

AUSTIN

Wed. Oct. 4 - '66.

The murder-conviction and subsequent death sentence of Jack Ruby -- on charges of murdering Presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald -- ^{was} today declared null and void. A three-judge Texas court of appeals at Austin -- ruling unanimously that Ruby should have been granted a change of venue from Dallas -- scene of the crime. Adding that, in any case, his statements to police showing premeditation -- were in "obvious" violation of the Supreme Court's recent guidelines on confessions.

The Court, in short, ordering a new trial for Ruby -- ~~in~~ ~~place~~ somewhere "other than Dallas." Defense attorneys immediately indicating ^{will} they ~~would~~ try to get a reduction in the charge against Ruby; ~~From~~ murder in the first degree to "murder with malice" -- which carries a penalty in Texas of only three-to-five years.

SWEDEN

The cold war in Europe suddenly hot as a pistol today -- off the heavily-fortified southwestern coast of Sweden. Swedish sonar equipment picking up an unidentified foreign submarine -- not far from the seaport of Goteborg; ~~In~~ clear violation -- of Sweden's territorial waters.

~~Anti~~-submarine helicopters -- quickly dispatched to the scene. Firing rockets and dropping a warning depth charge -- ordering the sub to surface and identify itself. But it did -- neither one. Instead, immediately changing course -- and heading for the safety of the open sea.

A few hours later -- another unidentified sub reported in the vicinity ~~of~~ of nearby Vinga Island. Perhaps the same one -- as it ~~was~~ fled Swedish waters.

According to naval officials -- ~~the subs~~ apparently Communist reconnaissance craft. Today's sighting ^{was} at the conjunction of the Kattegat and Skagarrak -- between the North Sea and the Baltic. ~~See~~ ^{on that} ~~is~~ a direct route -- ~~xxxxxxthatxxSovietxxxxxxmustxtake~~
~~xxxxxx~~ from Leningrad to the Atlantic Ocean.

VIET NAM

On the other side of the globe -- in Viet Nam -- the noose
fast closing tonight on a battered force of ^{Viet Cong,} ~~Communists~~ Trapped
with ^{their} ~~the~~ backs -- to the South China Sea Coast.

American troops pounding the Viet Cong -- along the former
resort beach at Nuoc Ngot Bay. At the same time -- South Korean
and South Vietnamese troops closing in from either side, ~~With~~
American warships standing by -- to prevent a Communist escape
by sea.

Latest casualty figures indicating more than Twelve Hundred
Viet Cong -- killed or captured so far in the three-week drive.
Such a ~~stunning~~ success to date -- that it's said to have
surprised even American commanders in the field.

WASHINGTON

Here at home -- news today that the United States has halted bombing -- in the Eastern sector of that supposedly demilitarized zone -- between North and South ~~and~~ Viet Nam.

White House Press Secretary Bill Moyers saying the suspension is designed to permit an investigation -- by the full International Control Commission. An investigation into American charges that the Communists have used the no man's land -- as an invasion route to the South; also -- for storing armaments. **The** Communists heretofore having blocked the investigation -- on the grounds of potential danger from American bombs.

Meanwhile, in Canada -- a report today that the bombing suspension -- might be another attempt at de-escalation of the Vietnamese war. ~~Hexaxaxaxway~~ In reply -- Moyers asserting we are always on the lookout -- "for any indication" on " the question of peace." Otherwise -- no comment -- said he.

CHICAGO

The number of deaths among motorcycle riders -- nearly Sixteen Hundred last year. A Forty-One per cent increase -- over the year before. And likely to double again -- in the next five; unless a comprehensive accident-prevention program -- is started immediately. This today according to Harry Porter Junior -- of the National Safety Council.

PERCY

Though still in mourning -- Republican Charles Percy of Illinois today resumed his candidacy for the U.S. Senate.

Returning to the campaign -- with a brief press conference at Chicago. ~~His~~ His first public statement -- since the murder of his daughter, Valerie, last month.

Percy saying he would be unable to resume his former pace-- but he would do his best. "This is what I must do -- and what my family wants me to do" -- said he.

MRS. MARK CLARK

One of the most widely known and one of the most popular of all Army wives, passed away today, the lovely, vivacious, talented wife of General Mark Clark. And it was on her birthday.

The former Maurine Doran ^{of Muncie} had been in failing health for years, one of the reasons why her tall General, who had played such a prominent part in World War Two, had resigned as President of The Citadel, so-called "West Point of the South."

It was René Clark's colorful and ~~extraordinarily~~ capable husband who planned and directed the Allied landings at Salerno and Anzio, and soon after liberated Rome. Of course we all heard much about him before that, when he made that submarine journey across the Mediterranean and met on the q.t. with French anti-Vichi leaders. He had also been the United Nations Commander in Korea and signed the Armistice that ended the Korean fighting. René Clark made their home a rendezvous for interesting and unusual people.

KIEV

The United States and the Soviet Union -- as different as night and day in many respects -- yet strangely alike in others. As in the prevalence -- of cardiovascular disease; part and parcel of a modern industrial society -- and a leading killer here as well as in Russia. All of which lends special significance -- to this next from Kiev.

Doctors at the Kiev Institute of Neurosurgery today reporting a revolutionary new technique -- in the treatment of cerebral hemorrhage -- or stroke; up to now -- generally fatal in about eight or nine out of every ten cases. The key ingredient-- speed. Special ambulance teams and operating teams ready around the clock -- to provide instant help to victims of stroke. The patient often in surgery -- half-an-hour after the first sign of trouble.

The new technique based on a Soviet contention -- that most victims of stroke die not from the hemorrhage itself; but rather from resulting pressure -- on vital centers of the brain. Russian doctors asserting that "timely surgery" -- has "made it possible to save many who were formerly doomed."

LEBANON

From Lebanon, Pennsylvania -- the story today of a freak archery-hunting accident. With ~~Twenty-Five~~-year-old Robert Sholly -- a victim of his own arrow.

As reconstructed by police -- Sholly was out for deer.

Climbing to a tree platform -- to get a better shot, ~~and~~ hauling up his equipment ^{up} by rope ~~and~~ his quiver hit a branch and some of the arrows fell out.

Sholly apparently climbing back down to retrieve the arrows -- when he slipped and fell on top of one of them. Its steel tip plunging deep into his leg -- just above the knee.

Unable to walk -- the hunter painfully dragged himself -- two miles to his car. But too late. When found by state police -- he was already dead from loss of blood.

WHITE HOUSE

Three months out of college -- Lynda Byrd Johnson has just landed her first job. The announcement -- today from the White House. Lynda to serve as a part-time consultant and writer -- for McCall's magazine; ~~in New York~~ ~~in~~ a new department -- specialising in the activities and attitudes of college-age Americans.

The White House emphasizing, however, that Lynda will continue to live ^{mainly} -- at the White House. Probably working at volunteer projects in Washington -- in between her magazine assignments in New York, ~~where~~, incidentally, actor George Hamilton -- is currently making a movie.

READER'S DIGEST

Have you seen the October Reader's Digest? Don't miss the superb article on Ring Lardner. Its by John Wheeler, founder and head of North America Newspaper Alliance; an article about a fantastic personality, written by a fabulous man.

In the same issue Frank Farrell of the World-Journal-Tribune has the following:

"Asked what she ^{doing} was/about her education, the girl replied 'I'm going to the college of my boyfriends ~~choice~~ choice.'"

TAZEWELL

~~Wed. Oct. 5~~ 66.

The local draft board down in New Tazewell, Tennessee -- right on the job, you'll be glad to hear. Which is why it sent a letter recently to a former resident named Custer Watts -- demanding to know why he hadn't registered for the draft.

The letter forwarded from post office to post office -- until it finally reached Custer Watts halfway round the world. The gentleman in question writing back -- that he had failed to register: Because he was a veteran -- of the Normandy invasion in World War Two; because he's the holder of two Silver Stars -- and three Purple Hearts; because he's ~~is~~ still on active duty as a sergeant -- with the U.S. First Air Cavalry.

However,

~~But~~ if they still want him to register -- said Custer Watts -- he'll be glad to do so. Just as soon as he gets back -- from Viet Nam.

CHARLESTON

Strained labor relations in a Charleston, West Virginia, telephone office -- set a-right today; by a few well-chosen words -- from a chivalrous management.

The problem -- that of an attractive young girl -- employed as a company service representative. The girl told by her immediate supervisor -- that "she brags too much when she talks-- wiggles too much when she walks -- and, like Cassius Clay, goes around acting like she's the greatest." Quick as a wink -- the girl thereupon filing a grievance with the local union; charging discrimination -- because of sex, ^{perhaps.} ~~her looks~~

Crisis solved, however, by an immediate apology -- from the front office. Why, a girl like that -- said a company official -- she "has all the qualifications we look for -- in a service representative." *And s-l-u-t-m.*