

Tues. Aug. 8 - '67.

More Americans held more jobs last month - than ever before in U S history. Figures announced today by ~~the~~ Washington - ~~government~~ - placing the nation's total labor force at more than seventy-six million workers. ~~Seasonally adjusted - some~~ ~~two hundred thousand more than the previous record set~~ ~~last January.~~

~~At the same time - the U S unemployment rate~~ ~~dropped slightly -- to three point nine percent of the labor~~ ~~force. The jobless rate among non-whites - showing the~~ ~~sharpest ~~decline~~ decline. Even so - still about double that~~ ~~for white workers; as it ~~has~~ has been - for thirteen years~~

~~now~~

VIETNAM

By land, sea and air - American forces ~~in~~ to the
attack today in Vietnam. Pounding away at ^{the} Viet Cong
in the South - hammering artillery batteries, troop
concentrations and targets "of opportunity" in the Communist
North.

American "sharpshooter" of the day - the U S
Destroyer Harry Hubbard, on a mission against coastal
targets - in that phony demilitarized zone; firing with
such deadly accuracy ~~that~~ it picked off a speeding ~~car~~
truck - blew up sixteen gun emplacements - and damaged
five more.

POLITICS FOLLOW VIETNAM

On the political front - some hard campaigning today from South Vietnamese chief of state Thieu, ~~Who~~ ~~promised~~ - if elected President next ~~month~~ month - to consider possible peace talks with Hanoi. Perhaps even to agree to a pause in U S bombing of the Communist North, if he felt it would do any good.

"Nobody likes war - so we should make all efforts to bring peace" - said Thieu. Adding that a freely-elected south Vietnamese government - is perhaps the best basis for achieving that goal.

What about possible peace talks with the National Liberation Front - political arm of the Viet Cong? No dice - said Thieu. "This war is not waged by the ^{at} Front - and the Front can do nothing to bring peace" - said he.

SAIGON FOLLOW POLITICS

More on the same - from a North Vietnamese Army officer who defected recently to the South. Lieutenant Colonel Huynh Cu telling reporters today - ^{he thinks} ~~that he thought~~ the war ^{will} ~~would~~ end in "two or three years" ^{and} ~~that it would~~ end - surely - with an allied victory.

Cu explaining that when he ~~had~~ joined the fighting in Nineteen Fifty-Eight - he figured the war would ~~end~~ end quickly in a Communist triumph. Since then though - Viet Cong victories have been farther and farther apart; the morale of Viet Cong troops - falling lower and lower. With food supplies now so inadequate - said the Colonel - that enemy troops "are forced to hunt frogs in the jungle" just to keep going.

BANGKOK

Meanwhile, at nearby Bangkok - a signing today that could go a long way - toward restoring peace and ~~pros~~ prosperity to that part of the world. Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines - all agreeing to creation of a new economic cooperation organization. A sort of ^{South East Asia} ~~oriental~~ common market - affecting ^{most of} ~~more than half~~ the population, ^{in that vast tropical area} ~~of southeast Asia~~ covering part of the mainland and perhaps 20,000 islands. The new organization - called the Association of Southeast Asian nations; or Asean - for short. It's members pledged to "promote active collaboration and mutual assistance -- on matters of common interest ~~in~~ in the economic, social, cultural, technical, scientific and administrative fields."

In addition to the five charter members - Ceylon has already applied for admission to Asean. Cambodia and Burma -- also ^{are} expected to sign up soon.

Obviously they also have in mind a hope for a way to defend themselves from China, their Colossus to the north.

CHEKIANG

Mounting chaos in Red China - marked today by a peasant rebellion in Eastern Chekiang Province. A coastal district not far from ~~fox~~ Formosa -- and former home of Nationalist Chinese President Chiang Kai-Shek.

Chekiang Radio blaming the rebellion - on so-called "bad leaders" who are opposed to Chairman Mao. ^{These} "Bad leaders" accused of "inciting some misled masses - to storm into the cities" of Chekiang; and ~~there~~ - to do battle with constituted authority.

Result - said the broadcast: pro-Maoists in Chekiang are being "atrociously suppressed" - and many "wounded by gunshots."

This, incidentally, the same technique used by Mao himself - in his post-war rise to power. Winning over the peasantry - followed by assaults on the cities.


How much truth in these reports we don't know.

HONG KONG

The British and Red Chinese - still at loggerheads today in Hong Kong. Britain filing a "strong protest" with Peking - over a series of recent Communist-provoking border incidents. Even as violence flared again twice - along that Hong Kong China frontier.

During the morning - a mob of Chinese throwing ~~up~~ rocks at a British bomb disposal officer, assigned to remove a bomb ~~xx~~ from the border town of Shatankok - where ^{Hong Kong} five colony policemen were killed by Chinese gunfire last month. Luckily though - the officer was not seriously hurt this time. ~~And~~ The bomb - it turned out to be a hoax.

During the afternoon - another Chinese mob ston^{ed}~~ed~~ the border village of Tako Ling. But again ~~fortunately~~ ^{no} ~~was~~ serious injuries.



ADD HONG KONG

A later report: riot police ^{again} tonight forced to
open fire on Communist mobs - rampaging through the
streets of Hong Kong. First reports - indicating at least
ten wounded.

HONOLULU

Closer ~~to~~ home - Senator Fulbright of Arkansas charged tonight - that America is a "sick society". Sick - said he - because the United States is trying to combine "morally incompatible roles" - at home and ~~in~~ abroad; because the war in Vietnam - "is poisoning and brutalizing our domestic life."

This in a speech at Honolulu - to a convention of the American Bar Association. A speech in which Senator Fulbright went on to say - that the United States is becoming an imperialistic nation. One - said he - "engaged in the exercise of power - for its own sake; "a symbol of violence and lack of discipline - instead of a model of democracy and social justice.

The Senator concluding; "it is ultimately self-defeating - to ~~fight~~ fight fire with fire."

NEW DELHI

More trouble today - for India's Lady Prime

Minister. Madame Indira Gandhi's ruling Congress Party - suffering its first defeat in the Indian Parliament; since it came to power twenty years ago - with Indian independence.

The unprecedented setback - on an amendment to a bill dealing with lower castes and tribes. An amendment - sponsored by a Communist member of the lower house, ~~Accusing~~ the government of failing to abide by constitutional safeguards - in its treatment of these minority groups.

The amendment passed - by a margin of two votes. And though the entire motion was later killed - the earlier opposition victory still stands as a matter of public record, ~~Serving~~ notice to Madame Gandhi's government - it can no longer ~~stick~~ ^{dodge} the caste issue.

FORD PEACE SHIP

I wonder how many remember the attempt Henry Ford made to get the boys out of the trenches by Christmas, in World War One? The story of "the odyssey of Ford and his peace ship, appears in a most entertaining book, just written by a veteran journalist, Burnett Hershey.

— and who doesn't these days — —
If you feel in need of some laughs, by all means read — the epic of the Oscar II, Henry Ford's incredible the book. As one top reviewer says: It is one of the funniest books of the year.

adventure.

SAN FRANCISCO

This next - from San Francisco - home of the hippie movement. Where a planned "summer of love" is rapidly turning sour.

Twice in the past two weeks - prominent hippies have been brutally murdered. Both victims - known narcotics dealers. ^{This} Prompting a hippie newsletter to charge today - that organized crime is attempting to take over the hippie movement; trying to sew up the trade in L S D and -- marijuana - and so on.

I visited the Haight-Asbury area in San Francisco recently, and it's a weird sight. It looks like a world gone mad.

MANILA

A final item - from Manila. Where Philippine President Marcos today rescinded a ban ↯ on mail delivery of a recent issue of Time Magazine. A ban originally ordered ^{by} the Philippine Post Office - because the magazine contains a reproduction of Renoir's famous painting - "after the bath."

Post office officials - calling the painting "indecent". President Marcos ruling, however, that "after the ~~bath~~ bath" is a classical work of art. In other words ^{like Ivory Soap} - ninety-nine and forty-four one hundredth percent pure, ~~Bill~~ Martin - and a-l-u-t-m.