

VIETNAM

Wed. Apr. 10-68.

IN VIETNAM - THE BIGGEST ALLIED OFFENSIVE OF THE WAR
IS UNDER WAY TONIGHT - IN AN ELEVEN PROVINCE AREA AROUND SAIGON.
MORE THAN A HUNDRED THOUSAND TROOPS FROM FIVE NATIONS - SCOURING
AN AREA THE SIZE OF VERMONT - STRETCHING FROM CAMBODIA TO THE
SOUTH CHINA SEA, HOPING TO CATCH UP WITH AN ESTIMATED TWENTY
THOUSAND VIET CONG ^{guerrillas} - STILL THREATENING THE CAPITAL AREA.

^{6 1/2}
~~COMING HARD~~ ^{This right} ON THE ~~HEELS~~ HEELS OF THE ALLIED LARGEST

PREVIOUS OFFENSIVE - WHICH WAS CALLED "RESOLVE TO WIN" - THIS
NEW DRIVE ^{is dubbed hopefully:-} ~~CALLED STRIKE~~ "COMPLETE VICTORY." ITS ~~SOLE~~ OBJECTIVE
- ~~SAID~~ THE U S COMMAND - "THE ELIMINATION OF ENEMY FORCES."

PRESIDENT

AT THE WHITE HOUSE - ANOTHER OF THOSE INFORMAL NEWS
CONFERENCES LATE TODAY. PRESIDENT JOHNSON NAMING GENERAL
CREIGHTON ABRAMS TO ~~REPLACE~~ SUCCEED GENERAL WESTMORELAND AS
U S COMMANDER IN VIETNAM. ALSO ANNOUNCING THE RESIGNATION OF
POST MASTER GENERAL LAWRENCE O'BRIEN PRESUMABLY TO REJOIN THE
KENNEDY CAMP. O'BRIEN'S SUCCESSOR FORMER TEXAS OIL MAN MARVIN
WATSON - WHO HAS BEEN SERVING AS A SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT.

HOUSE

WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING LESS THAN TWENTY FOUR HOURS
IN HIS GRAVE - A FITTING MEMORIAL WAS RAISED TODAY IN WASHINGTON.
THE HOUSE APPROVING ~~BY A WIDE MARGIN~~ A NEW LANDMARK CIVIL
RIGHTS OPEN ~~■~~ HOUSING BILL, OUTLAWING DISCRIMINATION IN THE
SALE OR RENTAL OF AMERICAN HOMES; ~~←~~ PROTECTING CIVIL RIGHTS
WORKERS FROM VIOLENCE; ~~↗~~ EXTENDING THE "BILL OF RIGHTS" TO INDIANS,
ALSO BANNING THE TRANSPORT OF GUNS ACROSS STATE LINES - FOR
USE IN RIOTS.

PASSAGE OF THE BILL = IN AN ATMOSPHERE MADE TENSE
BY RACIAL DISORDER ACROSS THE NATION. HOWEVER, CONGRESSMAN
TAFT SPEAKING FOR THE GREAT MAJORITY - ~~WHEN HE CALLED~~ ^{termed} THE
MEASURE: "A STEP ON THE ROAD BACK TO REASON - AND REALITY."

WHITE HOUSE

EARLIER, AUSTRIAN CHANCELDOR DR. JOSEF KLAUS -
WAS A VISITOR TODAY AT THE WHITE HOUSE. PRESIDENT JOHNSON
TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY - TO CALL THIS AN ERA OF "TURBULENCE
AND HOPE." AN ERA, - SAID HE, - OF RACIAL STRIFE IN THIS COUNTRY,
A GROWING UNREST IN EASTERN EUROPE, AND A DRIVE FOR PEACE
IN VIETNAM.

48

WHERE WILL IT ALL LEAD? THE PRESIDENT, FOR ONE,
EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE A THAT FREEDOM AND ORDER WILL ULTIMATELY
PREVAIL IN THE NATION, AND IN THE WORLD. (PROVING - SAID HE -
PROVIDING ONLY THAT "MEN OF GOOD WILL" A CAN EXERCISE SUFFICIENT
SELF ~~DISCIPLINE~~ DISCIPLINE." "SELF-DISCIPLINE BETWEEN THE RACES, A
SELF-DISCIPLINE TO PERSEVERE IN THE HEALING OF OUR NATION, A
SELF-DISCIPLINE IN THE LONG, HARD WORK OF FINDING A JUST AND
LASTING PEACE.")

PRAGUE FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

THE PRESIDENT'S REMARK UNDERSCORED BY A SERIES OF SWEEPING REFORMS ~~AND~~ ANNOUNCED TODAY BY COMMUNIST CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S NEW LIBERAL GOVERNMENT. FIRST AND FOREMOST, ~~AND~~ THE PRAGUE REGIME ORDERING A SO-CALLED NEW ACTION PROGRAM. ^{This} SPECIFICALLY LIMITED ^{ing} THE ACTIVITIES OF STATE SECURITY POLICE ~~AND~~ TO FIGHTING "ENEMIES ABROAD." FURTHER ~~SHOWING~~, THAT HENCEFORTH - "NO CITIZEN CAN BE QUESTIONED BY THE STATE SECURITY FOR HIS POLITICAL CONVICTIONS."

AT THE SAME TIME - THE NEW GOVERNMENT TAKING ADDITIONAL STEPS TO REOPEN ITS FRONTIER WITH WEST GERMANY. ORDERING REMOVAL OF TANK TRAPS NEAR THE ~~HEIMLECK~~ BAVARIAN TOWN OF TIRSCHENREUTH ~~WHERE~~ ^{the} WHERE BARBED WIRE BARRICADES WERE REMOVED ONLY LAST WEEK.

BY THE WAY - THE FAMED CZECH SOKOL - OR GYNNAST ~~AND~~ MOVEMENT - HAS ALSO BEEN GIVEN A GREEN LIGHT TO START UP AGAIN; AFTER TWENTY YEARS OF ENFORCED IDLENESS ~~AND~~ BY ORDER OF THE OLD STALINIST REGIME. ^{This is} GOOD NEWS ^{OF} ~~THE~~ ^{F07} ~~COURSE~~ TO THE MANY SOKOL CHAPTERS ~~AND~~ HERE IN OUR OWN COUNTRY.

WARSAW FOLLOW PRAGUE

ELSEWHERE BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN - A NEW PRESIDENT
TODAY FOR POLAND. AT WARSAW - DEFENSE MINISTER MARSHALL
MARIAN STYCHALSKI - PICKED TO SUCCEED AILING AND NEARLY BLIND
PRESIDENT EDWARD OCHAB.

49
MEANWHILE, POLISH PREMIER CYRANKIEWICZ WAS PROMISING
TO CONTINUE A GOVERNMENT PURGE 4 SPARKED BY STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS
LAST MONTH. ULTIMATE GOAL - SAID HE - TO BANISH ALL "BUREAUCRATS,
TROUBLE MAKERS, INCOMPETENTS, INEFFICIENT WORKERS AND THOSE WHO
ARE NOT WITH US."

WELLINGTON

THE DEATH TOLL IN THAT WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND, FERRY
~~TRAGEDY~~DISASTER - NOW SET AT ABOUT A HUNDRED AND FIFTY. AS YOU
MAY HAVE HEARD - BY NOW - THE FERRY WAHINI ATTEMPTING TO REACH
WELLINGTON HARBOR TODAY - IN THE MIDST OF A TYPHOON: WHEN ~~it~~ *it*
~~IT FOUNDERED ON~~ *went on* A REEF SPILLING SOME SEVEN HUNDRED MEN,
WOMEN AND CHILDREN INTO THE ICY WATER.

THE MIRACLE-THAT MANY MORE WEREN'T ~~KILL-KILLED~~ *lost*.

WELLINGTON OFFICIALS GIVING ~~MAJOR~~ CREDIT - TO A DUNKIRK like
FLOTILLA OF SMALL BOATS *ye* BRAVING THE TUMULTUOUS SEA TO BRING
BACK LITERALLY HUNDREDS - WHO OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE ~~ALMOST~~
~~CERTAINLY~~ PERISHED.

CAPETOWN.

ANOTHER NEW PRESIDENT TODAY - AT CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA. FORMER AGRICULTURAL MINISTER JACOBUS "JIM" FOUCHE SUCCEEDING THE LATE PRESIDENT ELECT EBEN DONGES - WHO DIED BEFORE HE COULD BE INAUGURATED. FOUCHE PLEDGING A RENEWED EFFORT TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE REST OF THE WORLD - THAT APARTHEID IS THE "IDEAL" SOLUTION TO PEACE AND HARMONY AMONG THE RACES.

SALISBURY FOLDOW CAPE TOWN

50 1/2
MUCH THE SAME SENTIMENT WAS EXPRESSED TODAY - AT NEARBY
SALISBURY. RHODESIA'S NEW CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSIONS - URGING
INCREASED PARTICIPATION BY BLACK AFRICANS IN ~~THE~~ GOVERNMENT
AFFAIRS. INSISTING THOUGH - THAT WHITES MUST CONTINUE TO RULE
"FOR A TIME." TIME - SAID THE COMMISSION - "WHICH CANNOT ~~BE~~ BE
MEASURED BY THE CLOCK OR CALENDAR."

BE THAT AS IT MAY - THE COMMISSION REFUSED FOR NOW
TO DECLARE RHODESIA A REPUBLIC. SO THE DOOR TO POSSIBLE REUNION
WITH BRITAIN - IS STILL SLIGHTLY AJAR.

OTTAWA

NEXT UP - A BRIEF ITEM FROM OTTAWA, ~~CANADA~~; WHERE
SECRETARY OF STATE JUDY LA MARSH RESIGNED TODAY - AS CANADA'S
ONLY WOMAN CABINET MEMBER. THIS IN KEEPING WITH HER STATEMENT
OF LAST WEEK - THAT SHE COULD NOT SERVE UNDER CANADA'S NEW
PREMIER DESIGNATE - PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU.

MISS LA MARSH CRITICIZING TRUDEAU CHIEFLY - FOR
ALLEGED INEXPERIENCE IN POLITICS. ^{Judy} CALLING ^{THE} ~~THE~~ FORTY-SIX
YEAR OLD FRENCH CANADIAN "TOO SOON OLD AND TOO LATE SMART."

1/4
THE STORY OF MY LIFE, WARREN, HOW ABOUT YOU?

OKLAHOMA CITY

OKLAHOMA CITY, ~~OKLAHOMA~~ - AN EIGHTEEN YEAR OLD YOUNG WOMAN ~~■■■■~~ WAS AWARDED THREE THOUSAND BUCKS IN DAMAGES TODAY; AGAINST A YOUNG MAN WITH WHOM SHE WAS RIDING - WHEN HIS CAR SMASHED INTO A WIRE FENCE. THE TAB - WHICH WAS LATER PRESENTED TO THE YOUNG MAN'S INSURANCE COMPANY - COVERING MEDICAL EXPENSES, PAIN AND SUFFERING.

WHAT MAKES IT SO UNUSUAL THOUGH - THE FACT THAT THE COUPLE HAVE SINCE BEEN MARRIED. THEY'RE NOW - MR. AND MRS. PHILIP LABONTE. THE YOUNG BRIDE WINNING HER CASE - WHEN SHE TOLD THE JUDGE: "I'M STILL JITTERY WHEN I RIDE WITH PHILIP."