

VIET NAM L.T. Buick, Fisher Wed. Aug, 3rd. '66.

Another major ground clash - fast building tonight in the central highlands of South Viet Nam.

American helicopters pouring more than ten thousand

U. S. troops - into the red-infested Ia Drang Valley,

1/2 ~~Scene~~ of nine bitter battles - in the last ~~to~~ two days.

American intelligence reports - indicating

the Americans will face the same crack north Viet^{cong} ~~nam~~

regulars, who put up such a fierce fight last year - on

the bloody slopes of Chu Pong mountain, ~~A~~ ^{some} force of ~~great~~

eight thousand men - reportedly eager to avenge their

greatest defeat of the war.

Reverse side of the coin: Remnants of a

battered but victorious U S infantry patrol - airlifted today

to safety, after twenty-three hours of almost continuous

7 enemy attack - in that Ia Drang Valley. According to one

of the survivors - "they just kept coming in - and we

just kept cutting them down."

CAMBODIA FOLLOW VIET NAM

From Phnom Penh in neighboring Cambodia - a charge today that two American fighter planes - have attacked a Cambodian village. Killing at least three persons - and wounding nine others. According to Cambodia's official news agency - the attack witnessed by members of the International Control Commission - foreign correspondents - and military attaches from several foreign embassies.

Back at Bk Saigon - U S authorities disclaiming any knowledge of such an attack. Nevertheless, a full investigation - is now underway.

UNITED NATIONS

At the United Nations - the Security Council refused today to ~~dox~~ condemn Israel - for that recent Israeli air raid against Syria. The one supposedly in retaliation - for a recent series of Syrian border raids.

The motion of condemnation - failing to get the required nine votes. The final tally: six in favor - none against - with nine abstentions; including - the United States.

Shortly thereafter - a sharp ~~xx~~ exchange between American and Soviet delegates to the Security Council. Beginning with a Soviet attack - on American intervention in Viet Nam.

In reply - U S ~~xx~~ representative Joseph Sisco urging Russia to "stop pussyfooting" - as he put it; to "throw its weight" - here and now - behind a proposal for) ~~for~~ peace negotiations. ~~But~~ ^{all of which is} not likely - said Sisco - because "the Soviet Union has encouraged North Viet Nam to

prolong the war." "In fact" - said he "Moscow still encourages Hanoi to do so."

MOSCOW FOLLOW UNITED NATIONS

Be that as it may - a somewhat different tune today from Moscow, ~~In~~ a speech by ~~Kosygin~~ Kosygin - ~~was~~ accepting a new four-year term as Soviet Premier.

As expected - Kosygin blasting the United States - for so-called "aggression" in Viet Nam ^{and} promising ~~that~~ Russia "will do everything in its power" - to help the North Vietnamese ~~to~~ drive the Americans into the sea ^{up} to and including the sending of volunteers - said he - if Hanoi asks for them.

Kosygin adding, however, that the war in Viet Nam - does not necessarily rule out steps toward disarmament specifically urging adoption of an international ban on all nuclear tests - along with a treaty to ban the spread of nuclear weapons.

^{As for} ~~the~~ Viet Nam ^{for that} - the time is "not too favorable" -- said he. ^{Then he added: -} "but even now ^a partial measures could be carried out in this ~~part~~ sphere."

MENON

An old American nemesis - was back at work today in New Delhi. Former Defense Minister V. Krishna Menon - attacking with all the ^{his} vigor of old, during parliamentary debate on a Communist motion of no ^{confidence} ~~trust~~ in the government of Madame Gandhi.

^{Krishna} Leftist Menon taking Madame Gandhi to task - and also the United States -- for a recent report from the International Monetary Fund, suggesting that the ~~rupee~~ rupee should be devalued - to help meet India's current economic crisis.

^{Krishna} Phooey-said Menon. Rather than devalue the rupee -- he went on - India should demand ^{devaluation} ~~devaluation~~ ~~of~~ of the American dollar. This - said he - because of America's recent loss of international prestige.

^{Krishna} Ironically - Menon and Madame Gandhi - are both ^{Party} members of the ruling Congress. But he seems never to have ~~forgoten~~ forgotten - that he was fired by her father ^{his longtime friend} ~~his~~ Jawaharlal Nehru.

FRANCE

Two of six U. S. Air Force reconnaissance squadrons - now stationed in France - will soon be coming home. The announcement today - from the Defense Department, in accordance with DeGaulle's order - for withdrawal of all U. S. forces from France.

Of the remaining four squadrons - ^{three}~~two~~ will be moved to British ~~UK~~ bases - and the last one eventually disbanded. The realignment - involving some four thousand men - to be completed by October.

IRONSI

The fate of deposed military strongman General Johnson Aguiyi-Ironsi of Nigeria - apparently a mystery no more. Radio Moscow today reporting that the General -- missing nearly a week - has been dead all the time.

The Moscow report - based on news from Lagos, Nigeria; that General Ironsi and an aide - were attempting to return to the capital from nearby Ibadan; when they were captured by mutinous army troops - at the height of the rebellion. The mutineers - we're told -- killing them on the spot.

NICARAGUA

At Managua, Nicaragua - President Rene

*Schick was the victim today of a heart attack. American
doctors sent by President Johnson ^{was} enroute to Nicaragua
to offer their assistance - when the end came. Rene
Schick - only fifty-six.*

*1/2 His successor - Vice President Lorenzo Guerrero,
was unanimously elected by the Nicaraguan Congress -
to serve out the six year term of the fallen President.*

MARRIAGE

As for movies and movie stars here's a startling prediction today -- made in London, by one of Hollywood's most romantic actors; a prediction that marriage -- is on the way out.

Who says so? No less than Cary Grant. A man who speaks from the experience -- of four marriages, not to mention the fact he recently became a father for the first time -- at the age of sixty-two.

Cary Grant declaring that "divorce laws -- are more relaxed now." Adding that women "are more in competition with men." Thus, the inevitable -- said he, that marriage "will not exist -- in a hundred years time."

How about it, Warren? Aren't you an expert on that subject? I'm not!

BEATLES

At Birmingham -- Alabama -- a local disc jockey launching a campaign against the Beatles -- because of statements by Chief Beatle John Lennon in a current magazine. Lennon quoted as saying the "Christianity will go -- it will vanish and shrink." According to the article -- Lennon adding: "We" -- meaning the Beatles -- "are more popular than Jesus right now."

Result: Teen-aged fans are being urged to bring their Beatle records, pictures, magazines and souvenirs -- to centrally-located pick-up spots. All to be gathered -- for a massive Beatle bon-fire.