

Friday, July 9, 1971

SAIGON

In Vietnam - the U. S. Army today handed over to South Vietnamese troops - our last all-American base up near the D M Z. While South Vietnamese General Ngo Dzu - whose headquarters are at Pleiku - was flying today to Saigon; there denying a charge by a U S Congressman - that he was involved in illicit drug trade.

JAFFE FOLLOW SAIGON

Another arrival today ~~at~~ in Saigon - Doctor Jerome Jaffe - the President's new special consultant on drugs; with one of ~~his~~ his assigned tasks - that of testing the reliability of special machines currently used for spotting drug addiction. Doctor Jaffe saying: He was reluctant to discuss specific figures as yet; but he added that "initial estimates" - seem to indicate - the G I drug problem "is not as bad as most pessimists would have us believe."

LOS ANGELES

In his home state of California - a direct challenge today to President Nixon. With Congressman Paul McCloskey - at Los Angeles - saying he intends to field a slate of his own at next year's state Republican primary; a slate of delegates "hopefully, said he - pledged to himself as a candidate for President. This in direct opposition to ~~many~~ party regulars headed by Governor Reagan - who has already pledged his support to President Nixon.

The California congressman adding that he also intends to enter - as many other Republican primaries across the country as his funds will permit. Adding that his chances of becoming President would not be "very great" - even if he "won every primary." "But I think" - said he - "I can do a service to the party and the country - by bringing out into the open the debate and discussion of our different views."

McCloskey further stating that the main thrust of his campaign - will be a pledge to end the war, conditioned solely on the release of U S prisoners of war.

BROOKLYN

At a pre-trial hearing in Brooklyn Federal Court - a rather surprising ~~dev~~ development today; with militant Jewish leader Rabbi Meir Kahane - pleading guilty to a charge of conspiring to manufacture bombs. And two co-defendants - members of Kahane's defense league - also pleading guilty to the same charge; with the understand^{ing} ~~that~~ that all three will surrender to Federal authorities & all explosives and guns still in their possession. A government attorney explaining that disposition of the case - had been approved "at the highest level of this government."

As for sentencing - that's set for two weeks hence - with the most they can get - five years ~~to~~ ~~year~~ and a fine of ten thousand each. ^{Or, maybe} ~~But the least of course -~~ a suspended sentence, in view of today's plea, - ~~perhaps~~ ~~the more likely.~~

SANTIAGO

The northern end of Chile's central ~~valley~~ valley - the scene of that ~~valley~~ country's worst earthquake in five years ; with first reports indicating some seventy dead - hundreds injured and widespread damage.

The initial tremor -- also followed by a series of severe after-shocks. Spreading fear and panic - throughout the ~~disaster~~ disaster area. With Chilean President Allende finally taking to ^{the} national radio ^{and} telling his people: "The government is here to help - I ask you, citizens, I demand - stay calm."

CORONA

In the little church where he worshipped - near the home he loved so well - in Corona, Queens, New York, Louis Satchmo Armstrong was given his final send-off today.

Peggy Lee singing "The Lord's Prayer". Blind Al Hibbler singing "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen" - also, a soulful version of "When the Saints Come Marching In." And Satchmo's friend musician Hugh Carter singing "Just A Closer Walk With Thee." All of it relayed to a crowd of more than a thousand outside as well as to sixteen European countries via Telstar.

Broadcaster Fred Robbins - who delivered the eulogy - spoke of Louis Armstrong as "a genuine American folk hero," The only one of his kind." "And the world is a whole lot better - for his having been here" - said Robbins. Adding: "Move over Gabriel - here comes Satchmo!"

PAMPLONA

Pamplona, Spain -- another "running of the
bulls" today; ^{and still} another American - seriously gored.

Twenty one year old Bruce Feder of Somewhere in
Arizona - getting it right in the leg. The wound
calling for emergency surgery - with Doctors later saying
he'll be hospitalized about a month. A costly "bull
session."

BLAGOVESHINSK

A story of remarkable courage and amazing endurance today - from the town of Blagoveshinsk in Soviet Siberia.

*Where an eight year old boy by the name of Volodya Mayorov
- tumbled into a rain swollen river. But he did grab a log
and floated for miles down stream. Finally he made his way
to shore; whereupon he was swallowed up - in the vast forest*

*That was three weeks ago . . The boy's parents and
fellow villagers searched for days to no avail. They had
given up when, wonder of wonders - little Volodya Mayorov
dragged himself to a forest road where he was found by
truckers. This after three weeks without food. He was too
weak to walk - and was covered with insect bites. But the
doctors say he'll recover. Quite a lad!*

FORT DEVENS

Speaking of persistence and perseverance - this next from Fort Devens, Mass. The story of Lee Knight - who faked his way into the army at age fifteen some twenty years ago. He got caught and was about to be discharged - when the Korean war broke out and somehow Lee Knight wound up a sargeant in the front lines where in one engagement he single-handedly destroyed an enemy bunker - getting for this a silver star - and a purple heart.

Back in the hospital though - somehow his records were lost. Instead of receiving his regular army pay - he was given only a ten buck monthly allotment. This going on for five years - till he was well enough to go home to Boston. Lee Knight later filing an appeal getting nowhere though; his case all but forgotten - when a few months ago his long-lost records were somehow found again.

With is wife and four children looking on - Lee Knight finally receiving his medals in a special army ceremony; also a promise of back pay plus interest, it all coming to twenty-

three thousand bucks. Proving, I guess, Warren, that all things sometimes do come to him who waits.

CAUCUS

Coming up this weekend in Washington -
the national Womens political caucus; a meeting of ~~some~~^{some}
seventy women- including members of Congress - officials
of the League of Women Voters - and leaders of the
womens liberation movement. All with a single purpose -
to elect women - Democrats and Republicans alike -
to positions of authority at all levels of government.

~~Bombetta~~ Bella Abzug - ~~the~~ Congresswoman
from New York - also, one of the caucus leaders -
saying: "We ought to triple our number in Congress
in Nineteen Seventy Two - and maybe by the two
hundredth anniversary of our nation - in Nineteen Seventy
Six - it ought to be five fold.

Lady Bird Johnson's former Press secretary
Liz Carpenter adding that: "Women are a little weary
of writing checks and licking stamps. We want to be
in on the decision making;" which makes it clear -

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said she - "the time has come to move from ^{the} stomping
and ~~to~~ the screaming - into real activism." So says L^{is}-
and a-l - Monday.