

VIET NAM

Wed. May 3 '67.

~~was~~ In Viet Nam - ~~marked today by~~ another <sup>fierce</sup> ~~battle~~  
<sup>Battle</sup> ~~fight~~ for Hill Eight-Eighty-One, with crack Viet Cong  
~~troops~~ attempting to <sup>take it</sup> ~~recapture the hill once again~~ from <sup>the</sup> U S  
Marines; ~~attempting to~~ regain control of that key height ~~as~~  
overlooking ~~an~~ enemy infiltration routes from Laos and  
North Viet Nam.

From dawn to dusk - the battle raged ~~on~~. A young  
marine reporting - "they were <sup>everywhere</sup> - all you ~~had to~~  
had to do was stick up your hand and you'd get fire." The  
Marines at one point - actually abandoning the North  
~~summit~~ summit to permit a massive U S air strike.

But at sundown - the leathernecks were back in  
the driver's seat. With enemy dead in the marathon battle -  
now set at more than a thousand, ~~was~~. A ratio of nearly  
ten to one - over American losses.

## MCNAMARA

Here at home - Defense Secretary ~~Robert~~ McNamara was under fire today - from his own joint chiefs of staff. With publication of ~~now~~ recent, heretofore secret testimony - before a House Defense Appropriations sub-committee.

General Earle Wheeler - Chairman of the Joint Chiefs -- acting as spokesman for the military. Charging that <sup>Sec.</sup> ~~Robert~~ McNamara is increasing the risk of accidental nuclear war - by his refusal to order immediate deployment of an antiballistic missile system.

Any further delay in such a system - said Wheeler - and "it could lead to Soviet and allied belief that we are interested only in the offensive; that is - a first strike."

Or else - he went on - "that our technology is deficient - or that we will not pay to maintain strategic superiority."

All this - conducive "to nuclear war by accident" - said he.

PRESIDENT

At the White House - another impromptu press conference ~~today for~~ <sup>with the</sup> President ~~Johnson~~ <sup>referring to</sup> ~~touching on~~ the threat of a nationwide rail strike - but concentrating mainly on Viet Nam.

As for the rail situation - the President outlining plans for a bill that would head off any tie-up -- at least until late in the year. This an apparent attempt to head off a congressional battle - over possible anti-strike legislation.

Turning next to the war - the President saying he expects to receive a Pentagon request soon - for more men <sup>for</sup> Viet Nam. ~~But~~ how many ~~if any~~ ~~that~~ remains to be seen - said he.

As for continued dissent on the home front - the President saying there can never be unanimity on such an issue as war. ~~"We don't expect uniformity"~~ ~~said he.~~ Adding, however, that "we deplore and disagree with folks who burn our flag" - who take ~~rather~~ <sup>measures</sup> extreme .\

~~measures."~~

~~The President then~~ asked his opinion - of ~~the~~

Martin Luther King's ~~recent~~ appeal to young men - to

refuse to be drafted, <sup>he said:-</sup> ~~his answer~~ "We regret when any

person asks the young people of the country - to refuse

to serve ~~to~~ what we believe to be the needs of the country.

We regret it very much" - said L. B. J.



FORD

Speaking of dissent - anything but today from  
house ~~majority~~ minority leader Gerald Ford; in commenting  
on yesterday's Republican policy committee staff study  
highly critical of U S policies in Viet Nam,  
Congressman ~~the text~~ Ford aligning himself solidly - with an  
earlier statement from Senate minority leader Everett  
Dirksen, saying he stands four-square behind the Johnson  
administration - as far as Vietnam is concerned.

Said Ford: "President Johnson is the Commander-  
in Chief. I did not elect him. I tried to defeat him. I  
will try to defeat him again in sixty-eight. But on the issue  
of our country meeting the challenge of Viet Nam - we had  
better, as a nation, continue doing just that."

So said <sup>the House Minority Leader,</sup> ~~Gerald Ford.~~

VATICAN

And, still more on Viet Nam - ~~comes today~~ from the Vatican, ~~to Rome. with~~ Pope Paul - once again pleading for an end to the war.

~~The Pontiff~~ saying though that he will leave "judgment and action on the temporal level - to those responsible for it." Adding that he himself - will turn now to spiritual endeavor, ~~His efforts he said to~~ with ~~with~~ an unprecedented pilgrimage next week - to the Shrine of our Lady of Fatima in Portugal; there - to pray for peace. Fiftieth,

~~The Pope's visit to and coincide with the fiftieth~~  
anniversary of the Shrine. ~~A symbol itself - of the quest~~  
~~for world peace.~~

## AIR FORCE

*An amazing new development in aerial photography - disclosed today by U S Air Force officials. A technique for taking perfect night-time pictures from the air - completely unknown to the enemy.*

*The old technique - as you know - to drop a flare from on high. Giving the enemy an opportunity to hide whatever it is he's doing // before reconnaissance planes can record the scene below.*

*The new way - on the other hand - calling for use of lasers synchronized with airborne cameras. With a Laser beam - said to provide ample light for picture-taking. Yet so narrow - and moving so fast - that you can hardly see it from the ground.*

*The new system - due for a trial soon in Viet Nam, ~~where~~ enemy men and supplies now move almost exclusively at night // in an effort to escape U S air might.*

## WHITE HOUSE

Something of ~~axx~~ an international mystery - was cleared up today at the White House. The mystery of why the President took a Russian interpreter along - when he went to Bonn last week for the funeral of Konrad Adenauer.

There were - of course - no Russians leaders at the Adenauer funeral. And so presidential aides at first denied - that a Russian interpreter was present.

Turns out now - it was all a misunderstanding.

Seems the President had with him - German interpreters, French interpreters, Spanish, Italian and so on. And his number two German interpreter - is also his number one Russian interpreter. His number one French expert - also his number three Russian - and so on.

All of which points up the importance of interpreters - in the modern age. With world leaders - normally refusing lest a slip of the tongue - lead to a misunderstanding. Or, just plain embarrassment.



*One recent illustration - the President's trip to Mexico last year. When he demonstrated his fluency in Texas-style Spanish - commonly called "Tex-Mex."*

*Except at one point - the President was trying to tell the people of Mexico -- "Muchos Gracias." And somehow - it came out "munchas grunchas."*

## HOUSE

*The question of whether the United States government should finance Russian industry - subject for debate today in the House. With Congressman Fino of New York attempting to block a routine action -- extending the life of the U S Import-Export bank, On grounds that fifty million in bank funds - is to be used to finance an automobile assembly plant in the Soviet Union.*

*Fino contending that the bank should be barred from making any loans to any nation - directly or indirectly supporting North Viet Nam. In the end, however, the vote was eighteen-to-fifteen - to continue the bank for another five years. The majority emphasizing that the fifty million in question - will be used solely to purchase machine tools; and, those from firms - only here in the United States.*

**SEOUL**

***Incumbent President Park Chung-Hee of South Korea - apparently well on his way to re-election tonight in the South Korean Presidential sweepstakes. Early returns from Seoul giving Park a wide Margin over his arch rival - former President Posun Yun. With Park supporters predicting eventual victory by about two million votes - if the pattern continues to hold up.***

CHICAGO

~~This news from~~ <sup>at</sup> Chicago Heights, Illinois,

~~where~~ a thousand balloons were released early this week - to signal the start of a local "clean-up" campaign. A campaign that seems to have had - far-reaching results.

The proof - in a letter that arrived today - at the Chicago Heights Chamber of Commerce, <sup>g</sup> from a farmer who lives at Walton - in the ~~nk~~ neighboring state of Indiana.

Said Farmer Joe Baber: "I hope your clean-up campaign is going well - up there in Chicago Heights." "But down here"- said he "one of those balloons trailing a piece of cloth - has just succeeded in littering up my cornfield."



## DENVER

*Thirty six years ago - the State of Colorado enacted a law - making itself liable for damages caused by wild animals. Now - at last - a suit has been filed in Denver; the first one - under that old law.*

*Robert Scott Junior of rural Georgia - suing the State of Colorado for five hundred and forty-six bucks. To pay for damages to his car - from a collision with a deer last ~~at~~ October.*

*State officials promising, however - to fight the case all the way - the moreso - because there are anywhere from a thousand to two thousand such accidents in Colorado every year. Leaving deer and elk - dead on the highway.*

*Which brings up another point. The possibility that Scott may win his case - and still end up a loser. How so? Under another old law - making it a crime to destroy game animals.*

TAIPEI

What's the one city - with the world's worst cab drivers? No - not New York - as you might expect. ~~But~~

~~It's~~ Taipei - on the island of Formosa; according to word ~~today~~ today - from Nationalist China's communications

Minister Shen Yi.

Shen the principal speaker at a Taipei Traffic Safety meeting, pointing out that the city has about seven thousand cabs - accounting for only about a third of all traffic. And, yet these same cabs - are responsible for nearly half of all fatal accidents in Taipei.

The reason - said Shen - because city cab drivers are like "escaped convicts ~~are~~ running wild with axes in their hands." The only way to pedestrian safety - ~~said~~ ~~he~~ - Warren - all the ~~to~~ "stop ~~the~~ kamikaze taxi drivers."