

VIETNAM

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Of all the holiday feasts ~~consumed~~ this Thanksgiving

Day - wherever Americans ~~are~~ ^{are - surely} none was more ~~well~~ ~~perhaps none as~~ welcome ^{than the one}

~~as that~~ atop Hill Eight-Seveny-Five in Vietnam. Hot

turkey - brought in by helicopter - the crowning touch

to a ~~triumphant~~ ^{final} victory - in the longest and costliest

campaign of the war.

U S paratroopers and Army infantrymen storm^{ed}

the summit ~~this morning~~ in a final charge that ~~ended~~ ^{ended}

~~less than half an hour. Ending~~ once and for all - the

enemy's last hope of ^{any} major propaganda victory there;

ending at the same time the last effective enemy resistance

in that three-week old Highland campaign; a campaign

that has already cost the Viet Cong some thirteen hundred

known dead - and perhaps hundreds more.

The fighting over - time out for thanks. Then - the

turkey. For some of the G I's their first hot meal in

twelve days. Better still - their banquet table - amid

the ruins of the shattered enemy command post.

HONOLULU FOLLOW VIETNAM

~~William~~

General Westmoreland - on a stop over at Honolulu,
enroute back to Viet nam when ~~he~~ heard the news of
victory. This proving anew - said he - "the American
fighting man in Vietnam is unbeatable.

CALCUTT A

For the second time in as many days - India's largest city ~~was~~ the scene ^{again} ~~today~~ of wide ^{turmoil with} ~~spread fighting~~ looting ^{and} burning. The streets of Calcutta - running Red once more with blood and flames; as thousands of leftist-led rioters - clashed time and again with police and non-strikers.

The cause - as you know - Prime Minister Madame Indira Gandhi's dismissal of West Bengal ^{'s} ~~state~~ left-wing government, ^q because of an alleged plot - against New Delhi.

At times today - it was police guns against clubs, knives and even home-made bombs. The ^{fighting} ~~street fighting~~ leaving hundreds injured; - but ^{so far only 2 reported dead.} ~~at least 2~~ ~~at far as we know, only~~

~~two dead.~~

PARIS

In London - also in Paris - a sudden ~~surge~~^{swarming} today of gold speculators, ^eapparently convinced - in the words of at least one observer - that the American dollar is not as good as gold.

Whatever the reason - Paris brokers ^{were} reporting record one-day sales totalling more than six million ^{dollars} worth of gold. Some fifty per cent over the previous high-water mark, ~~at~~ during the Cuban ~~missi~~ missile crisis. Though ~~no~~^{we have no} exact ~~for~~ figures ~~at~~ London brokers ^{were} also reporting record sales.

British Conservative party leader Edward Heath, for one, calling the splurge - "an all-out attack" on the U.S. dollar. American officials confident, however, this latest attack will also fail - as have all others in the past.

LONDON

Must reading for informed Americans - a ~~tiny~~ ^{small}

book ~~is~~ ^{was} published in London. "The Middle East crisis" - by Britain's fabled Glubb Pasha, containing a personal, compelling interpretation -- of that recent Arab-Israeli war; as seen through the eyes of a man - who for

years commanded the famed Arab legion and then was dismissed by young King Hussein. Glubb Pasha has unique knowledge and first hand experience, having ~~Glubb Pasha asserting that Egypt was apparently~~

He says Egypt apparently was duped into provoking war - by none other than Russia;

On the pretext ~~of~~ ^{that} Israel was ~~readying~~ ^{about to launch} its own war of

aggression. Win or lose - says Glubb Pasha - Russia

confident ~~that~~ ^{thus} she could only increase her sphere of

influence in the Arab world. And perhaps, at the same time, wipe out Jordan ^{which had been} an Arab bastion of anti-Communism

for years.

The way it worked out - Glubb Pasha goes on to

say - Israel played right into Russia's hand. Crushing

been in the middle of the year East Tangle. So, having been expelled from Jordan he may be any day figure candidate.

Egypt - as everyone expected. Also - Syria. Leaving them totally reliant on Russia - as their only port after the storm. The Israel's[^] also seizing the West Bank of the Jordan River - ^{thus} driving Jordan to the brink of economic collapse. Now ^{with} the United Nations finally moving off dead center -- in the search for a lasting peace, Glubb Pasha contending ^S~~ing, however,~~ it is the world's great powers - who must impose a solution on the Middle East; the free world powers alone - if necessary - says he. ^{This} To effect a solution guaranteeing ~~once and for all~~ - the rights of Israel, ^{and} the rights of Jordan; ^{both to be} free of interference from militant Arabs - from future world power plays.

"The Middle East crisis" by Glubb Pasha. A fresh look - at an old, old problem ^{by} a man who knows.

CAIRO FOLLOW LONDON

More on the same from Cairo - where Egypt's Colonel Nasser was again rattling his saber today. Telling his people that Egypt flatly rejects as "insufficient" - yesterday's U N Security Council resolution on the Middle East. Further vowing that Egypt will never recognize Israel - never allow it to use the Suez Canal.

Nasser going ^{on} to say that Egypt's war machine has been completely rebuilt - with new equipment from Russia, to the ~~point~~ point where the country's military strength - is now fifty per cent greater than before the war. This despite the admitted loss of a full eighty per cent of Egyptian military hardware - during that brief conflict.

STOCKHOLM FOLLOW CAIRO

A later report - from Stockholm. The Swedish government confirming today that ^{a Swede,} Gunner Jarring - has been asked officially by U Thant ~~to~~ ^{U N} to serve as ^{U N} mediator in the Middle East. Gunner Jarring - the U N mediator in Kashmir two years ago - currently serving as ~~Sweden's~~ Sweden's Ambassador to Moscow. ^{Gunner Jarring's} ~~His~~ answer - expected shortly, Warren.

BETHESDA

This next - ~~especially~~ appropriate to the season:

~~It~~ a children's prayer for Thanksgiving - composed for
and by a third grade Sunday School class - at St. John's
Episcopal Church in Bethesda, Maryland, ~~and it~~ ^{that} reads,
in part:

"Dear God, thank you for school, loving care,
church - for clothing, for mother and father; thank you
for good food, kittens and friends - for ice cream, music,
cats, dogs, day and night, trees, flowers, being alive,
sun and rain; thank you for our hands, our feet, our
five senses, our minds - and all the wonderful things of
life; thank you for Christmas and pine trees - Wednesday
morning Communion - and breakfast -- and apples and
cheese, and most of all - thank you for love."

Which seems to cover just about everything - except
maybe -- thank God - for little children.