

Thurs. Jan. 12-67,

In Viet Nam - another major prize today; for U S troops driving ~~in record force~~ through that "iron triangle" area north of Saigon.

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The U S First Infantry - finding and destroying a key Viet Cong base camp; apparently the ~~aa~~ main headquarters for Viet Cong terrorists -- who have long harrassed the capital area. In addition - raising to ten so far - the total number of Communist camps destroyed by American troops in the current sweep.

Back at Saigon - an optimistic note from visiting General Earl Wheeler - Chairman of the U S Joint Chiefs of Staff. Said he - any hope the Communist ^s had for victory -- now "is gone."

PEKING

Civil and political strife in Red China -- still at a top tempo today; with the official Chinese Army newspaper -- the latest to come out in support of Chairman Mao Tse-Tung; and calling for a drastic purge of anti-Maoist elements -- within the army's own ranks.

Meanwhile, Mao himself is reportedly so disturbed by the continuing upheaval -- that he has cut short his regular winter vacation in Shanghai. Returning to wintry Peking--to take personal command of his so-called "cultural revolution."

TOKYO

A footnote to history -- in this next from Tokyo.

A report from the Peking correspondent for a Japanese newspaper - blaming much of the current strife in Red China - on a bitter feud between two ~~women~~ women.

Madame Mao Tse-Tung - wife of Chairman Mao, and Madame Liu-Shao-Chi -- wife of President Liu.

Madame Mao you may recall - a former stage actress under the name of Chiang Ching, And a popular favorite in the early days of Mao's reign, Until Nineteen Fifty-Eight - when Liu became President. Madame Liu - a beauty in her own right; joining the President at social functions - and even travelling with him abroad. To the point ~~where~~ where she quickly won the title of "beautiful top lady."

The straw that supposedly broke Madame Mao's back when ~~Max~~ Madame Liu returned from a trip to Jakarta last year - wearing an expensive necklace. Madame Mao

reportedly telling Madame Liu - that she was being "immodest." Thoroughly insulted - the "beautiful top lady" reportedly telling Madame Mao - in effect, to mind her own business.

According to the Japanese ~~xxxx~~ correspondent - that was the beginning of the epic power struggle currently under way in Red China. To a very large extent - we are told -- a personal battle for control of the "Red court."

JAKARTA

Latest word from Jakarta - a report today that Sukarno's days as President of Indonesia are now numbered. With the target date for his total humiliation - said to be March Eleven.

The report based on ^{the} apparent start of an all-out campaign - by military, political and student groups - to finally banish Sukarno from Indonesia's political scene. Said campaign - apparently triggered by Sukarno's speech earlier this week; in which he was ~~supposed~~ supposed to have explained his part - in that abortive Communist coup of a year ago last October; but which, instead, he used to ~~attack~~ attack the policies of Indonesia ^{'s} new military strong-man -- General Suharto.

But why wait till March ~~Eleven~~ Eleven -- to get rid of Sukarno? The reason - they say-- because that's the first anniversary of Suharto's "New order;" and as such -- considered a fitting moment for the final coupe-de=grace.

MOSCOW

In Moscow - the Soviet press today labeled Harlem Congressman Adam Clayton Powell - "a scapegoat" for his colleagues. Further predicting that Powell's provisional expulsion from Congress - will cause a "shift to the left" in the U S negro movement.

This -in the government newspaper Izvestia. Which conceded that Powell had been "a playboy -- a lover of the sweet life -- who liked to have a good time on government money." But, nevertheless, contended that he was a "veteran of the struggle against discrimination" -- whose trouble stemmed only from the fact he was "too frank."

So says -- Moscow.

WASHINGTON

Here at home -- a powerful voice was raised today in Congress -- in behalf of youth. Senate majority leader Mike Mansfield offering a constitutional amendment -- that would lower the voting age to eighteen right across the nation.

The Senator concluding: "If they are old enough to face a bullet -- they are old enough to vote."

SAN DIEGO

One of our Marine heroes dead today at age eighty-four.
General Holland Smith -- victim of a heart attack; the end
-- at San Diego ^{Naval} hospital.

"Howlin' Mad" Smith -- as he was known -- perhaps
most famous for the last major battle of his forty-year
Marine career -- the assault on Iwo Jima -- during the
closing days of World War Two. The twenty-six day
campaign -- the most savage and most costly in the history
of the Corps. But it served its purpose -- clearing the
road to Tokyo.

Years later - - General Smith expressed much anguish
-- at losing so many of his "boys".

His creed -- he once said: "When you make contact
with the enemy -- annihilate him; don't turn him loose
until you kill him. If he digs a hole in the ground --
blow him out." They called him -- "Mr. Marine Corps."

LONDON

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Time and changing fashions - the key ingredients
in a court case decided today in London. With pretty,
twenty year old Linda Laureen - winning twenty-six
hundred dollars in damages for injuries suffered in a
traffic accident - three years ago.

The accident - of little consequence when it
occurred; except that it left a scar - on Linda's left knee.
And now - she's out of fashion - says Linda, too
embarrassed - to wear the new minⁱ-skirts. This - the
court agreed - a fate worse than death. Or, at least
worth - twenty-six hundred bucks.

NEW YORK

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In New York - a ruling at last today - in a
widely-watched test case. Four topless waitresses and
the night spot where they worked - acquitted of all charges
against them. A special three-judge panel agreeing that
the girls were not guilty of indecent exposure - not guilty
of an offense to public decency -- ^{be} cause all they did was
serve drinks.

— Warren —
The verdict, apparently throwing the nation's

largest city wide open - to the topless fad already so

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widespread on the West Coast.

CEDAR RAPIDS

Here's one -- from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The story of a young couple who went to a doctor for birth control pills -- and ended up with a bouncing baby boy.

As a result of the unexpected occurrence -- the couple filing a damage suit against the doctor. Claiming that his prescription -- was totally ineffective.

But the case has been thrown out of court. The judge ruling that despite their not wanting a child -- the parents now do love the little boy. As the judge eloquently summed it all up: "This is a situation in which the plaintiffs bargained for lead -- and received gold instead." So he told them to go home and count their blessings!