SAN CLEMENTE

~~Back~~ In Washington - ~~pretty young~~ Tricia

Nixon - a patient tonight at Walter Reed Army Hospital.

~~Suffering from~~ <sup>For</sup> abdominal pains <sup>that may</sup> ~~said to~~ indicate a

possible attack of appendicitis. Although at last report

-- Tricia <sup>was</sup> ~~said to~~ be "fifty percent better and resting

~~now~~ comfortably."

Coming soon - a new "airless tire." Reports from Akron ~~telling today~~ of advance tests on this latest in automotive innovations; a tire filled with foam instead of air - one that never goes flat - ~~expected to be~~ ready for market within the next two years.

Price - ~~not~~, that's something else. <sup>at any</sup> ~~rate~~ <sup>rate</sup> ~~However~~ the army and air force <sup>are</sup> ~~are~~ expected to gobble up all they can get; since the new tire is also "bullet proof" and thus ideal for combat operations. The manufacturers of heavy mining construction and agriculture equipment - also greatly interested.

When it comes to the family car - price notwithstanding, maybe just the thing for that right rear tire. You know - the one <sup>John -</sup> your wife is always scraping against the curb, or are you - or am I the one who does the curb scraping?

## QUINCY

Was she - or wasn't she? The question posed - at Quincy, Massachusetts where movie director Otto Preminger - was shooting a so-called "nude scene" for his latest epic. The script calling for singer actress Liza Minelli - to cavort supposedly naked among the tomb-stones of a local cemetery. ~~When~~ Suddenly - the film <sup>crew</sup> ~~crew~~ was slapped with a legal complaint; a complaint charging that the nude scene - was, in effect, sacrilegious.

Later, in District Court, a policeman admitting that Miss Minelli was not nude at all -- she was wearing ~~flash~~ flesh-colored tights. <sup>This</sup> ~~Something of~~ a disillusionment for ~~axmoxingxmxaxxgxoingxo~~ peeping Toms - and ~~it~~ also leaving ~~to~~ the powers that be in something of a quandry. The matter finally taken under advisement - while the authorities decide - nude or not - should they - or shouldn't they?