

POLITICS

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*A special presidential panel of at least nineteen prominent Americans - has agreed to travel to Vietnam next week. Purpose: To observe those South Vietnamese elections a week from Sunday.*

*The announcement today - from the White House.*

*Presidential Press Secretary George ~~CHRISTIAN~~ Christian identifying the mission members - as Governors, mayors, members of congress, religious leaders and communications executives, who will be permitted to travel freely - throughout the countryside.*

*Christian emphasizing though that the observers - are "not going to supervise," but only "to share an experience with the Vietnamese people - when they vote."*

McGEE

*More of the same - from Senator McGee of Wyoming; a self-admitted "Hawk" - in congressional debate on the Vietnam issue; who declared today that the lawmakers "have no alternative - but to support the President as he perseveres in Vietnam."*

*Senator McGee going on to say: "Clearly, it is not President Johnson who has stopped seeking peace -- it is Ho Chi Minh."*

## VIETNAM

*War in Vietnam -- marked today by a fourth straight day of U S air strikes -- against the Hanoi area. With this latest effort - perhaps the biggest yet. Anywhere from four to five hundred U.S. planes -- reportedly taking part in the attack. Again smashing at bridges and rail lines - on the Communist lifeline to Red China.*

*Radio Hanoi later reporting -at least ten American planes shot down. Also claiming that "many" pilots -- had been captured. However, no confirmation as yet - from American sources.*

PENTAGON

Here at home -- a young Army Sergeant from Ohio -- today named the eighteenth Medal of Honor winner in Vietnam. The announcement - from the Pentagon, where Staff Sergeant Jimmy Stewart of Racine, Ohio - will be honored ~~from~~ posthumously in ceremonies tomorrow.

Sergeant Stewart, ~~a brave man~~ who died defending five wounded comrades in a jungle battle. Single-handedly holding off a force of Viet Cong for four hours - before he himself fell to enemy fire.

## SENATE

Meanwhile, continued Senate hearings today - on U.S. bombing policy in Vietnam - defended anew today by Admiral ~~Fleet~~ Moorer - Chief of Naval Operations; who stressed the precision of U.S. bombing raids - in carefully controlled target areas of North Vietnam.

Purpose - said he: To prevent "expanding the war - to include Communist China or the Soviet Union." Also to ensure "minimum casualties - to the civilian population."

Of necessity - these restraints mean that "the enemy has also been provided some sanctuary;" particularly around Hanoi and the port of Haiphong -- said the Admiral. He added, however, that the air campaign has "recently been enhanced -- by the assignment of additional lucrative targets." And the air war over-all has been "prosecuted in an effective manner" - said he.

KREMLIN

At the same time - the United States today accused of waging aggression in Vietnam -- "ever more ~~so~~ extensive and sinister in nature." This in a Kremlin statement -- carried by the official Soviet News Agency Tass. Protesting U.S. bombing of the Hanoi area - as well as what it called recent "intensification of the war against the Vietnamese ~~so~~ people."

Said Tass: "The danger of this short-sighted course--lies in the fact that it further aggravates the international situation -- and may bring the world to a dangerous point." The reason - Tass concluded - "because every new step to escalate the war in Vietnam -- inevitably leads to the necessary reply steps" from the Soviet Union.



NEW YORK

Reverse side - from New York. Where Senator Robert Kennedy -- today bitterly criticized U S policy in Vietnam. Decrying increased involvement of American fighting power - calling the South Vietnamese election a "fraud" -- and urging an end to U.S. bombing of the Communist North.

Senator Kennedy also contending that the American people - have a right to expect much more of the South Vietnamese people. Said he: "With so many of our Marines being killed and wounded in the demilitarized zone - I would like to see more of the South Vietnamese up there defending their own border." The Senator charging, what's more, that "the American casualty rate" in Vietnam - "is higher than the Vietnamese draft call."

In support of all this - Ssenator Kennedy quoting a remark by his late brother; in effect -- disassociating the Kennedy administration from the course

*of present U.S. policy. The late President Kennedy  
said to have asserted of the South Vietnamese people:  
"It's their war - all we can try to do is help them."*



## FULBRIGHT

*Next up - Chairman Fulbright of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; who today all but killed a promised one-man attempt - by Senator Morse of Oregon -- to repeal the Gulf of Tonkin resolution.*

*Senator Fulbright saying he is convinced - as is Senator Morse - that the President has exceeded his congressional mandate in the Vietnamese war. Adding though that he will oppose any effort - to revoke that mandate.*

*Such revocation would only serve to deepen division in this country - said Fulbright. Further contending that an overwhelming vote against repeal - would be interpreted as a reaffirmation of ~~the~~ ~~Spabixyx~~ U S policy in Southeast Asia. And that would be wrong, too -- said he.*

## VETERANS

Whatever the opposing war views - the full Senate was, nevertheless, in complete agreement today on a war-related measure, ~~Approving~~ approving unanimously - a new quarter-billion Dollar G I bill.

The measure now goes to the White House - for President Johnson's signature. Whereupon, an estimated five million veterans - will become ~~immediately~~ <sup>Oct. 1st.</sup> eligible for a comprehensive package of benefits; covering education -- pensions -- medical care -- low cost loans and so on. The new G I bill taking up - right where the old Korean G I bill left off.

## GOLDWATER

*Elsewhere on Capitol Hill - President Johnson was accused today of playing politics - with recent racial trouble in Detroit. The charge -- from Barry Goldwater; in a brief speech - to Republican Staff members in the House.*

*Said Goldwater: The President "fiddled while Detroit burned - he fiddled while men died; he finally turned the whole thing - into a political attack against a Republican governor." Conclusion - according to Goldwater, the President must share the blame - for any future civil violence.*

PARIS

~~French President~~ DeGaulle - Le Grand Charles -  
at it again today in Paris, Announcing plans for a massive  
program of technical, cultural and economic cooperation --  
with the French -speaking Canadian Province of Quebec.  
Purpose -- said a DeGaulle spokesman - to help Quebec  
achieve its, quote, "liberation".

This apparently in response to an Ottawa  
speech yesterday -- by Canadian Prime Minister Lester  
Pearson, Again rejecting DeGaulle's intrusion - into  
internal Canadian affairs. Warning that such interference  
- could only lead to "new frictions" -- as he put it.

LONDON

*Official London - on full-scale alert today.*

*Prime Minister Harold Wilson and Foreign Secretary*

*George Brown - rushing back to London for emergency*

*consultations ~~with~~<sup>over</sup> Britain's new diplomatic crisis with*

*Red China.*

*The British Foreign Office emphasizing - it has*

*no desire to break off diplomatic relations with Peking.*

*Even so - charging the Chinese with a gross violation --*

*"of normal and civilized rules of behavior." A British*

*spokesman adding "where we go from here - depends*

*entirely on the attitude and behavior of Chinese authorities."*

*In the meantime, some sixty Chinese diplomats*

*and their families -- are being held as virtual hostage*

*in London, ~~until~~ the British can determine the fate of*

*some eighty of their own Nationals - still in Peking.*

HONG KONG FOLLOW LONDON

*As for*  
~~White in~~

Hong Kong - where the trouble all

started - another rash of terrorist activity today, With

a number of bombs - exploding in the streets of <sup>the great island</sup> ~~Hong Kong~~

~~city and~~ <sup>city and</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> also mainland Kowloon. ~~Luckily thought~~

~~no one hurt.~~



## KARA SEA

Latest from Operation Discovery: News today that the U S Coast Guard ~~ice~~ Icebreaker Edisto ~~is~~ is currently facing the ~~severest~~ <sup>stiffest</sup> test of its planned eight thousand mile voyage; ~~that historic~~ <sup>an</sup> attempt to be the first ~~ship~~ <sup>vessel</sup> ever to circumnavigate the Arctic Icecap.

At last report - the Edisto and her sister=ship -- The Eastwind -- attempting to gouge their way ~~through~~ through an ice barrier in the Kara Sea; off the coast of the Severnaya Zemlya Islands - far north of Siberia. At times - encountering ice ridges up to thirty feet thick. ~~Using~~ <sup>Using</sup> ~~the use of~~ <sup>as scouts,</sup> helicopters - to pick a less formidable trail through the ~~for~~ frozen Arctic.

The two ships - as you know - capable of breaking ice only nine feet thick. Coast Guard officials predicting, ~~however~~ however, that once past the Severnaya Zemlyas - the Icebreakers should have smooth sailing. Providing - they say - "providing the summer season is not too far advanced -- by the time they reach Alaskan waters.

*A woman - on the Peacock Throne? Could be.*

*According to provisions of a bill - introduced today at the Iranian parliament in Teheran.*

*As presently written - the measure calling for appointment of Empress Farah as Regent of Iran; in the event of the ~~the~~ death of her husband - the ~~father~~ Shah-of-Shahs, the Shah of Iran. The Empress to be assisted as Regent - by seven top government officials; until Crown Prince Reza Pahlevi - now six - comes of age.*

*So, there could be an empress on the Peacock Throne - and a-l-u-t-m.*