

VIET NAM

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1/2 On the war front - another tragic accident is reported today from Viet Nam; the worst such accident of the war - so far.

U.S. military authorities disclosing that two Allied planes ^{are believed} - ~~have~~

to have inadvertently attacked a friendly South Vietnamese village, Killing about a hundred people - and injuring about two hundred more.

7 The attacking aircraft - identified as either American or South Vietnamese. But which - and why - still a mystery. With a full investigation - just getting under way, and could they have been enemy planes?

KENNEDY FOLLOW VIET NAM

In Viet Nam - and here at home - Senator Robert Kennedy was under fire today, for urging an unconditional halt to the bombing of North Viet Nam - in an effort to stimulate peace talks.

On the front line - General William Westmoreland saying the Viet Cong have given no indication of a willingness to talk peace on the basis of a temporary bombing lull. Adding that such a lull would only serve to strengthen the Communist forces - and cause more American casualties. "I don't want to pay ^{Viet Cong} one drop of blood - for a pig in the poke," said ~~Gen.~~ Westmoreland.

Much the same in Washington - from Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Senate Minority Leader Everett Dirksen. The latter adding that the Viet Cong are beginning to "holler uncle" - under the impact of U.S. military power. And this is not the time - said he - to make the Communists "think we don't mean it."

PHILADELPHIA

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Speaking of war and peace - a related item comes today from the world famous Wharton School of Business in Philadelphia. Telling of efforts to predict that possible economic impact - of a potential cease-fire in Viet Nam.

The Wharton experts using what they call - an "econometric model"; which is really a series of inter-related equations - for computing the chain reaction that takes place - whenever there is any change in business and industry. This formula reportedly showing that the U.S. economy could adjust to a cease-fire - with little or no serious difficulty.

However, the formula based on an assumption that the great bulk of money now destined for Viet Nam - would be funneled - into domestic spending; into the war on poverty - and so on. If not - if Congress should vote to cut taxes - then all bets ^{would be} ~~are~~ off, say the Wharton experts.

RED CHINA

With Radio Peking strangely silent -- word on the crisis in Red China comes today from Hong Kong.

Right Wing press reports saying that the mayors of six Chinese cities -- have been discovered in a plot against Chairman Mao Tse-tung. One of them -- said to be Mayor Tsao Ti-chu of Shanghai; since -- reportedly placed under house arrest. Other sources are quoted as saying that Chairman Mao has suddenly left Peking -- for some unknown destination. Also -- other reports telling of fierce fighting between pro and anti-Maoists -- in the great southern city of Canton. Canton and Shanghai two of the worlds largest cities.

ADD RED CHINA

And this just in: Chairman Mao reportedly ordering twenty days of compulsory military training every year - for pre-teen^{age} students in Chinese primary schools. Junior and High School students - already ~~required to submit to~~ ^{have such a program} similar indoctrination.

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NEW DELHI

With the government of India currently in a state of flux -- that age old terror the threat of famine again stalks the vast sub-continent of Hindustan. Reports from New Delhi telling today of an estimated ten thousand persons -- on the verge of starvation in Bihar State alone. With the official food release program -- sagging badly far and wide.

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CHATTANOOGA

At Chattanooga, Tennessee - another set-back today for Teamster president Jimmy Hoffa, in his last ditch battle to delay imprisonment - on an eight year term for jury tampering.

Federal Judge Frank Wilson - rejecting a hardship motion; that would have given Hoffa additional time beyond his present deadline - of nine A.M. next Tuesday. Said the Judge: "It is apparent that the defendant is a person presently having large responsibilities - in many areas. However, the greatest of these is his responsibility unto the law - and unto the orderly processes of justice."

In short - motion denied. →

ADD CHATTANOOGA

A similar verdict ~~on~~ a similar motion made today - before the
Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals at Cincinnati, Ohio. ~~With Hoffa, now apparently~~
~~at the end of his rope.~~ And the same - in Washington. With Hoffa -- now
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POWELL

For all his recent troubles - Adam Clayton Powell seems to be bearing up ~~rather~~ ^{rather} well. Indeed, the former Harlem Congressman ~~is~~ ^{is} reported the picture of confidence today; at an outdoor news conference under a banana tree.- on the island of Bimini, in the Bahamas.

Powell predicting that he will soon regain his seat in Congress - either through the courts or through re-election by the people of Harlem. Said he - mildly: "I might be back next week."

Nevertheless, new trouble perhaps brewing today for Powell - back in Washington, with the U.S. Justice Department starting an "evaluation" of the Powell case - to determine whether there are ~~any~~ possible grounds for criminal prosecution.

LONDON

From London -- the story today of a man who lost his wife
-- at the theatre.

The way they tell it -- one William Still was sitting beside his wife at a London show; when a comedian on stage walked over to the footlights and said to him: "How is your love life?" "Horrible" -- said Still. Whereupon the audience roared -- but his wife got up and left.

A few days later -- Mrs. S^till also left the family home -- for good. Obtaining a divorce today -- because of her husband's QUOTE, "unforgettable and shameful attempt to humiliate her."

Would you say that Mr. Still -- should have kept still. That if he had he might still be married? Or is there still another gag to be milked out of that item, Warren?

GRAND RAPIDS

This next -- a startling story of daring do -- from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Hero of the piece -- a young daredevil by the name of Billy Maidment; who claims to be one of only two men in the United States -- who can dive off a forty-five foot platform -- into a large, wet sponge.

It seems that Billy was on a lift -- about to perform his specialty at a Grand Rapids sports show -- when he hit a guy wire on the way up. Falling thirty-five feet -- to the floor below.

Despite the fact that he suffered a broken right ankle and a broken left heel -- he never lost his feet. Instead, bowing to the audience -- and limping slowly to his dressing room -- amid thundering applause. Quite a fellow -- that Billy Maidment who dives forty-five feet into a big wet sponge! And -- from WARN -- so long until Monday.