

VICTORY

L.I. - Quicks, Fisher. Fri. May 7 - '65.

Twenty years ago - victory in Europe. An end to World War Two - on that continent, at least. The anniversary noted today - here and abroad - in much the same fashion.

The Atlantic nations ^{today was} urged by President Johnson - to hasten the steady erosion of the Iron Curtain. ~~To~~ do this - by rebuffing those who would replace partnership with suspicion. An ~~an~~ obvious slap at Russia - also at DeGaulle.

Meantime - in East Berlin - Soviet Premier ~~Alex~~ Kosygin -- again demanding withdrawal of U. S troops from Viet Nam. Otherwise - said he - the United States will have to reckon with Russia - "sooner or later".

Wartime comraderie -- a thing of the past.

VIET NAM FOLLOW VICTORY

In Viet Nam itself - an amphibious landing today - by some six thousand marines and navy seabees; Along a stretch of beach - about three hundred and fifty miles northeast of Saigon. They'll build - a new American air base.

Also, news at Saigon - of the biggest Communist guerrilla attack - so far this year. The Viet Cong said to have struck last night - at a Catholic refugee camp, Run by Father Nguyen Loc Hoa - ~~Now~~ - called "Fighting Priest". Vietnamese losses - forty-eight dead - seventy-seven wounded -- thirty missing. Communist losses - not disclosed.

DOMINICAN

The Dominican Republic - relatively quiet today. With rebel elements attempting to re-establish some sort of order - within the rebel sector of Santo Domingo. The rebel commander - Colonel Francisco Caamano - said to be trying to disarm dissident extremists. Armed civilians over whom he has little control - up to for now.

Meanwhile, from Washington - a report that we may soon begin pulling out our Dominican forces - perhaps within a few days, ~~some staying on~~ ^{with some staying on} ~~some staying on~~ - until formation of that inter-American peace-keeping force.

COLLISION

A Great Lakes freighter - and a Norwegian merchant ship -- crashed today in the fog-shrouded straits of Mackinac. The S. S. Cedarville -- an ore carrier for the U. S. Steel Corporation - sent to the bottom. Among its crew -- two dead -- ten missing. The Norwegian vessel - escaping virtually unscathed. The accident - within sight of the Mackinac Bridge - between Upper and Lower Michigan.

IRAQ.

A fierce battle erupted today -- in the mountainous reaches of Northern Iraq. Fighting centered -- not far from the Turkish border -- near the city of Mosul. Units of the Iraqi Army -- clashing with Kurdish rebels. The Kurds demanding full autonomy.

Also Iraqi paratroopers are now holding -- or trying to occupy the Kurdish city of Halabja -- on the Iranian frontier. According to eye-witnesses -- the paratroopers are in charge only by day -- the rebels by night.

BEATRIX

That mystery man in the life of Crown Princess Beatrix in Holland is identified today as a German diplomat of noble birth. His name? Hold your breathe -- it's Klaus Georg Wilhelm Otto Friedrich Gerd Von Amsberg and Unserwiter Jawohol. All Holland abuzz with rumors -- about their reported royal romance. But from Holland's Beatrix -- and Germany's what's his name? -- so far no comment.

RHODESIA

The last time a British colony issued its own declaration of Independence - was in Seventeen Seventy-Six.

The next time? ~~Well,~~ The voters of Rhodesia went to the polls today - to decide just that question.

Prime Minister Ian Smith - seeking a two-thirds majority in the Rhodesian parliament. And thus the power -- to withdraw from the British empire. A unilateral declaration of independence - threatened by Smith as a last resort -- if Britain refuses to grant Rhodesia its full independence - voluntarily.

Smith - an implacable foe of black nationalism -

is almost certain to get the required votes. Black Africans in Rhodesia - outnumber the whites - by about fifteen to one. But in the number of eligible voters - it's the whites in front - more than ten to one.

CANYON

A battle royal -- fast shaping up today -- over America's greatest scenic wonder -- the Grand Canyon. Bills already have been introduced in Congress -- to construct huge dams at either end of the world's most spectacular series of canyons. ~~SEN~~ Conservationists are counter-attacking with a charge -- that the dams would virtually destroy one of the marvels of the ages. In fact some of the great rapids of the Grand Canyon have already been eliminated by dams.

This dam proposal is part of a billion dollar lower Colorado River basin project, aimed at ending the long water war -- between Arizona and California. Proponents are emphasizing that under no circumstances -- would the Grand Canyon be flooded out.

Conservationists contend, however, that this is the most crucial battle -- in their struggle to preserve the national park system. One of the nation's leading conservationists -- putting it in these words: "If we give in on this one," said he, "they'll move next on Yosemite, Yellowstone and anywhere they want."

ALABAMA

At Hayneville, Alabama - a hung ~~jur~~ jury today in the case of Collie Leroy Wilkins Jr. The first of three Ku Klux clansmen - to stand trial in the civil rights ~~murder~~ murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo. An all-white jury - said to have voted ten to two for conviction but unable to make it unanimous. A new trial - expected shortly.

NAMES

How'd you like to live in a town called -- Belly-Button?

Or maybe -- Toad Village? How about -- Flea's Nest?

Well, a lot of people do -- or rather -- did. They are Russian peasants -- whose villages were named long ago by the whim of feudal landlords. Towns with titles that translate into English names like -- Plunderville, Illville, Swineroo, Stinkeroo -- and even Rotten Hole. Towns that now are getting new names -- by order of the Communist Government.

Belly Button becomes -- bankside. Toad Village -- renamed Asure. Rotten Hole changed to Oak Grove, Flea's Nest -- now Happyville; and so it goes.

How would it seem Warren, if you were out visiting relatives in Belly Button, to say, come on Sweet Pie let's go home to Flea's Nest.

MALAWI

This next from Blantyre -- capital of Malawi. That newly independent central African nation -- beset by an age-old problem. Girls who want to look like girls; insisting on the right to wear lipstick -- and tight, sexy dresses. Just like the girls -- in those slick-cover magazines that are circulating even in remote Africa.

To re-educate the girls -- Malawi's so-called young pioneers are taking matters into their own hands. Young men of the pioneers political movement -- may-laying flashy young women in public market place; and, hold everything -- stripping them -- of their tight dresses and tight skirts.

But today -- an official government decree, Stating that henceforth -- "no young pioneer will undress women in public -- or tear off their clothes -- in order to educate them." That job -- said the decree -- best left to government experts.