

QUANG TRI

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*In Vietnam - an all-out attempt today - to stop that enemy offensive now four days old. South Vietnam's President Thieu - stripping the cities of Saigon, Hue and Da Nang of all but their garrison troops; rushing an estimated ten thousand reinforcements - into hard-pressed Quang Tri Province.*

*At the same time, the U.S. Command in Saigon - warning Hanoi that it plans to take "precautionary actions" to protect American lives; and then it doubled the size of our fleet assigned to Vietnam - now to include four aircraft carriers; also, calling in the guided missile cruiser Oklahoma - flagship of the U.S. Seventh Fleet. This to comprise the greatest concentration of U.S. naval might - since the start of the bombing halt in Nineteen-Sixty-Eight.*

WASHINGTON FOLLOW QUANG TRI

Meanwhile, the White House was stressing - there  
are no plans to put American <sup>troops into this</sup> ~~into the ground~~ battle.

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Adding that U.S. policy - remains that of winding down U.S.  
involvement in Vietnam. The Pentagon further saying,  
anyway, there are not enough GI's left in Vietnam - "to  
have any significant effect on any major battle."

A State Department spokesman ~~conceded~~ <sup>ad,</sup> however -  
the situation in Quang Tri is now under review. But  
"what specific action" might be taken - said he - "I  
am not in a position to say."

MILWAUKEE

On the U.S. political front - the home stretch of  
that Wisconsin Presidential campaign, Front-runner George  
McGovern <sup>is</sup> attempting to nail down his first primary  
victory. <sup>He was</sup> Charging today; <sup>that</sup> "The Nixon Administration -  
is owned body and soul by big business." While Hubert  
Humphrey - second in the polls - was again stressing his  
many legislative accomplishments. "I have been a trail-  
blazer" - said <sup>"H.H."</sup> ~~he~~ - "and I am pleased so many have now  
joined the caravan." The "so many" he referred to -  
including Edmund Muskie, George Wallace, "Scoop" Jackson  
and John Lindsay; all of whom were also driving hard - ~~and~~  
right down to the wire. <sup>Tomorrow - the big day</sup> ~~And how it all turns out~~ <sup>well,</sup>  
~~we'll just have to wait and see~~ <sup>in Wisconsin.</sup>

WHITE HOUSE

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The White House <sup>again</sup> - President Nixon signed into law today - a bill providing for the first formal devaluation of the American dollar since Depression days. This by means of an increase in the official price of gold - from Thirty-Five to Thirty-Eight Dollars an ounce; which, incidentally, adds an instant Eight Hundred Million - to the value of U.S. gold reserves.

In a written statement, the President calling today's action - "a significant step forward in our overall effort for a stronger and more competitive U.S. economy." Adding that the U.S. will now intensify its efforts - to achieve trade concessions from other nations. Said the President: "This will be not only in our own interest - but in the interest of a prosperous world economy, a stable monetary system and an equitable trading order."

**DRUGS**

*The synthetic drug methadone - as you may know -*  
*often used experimentally in the control of heroin addiction.*

*Now comes a report from the U.S. Food and Drug*

*Administration - aimed at better controlling methadone.*

*The FDA proposing to bar private doctors - from running*  
*their own methadone programs; also, proposing the adoption*  
*of new standards - denying methadone to persons under*  
*eighteen.*

*The FDA asserting that "diversion and medical*  
*misuse of methadone - are potential dangers." Adding that*  
*"strong control over the distribution and use - must be*  
*maintained."*

## SUPREME COURT

*Elsewhere in Washington - the Supreme Court strikes another blow for equal rights; but this time - for men. The Supreme Court today ruling un~~C~~onstitutional - an Illinois law denying unwed fathers the same automatic custody rights as unwed mothers. Justice Byron White observing that such a law - "is inescapably contrary" to legal guarantees of "equal protection."*

*Another case today - that of a Minneapolis man; who claimed he was denied employment by the State of Minnesota - after taking out a license to marry another man. The High Court ruling, however - the state was right. Agreeing that a homosexual may be denied employment - if he pursues "an activist role in implementing his unconventional ideas."*

**NEW YORK FOLLOW SUPREME COURT**

*Here in New York - the battle of the sexes, ~~at~~  
~~what have you~~, part three. A group of Orthodox Rabbis -  
joining today in the fight against ratification of that  
proposed Women's Rights Constitutional Amendment.*

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*Rabbi Abraham Gross explaining: "A central  
tenet of our faith - is the uniqueness of the respective roles  
of men and women." The Rabbi adding: "This amendment  
- in its present language - directly threatens our freedom  
to practice our faith." Therefore, urging the various States  
to return the measure to Congress - for rewording.*

NEW DELHI

*Back in the old days manes*

~~Here in the States - we used to call~~ <sup>ed</sup> it "white

lightning" - "mountain dew" - or just plain bootleg

whiskey. The same stuff - in India - they <sup>are</sup> calling <sup>it</sup> a

~~terrible~~ killer. Tainted bootleg liquor claiming today

another fifteen lives - in and around New Delhi; for a

three-day toll - now set at fifty. In addition - scores

more hospitalized; many of whom - will never see again.



**PUERTO RICO**

*The death toll at that rock music festival down in Puerto Rico - now set at five. Three drowned - two murdered. The latest identified as Robert Poland - age twenty-two - of Maine; apparently slashed to death - the same as a previous murder victim.*

BOSTON

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~~It~~ at Boston - a recent charge that elderly patients at four Massachusetts state hospitals - have been drinking about two thousand cans of beer every month. Said charge - now confirmed by Dr. Milton Greenblatt, the Massachusetts Commissioner of Mental Health; who further discloses - the beer is dispensed from special hospital pubs.

Dr. Greenblat explains that beer-drinking, in moderation - has a "remarkable effect on many elderly men and women; it cheers them up - it's nourishing - it opens up their blood vessels," improving circulation. The doctor adds: "It's also a social lubricant - it helps shy or withdrawn people start a conversation more easily."

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That - Warren -  
~~And that's the way~~ from Boston <sub>λ</sub> - where a can  
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of beer is just what the doctor ordered.

## WEST LONDON

The West Bank of the Thames - in the shadow of London's Blackfriars Bridge and St. Paul's Cathedral - once the site of fabled Baynard's Castle; the personal domain - of Henry ~~the Eighth~~; <sup>where</sup> ~~and here~~ lived at least three of his wives - Anne Boleyn, Anne of Cleves and Catherine of Aragon. Here, too, Mary was crowned Queen - and here Richard ~~the Third~~ made his lair in summer and winter.

<sup>She</sup> ~~The~~ same site - today crawling with scores of amateur archaeologists; under the direction of London's Guildhall Museum - attempting to pick apart an area of crumbling walls and turrets; making a last-ditch attempt to recover the remains of an era - all but forgotten.

Indeed, the castle itself - was forgotten for years. Museum Director Max Hebditch explaining: "The site was always known." Adding: "We just had a mental block - we can only blame ourselves." And now <sup>with</sup> ~~just~~ three weeks to complete the job, ~~What's~~ left of Baynard's Castle <sup>is</sup> ~~then~~ to be covered over by a new London freeway. Sic transit gloria