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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

A third day of terrific battle today -- in the central highlands of South Viet Nam. Entrenched U.S. Army troops -- sheltering terrified women and children in their fox holes; -- beating back a Communist suicide attack from three sides; killing nearly a hundred of the enemy -- some at almost point blank range.

The Communists apparently under the impression -- that they were attacking only one company of American troops; a company worn out -- from two days of previous fighting. But unknown to the enemy -- the G I's were reinforced by a second company that had crept through the jungle during the night -- to reach their comrades. For many of the Viet Cong-- the mistake was a fatal one.

On the political front -- more goodnews. Militant Buddhist leader Thich Tri Quang -- today staging a joyful

reunion with moderate Buddhist leader Thick Tam Chau. The meeting arranged personally by Premier Ky. -- So that political impasse may be at an end.

A fast trip -- from laughter, to fear, to tears -- in this next; a touching item -- from New Concord, Ohio.

The laughter caused by a letter from the local draft board--to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boetcher; asking the whereabouts of their son--suspected of attempting to dodge the draft.

The fear from a letter in that same batch of mail-- from the same son; Marine Corporal Hal Boetcher -- who long ago volunteered for duty in Viet Nam. The young Marine telling his parents--he was going on a major operation. One--said he-- that looked like "a pretty good one."

The tears--result of a later telegram from the Defense Department. Notification that Marine Corporal Hal Boetcher--had just been killed in action at Chu Lai.

THAILAND

Meanwhile, news today from Bangkok--of a new Communist offensive in neighboring Thailand. The Thai Reds -- who have long been active in the north of that country-- leapfrogging five hundred miles to the South; launching a propaganda movement--in conjunction with a guerilla terrorist campaign that has already claimed the lives--of at least ten rural policemen.

The Communists are said to be trying to exploit--an age-old problem in Southeast Asia; too many people--and too little food. Where the government has restricted crops from lush timberland--the Reds promising to turn it over to local farmers--if and when they gain control.

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DEGAULLE

For three hours and twenty minutes -- a little summit meeting today at the Kremlin. French President DeGaulle and top aides -- conferring with the full lineup of the Soviet hierarchy.

When it was over -- a brief communique was issued -- that said nothing. French sources reporting, however, that DeGaulle had sought Russian backing -- for a joint effort to end the war in Viet Nam. The Soviets -- for their part -- apparently non-committal.

Meantime, a Communist version of the history of World War Two - was served up today by the Soviet Press. One that will surely do nothing -- to improve east-west relations.

The United States and Britain -- chief targets of the Soviet abuse. Both accused of backing Hitler -- in the German invasion of Russia. Said to have launched a second front in Europe-- only to keep the Russian army from sweeping all the way to France.

In addition -- the U.S. atom bomb attacks on Japan declared "senseless". Supposedly because the Russians -- with the help of Chinese and Mongolians -- had already beaten the Japanese into submission. How's that for a still dose of propaganda?

The Communist account totally ignoring the fact that Russia entered the war against Japan -- only six days before the Japanese surrender; and only entered then because F.D.R. permitted them to enter.

~~SECRET~~

SUKARNO.) For the first time since he tumbled from power--
Sukarno ~~of Indonesia~~ appeared publicly today before the
Indonesian Congress. As always--an immaculate figure--in
starched white uniform and black Moslem cap. But inside--a
hollow shell of the man who once defied the world.

Sukarno forced to mark time--until the Congress said
it was "ready" to hear him. His speech--when he delivered it--
a placid Forty-Five minute address from a prepared text. ^{all} In
sharp contrast--to his fiery, off-the-cuff speeches of old.

In the end--Sukarno suggesting it might be "good"--
as he put it--for the Congress to reconsider his official
position; that of nominal--President-for-Life. In effect--
Sukarno himself signing away his last remaining honor.

FEISAL

Despite recent ~~late~~ turbulence in the Middle East - Communism will never take ~~root~~ root in the Arab world. So said King Feisal of Saudi Arabia in a Washington speech - his first as a reigning monarch on U.S. soil. The reason - said ^{the} King ^{of Arabia} ~~Feisal~~ - "because Communism is opposed to our religious beliefs."

The King further predicting that traditional Arab solidarity - will eventually overcome present differences in the Arab world; especially those between citizens of Saudi Arabia - and those of the United Arab Republic. "No matter what differences may arise - they remain our brothers," said Feisal. →

Later -- at the end of two days of talks -- King Feisal and President Johnson issuing a joint communique-- stressing the "close and cordial relations" -- between their two nations.

COLLEGE

For what it's worth - a report today from London; of special interest to the parents of American college youth - who may have been alarmed by recent campus hi-jinks across the nation.

Two British educators - reporting on a study of sixty-four American colleges. The Britons alarmed not at all - by the so-called rebellion of American youth; but rather by the alleged complacency and conformity - they found on American campuses. The average U. S. student is described as - "already prematurely middle-aged; wishing "not to change the world - but to fit into it."

As for that so-called sex-revolution on the American campus -- the Britons call discussion, analysis and argument on the subject of sex - "the most popular of extra-curricular activities". For the most part though Warren
said the report - it's all talk.

IDOL

Discovery of an ancient relic from the past -- is reported today from Jalapa, Mexico, -- with archaeologists telling of an immense twenty-six hundred pound idol--found in dense Mexican jungle.

The idol in the form of a man -- with a hideous face and jaguar claws for hands and feet. Said to represent the Totonac fertility God -- known as Tlal'te'cuihtli.

Apparently the work of a people who inhabited the area about fifteen hundred years ago.

This statue the first find of a government expedition sent to search for a fabled "lost city" -- that supposedly once existed in mountains nearby..