

PARIS - SAIGON

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For War news today ^{we have} a story of mounting Allied pressure;
in Paris - also, Vietnam.

In the French capital - South Vietnam's Pham Dang Lam -
first up at today's peace parley. Accusing the Communists of
massing "many divisions" - for a threatened attack on Saigon.
Warning that such a "costly adventure" - could well jeopardize
the future of "these meetings."

Next - Henry Cabot Lodge for the U.S. Presenting a mass
of evidence - to refute enemy charges that President Nixon
is escalating the war. Lodge citing chapter and verse -
in Hanoi's build-up toward its current offensive. Later
reporting that for once - the usually talkative Communists
were "not able to rebut" one word.

Meanwhile, in Vietnam - U.S. troops and tanks were
attacking in force today. Destroying an enemy bunker complex
- less than fifty miles northwest of Saigon. Those who ~~had~~
survived the attack - in full flight when last seen. Putting
still another crimp - in the Viet Cong's vaunted spring-winter
campaign.

CAPITOL HILL

Here at home - Defense Secretary ~~Melvin~~ Laird - back on Capitol Hill for the second straight day, Presenting to Congress - the case for President Nixon's proposed "safeguard" anti-ballistic missile system. ^{This} Made necessary - said he - by current Russian deployment of new, improved Soviet intercontinental ballistic missiles. In the absence of American ABM's - these ^{are} capable of knocking out ~~thousands~~ substantially all" of our own Minuteman missiles - said Melvin Laird.

Looking ahead though - the Secretary called operation "safeguard" - a potential "building block for peace;" ^{This} on the grounds ^{that} it will offer added incentive - for really meaningful arms control talks between the U.S. and Russia.

HOUSE FOLLOW CAPITOL HILL

Elsewhere on Capitol Hill - a House subcommittee continued its Pueblo probe; Hearing today - from Air Force General Seth McKee; who said he dispatched a flight of plans² from Okinawa - as soon as he learned of the Pueblo seizure. Instructing his pilots to attack, if necessary - to free the ship.

Only trouble - said General McKee - the planes were unable to reach the Pueblo before dark; by which time - the ship was already in port. The U.S. then taking the position - there could be no retaliatory attack without running the risk of war. ^{So} ~~As a result~~ - the U.S. planes ^{were} finally diverted to South Korea.

CHICAGO

Chicago - the grand jury ~~returns~~^{- at last} ~~A~~ ^S Indicting sixteen persons today - on charges stemming from ~~these~~^{the} riots during the Democratic National Convention.

Of the accused - eight are civilians. Among them - the leaders of several anti-war groups, Charged with conspiring to use interstate commerce - with intent to incite acts of violence. An offense punishable by up to five years in prison - as well as Ten ~~Thousand~~⁸ in fines.

The other eight - all Chicago policemen. ^{mainly} Charged with infringing on the civil rights of various demonstrators - also, certain spectators. An offense punishable by up to a year in jail -as well as a fine of a Thousand Bucks.

~~By the way -~~ This same grand jury also returned a separate indictment - against a then-employee of NBC. Miss Enid Roth accused of trying to "bug" two meetings - of the Democratic Platform Committee.

NEW YORK

Here in New York - Senator Edward Kennedy ^{takes} ~~front and~~
~~center tonight. The sole surviving Kennedy brother - taking~~
issue with President Nixon on the China question. ^{Ted Kennedy} ~~Calling for~~
immediate seating of Red China - at the United Nations. Also,
calling for early discussions between Peking and Washington ~~aiming~~
^{ed} ~~aiming~~ toward the establishment of full diplomatic relations.

"It is our obligation" to take the initiative ^{the} ~~the~~ said

~~Edward Kennedy.~~ Adding: "We are the great and powerful
nation - and we should not condition our approach ~~on~~ on any
favorable action or change of attitude by Peking."

MOSCOW

Meanwhile, those
Russian and ~~Red~~ Chinese border ~~guards~~ *guards - were* at it again.

The Kremlin reporting today another Chinese artillery attack
- on Soviet positions along the Usurri River. According to
Moscow - the fifth such attack in less than three weeks.

This prompting a front-page editorial - in the Russian
military newspaper Red Star. Telling Soviet troops to prepare
for "the final goal - the inevitability of a rocket blow
against the enemy."

SENATE

Senator Russell of Georgia - President Pro Tem of the Senate - also, dean of the Senate in length of service - victim of a serious respiratory ailment. The Senator himself announcing today - discovery of ^{What may be} a malignant tumor on his left lung. Saying he will begin cobalt treatment immediately - in hopes of serving at least the remainder of his present term - which expires in Nineteen-Seventy-Two. Beyond that - said he - we'll just have to wait and see.

SKIING IN NORWAY

You have heard how skiing originated in Norway several thousand years ago. But you have to visit Scandinavia during winter, or spring, to realize what a part it plays in the life of the country. Oslo, the capital, has a population of some four hundred thousand, of whom two hundred thousand are skiers. The King, a vigorous young man in his early sixties, is a skier. In fact, King Olaf once was a jumper and even took part in the Norwegian classic, the Holmenkollen, in Nineteen Twenty-Three, along with one of America's foremost Norwegian-American skiers, Alf Engen of Alta, Utah.

I never quite fully realized what an experience it is simply to go cross country, though the woods, across lakes and over the hills, on skis. They don't bother too much about lifts in Norway and maybe they are right.

SKIING IN NORWAY

Even around the city of Oslo, in hilly country, they have set aside two hundred thousand acres of forests and meadows where the people of the city enjoy the sport. They are the most physically fit people in the world. The Norwegian skier on an average does ten or eleven miles each weekend - *Warren* many twice that.

WHITE HOUSE

Jordan's ~~tough~~ young King Hussein - ^{here} coming soon, ~~to the~~
~~U.S. Announcement today~~ ^{So we hear} from the White House. ~~Saying~~
Hussein ~~had~~ ^{ing} accepted President Nixon's invitation - to visit
Washington April ~~Eight~~ and ~~Ninth~~. ~~With the purpose of his~~
~~trip - we are told:~~ "To discuss the Middle East situation -
and all aspects of U.S. and Jordanian relations." ~~Which~~
~~explains, in part, the king's current tour - of various Arab~~
~~capitals.~~