

LOS ANGELES

Wed. Mar. 19-75.

The nation's only living five-star general -
is listed in "very serious" condition tonight at the
U C L A medical center in Los Angeles, General
of the Army Omar Bradley, ~~at~~ age eighty-two - the
victim of ^a stroke.

HUE

In Northernmost South Vietnam - ^{five}~~six~~ entire provinces have now been all but abandoned to Communist control. This leading to ~~ps~~ mass southward flight today - by more than half a million refugees; many coming from the ancient imperial capital of Hue - where two Communist divisions are said to be poised to attack.

In Saigon - President Thieu suddenly cancelling a nationwide address; instead, meeting with top aides - also, bringing to Saigon a top paratrooper division earlier assigned to Da Nang. Government sources ^A saying ~~Thieu is attempting~~ Thieu ^{is} attempting to discourage at the ~~sa~~ outset any thoughts of an attempted coup by ~~rightist~~ rightist generals.

SENATE FOLLOW HUE

Here at home - the Senate was finally passing today - a new foreign aide bill; still delaying, however, on emergency aid to Cambodia and South Vietnam.

SUB

From the President on down - administration officials were refusing to discuss today - the C I A's attempt to recover that ~~sunken~~ sunken Russian sub. And, in Moscow, the Soviet Foreign Ministry - also saying "no comment."

On Capitol Hill - a flurry of excitement. ~~But~~ Senate majority leader Mike Mansfield ^{was} ~~for one,~~ saying: "The best thing is to forget it - it's past history."

LONDON

~~From~~ London ^a ~~again~~. A charge today that ten members
of the U S Embassy there - are actually members of the
C I A. This according to a petition signed by some
fifty labor members of ~~parliament~~ parliament who
also say the Embassy Ten must be expelled from
Britain.

JERUSALEM RIYADH

In the Middle East - the Israeli cabinet ^{today} was considering ~~today~~ what ~~it plans~~ to do next - in response to Egyptian proposals.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State ■ Kissinger ~~was~~ flying to Riyadh; ^{and} there meeting with Saudi Arabia's King Faisal - in an attempt to win his support for a new withdrawal in the Sinai.

Dr. Kissinger later describing his mission - as "fruitful and successful;" ^{And} then - back to Jerusalem.

CAPITOL HILL

President Ford sent to Congress today - a new financial ~~institution~~ institutions bill. This to allow savings banks - to offer checking services; also, to permit both savings and commercial banks - to pay interest on checking accounts; and to make it easier for people to get home mortgage - and personal installment loans; ~~all intended "to increase~~ the level and quality of service for the consumer saver - and to maintain or expand the flow of credit."

The new bill - in many ways a repeat of ~~an~~ a Nixon proposal two years ago. That one - dying in Congress; but officials saying the new version - could become law as early as this fall; a part of the president's program to "speed the nation's return to economic health."

EQUAL

Two top officials of the U S Equal Unemployment Opportunity Commission - ~~James M. Conner and~~ were forced to resign today under pressure from the White House. Chairman John Powell and General Counsel William Carey - losing their jobs over ~~a series of bitter~~ policy disputes. The White House saying the President is taking "this opportunity to replace these two gentlemen - to allow the agency to get a new start."

PEKING

From Peking - an announcement ~~today~~ that

Mainland

~~the~~ China is granting "special amnesty" - to the

last of its imprisoned "war criminals." These -

totalling two hundred and ninety three - in all;

mostly members of what Peking calls "the Chiang

Kai Shek clique."

However, the released prisoners - will be

anything but free. Peking saying they'll be brought

to the Chinese capital - and then "organized for

visits and study." Observers adding they'll probably

be used ~~as object lessons~~ in the government's

current campaign to curb any would-be ^{|dissidents.} ~~dissidents.~~

AUSTIN

In the Texas State legislature - the hottest issue today, ~~is~~ still the pending equal rights amendment; with those in favor and those opposed -- attempting to exert as much pressure as possible.

One of the anti-E R A ladies actually going so far as to bake a cake for Representative Tom Cartilage; on the theory apparently - that the way to a man's vote is through his stomach. ~~She ~~is~~ ~~at~~ ~~any~~ ~~rate~~,~~ The cake bearing an ~~ink~~ inscription; ~~that ~~she~~ ~~said~~~~ "Roses are red - violets are blue - would a womens libber - ever do this for you?"

And now

HOLLYWOOD"

Today's quote of the day - from Bob Hope

on the subject of advancing age - the famed comedian

saying: "You know you've reached middle age - when

your ~~weight~~ weigh lifting ^{(consists merely of standing up."}
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