

SAIGON

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~~was~~ News from southeast Asia ^{today includes} ~~and~~

a report ~~today~~ that Cambodian border areas are once again swarming with enemy forces. These - according to U S Intelligence - fresh ~~troops~~ troops newly arrived from Laos; apparently ~~hop~~ hoping to launch a series of cross border hit and run attacks - in the wake of ~~the~~ ^{the} U S withdrawal from Cambodia.

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However, U S troops in nearby Vietnam ~~were~~ responding with a massive non-stop artillery barrage now in its fourth day. A U S official saying: "This is the same as air interdiction -- against clearly identified enemy targets."

PHON PENH

A related item - from Phnom Penh; where former Cambodian Chief of State Prince Norodom Sihanouk - was placed on trial today in absentia. The defendant charged with ~~and~~ collaboration - with the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese. He is also accused of chief responsibility - in the execution of more than a thousand Cambodians. And the five man military tribunal which is hearing the case - officially empowered to sentence him to death.

MANILA

Meanwhile at Manila - SEATO Foreign

Ministers were winding up their annual conference; in a final communique -- stressing Cambodian ~~neutrality~~ neutrality as the key to peace in Indo China. This following assurances from U S Secretary of State William Rogers - that the U S intends to meet fully all its treaty commitments in South East Asia. Rogers later flying to Saigon - where he was expected to discuss further U S troop withdrawals under that so-called "Vietnamization program".

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MURMUROA ATOLL

In the South ~~Elsewhere in the~~ Pacific - at Murmuroa

- Tahiti -

Atoll ~~south of Fogo Fogo~~ -- the French ^{today} exploded

^{Nuclear device.} ~~today~~ another ~~hydrogen bomb~~. This latest blast -

the fifth in a current test series, ^{aimed at achieving} ^{what they}

^{call} the "miniaturization -- necessary to produce a thermo-

nuclear missile". As you know, France and Red China

remaining the only big powers - who still test their

nuclear weapons in the atmosphere.

BELFAST

For the second straight weekend - religious violence flared again tonight at Belfast in Northern Ireland. British troops lobbing nausea gas - into a mob of stone throwing Catholics. The demonstrators answering back with small arms fire and grenades - wounding at least five soldiers. The confrontation following seizure of an arms cache - in the predominantly Catholic Falls-Road-area of Belfast.

MOSCOW

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~~Over in~~ Moscow - the final session of a two day meeting - of the Soviet Communist Party Central Committee. As expected, delegates ~~approved~~ ~~approved~~ approving unanimously - a new "super budget" for agriculture presented earlier by Party Chief Leonid Brezhnev. This - said the Soviet News Agency Tass in an effort to put more meat, eggs, butter and bread on Soviet tables.

Incidentally, a Fourth of July celebration was also held today in Moscow at the U S Embassy, ! ~~where else!~~ the hit of the party ~~was~~ though - Soviet Cosmonaut Georgy Beregovoi; who signed autographs and charmed his American hosts - we are told. - ~~the~~ ~~a real Yankee Doodle Dandy.~~

CIRCUSES - USSR

The Fourth of July, of course is the time for fireworks ^{and} patriotic parades; ^{also it's} ~~and it is~~ the ^{time} ~~season~~ of the year when some of us like to go to the circus. How about you? Since returning from Siberia and Russia, I've been asked "are there any ^{persons} ~~over~~ there who correspond to people of wealth in this country?"

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I attended two circuses, one in Siberia, and one in Moscow. In Irkutsk, a Polish circus was the number one entertainment in the city; and, it was superb. The one ring variety, of course. Trapeze performers, tumblers, acrobats of all sorts, trampoline wizards, animal acts, all done with incredible skill. The circus in Moscow ~~was~~ even moreso. I talked with one animal trainer who told me how it all worked out for him financially. In rubles he gets approximately forty-thousand dollars ~~every~~ a year in American money, a home, a car, all his expenses ~~and~~ while on tour, for himself and wife,

and a month's vacation in the Crimea.

Others told me there were a good many who lived on the scale of the millionaire in a western country. The difference being that it can always be taken away. ~~from them~~. So, there is a difference.

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Anyone who has spent much time in the entertainment world has difficulty avoiding what we call "counting the house." I did this both in Irkutsk and Moscow. Obviously, although every performance is a sell out, the ticket sales are not ^{nearly enough} ~~sufficient~~ to pay for the spectacular circuses you see in the cities of the USSR. So I asked about that ^{is} ~~it~~ and was told ^{how} ~~that~~ the circus like the ballet, is subsidized.

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The way to keep 'em happy! Keep 'em entertained! It's been done before!

ROBERTSON

What is so rare as a day in June? Well,
this next - ^{is all} ~~it's clearly~~ a contender. Little Roberston
County in Kentucky, population two thousand, reporting
today - it ~~has~~ had this year not one June bride. For
Robertson anyway - first time ever.

Lest there be any doubt though - Robertson
officials advise there's still love "in them thar hills."
A spokesman explaining: It's just that everyone here
of marriage age is already married.

PHOENIX

~~In the same vein - a story today from~~

From

Phoenix, Arizona:- Virgil Davies age one hundred

- taking as his third wife the former Dolores Ruth

Gregg - age thirty-six. Virgil Davies - a retired

Army sergeant - with service dating back to the

Spanish-American War. Widowed twice before - the

last time ten years ago. ^{Warren -} The century-old bridegroom

explaining: "I just thought it was time to get

married again."

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MUSKEGON

From Muskegon, Michigan ^{comes a} ~~the~~ story ~~today~~ of a man who ran afoul of the law - for attempting to ~~ob-~~ take the fifth. George Johnson - age twenty-seven - filing for a marriage license; stating in his application - he had never been married before. It was later discovered though - he had already had four previous wives; which led to a charge of filing false information - followed by a fine of fifty bucks.

So much for the Fifth - now let's have a glorious fourth - ~~please~~ drive safely - ~~and~~ ^{and} let's all be around on Monday the 5th. - and
Solong until Monday.