

*At Harlingen, Texas - the flood waters of the Rio Grande finally hit their crest today. So an end is in sight to the disaster.*

*Beulah to do down in history - as one of the worst storms of the twentieth century. Killing more than forty - causing more than a billion dollars in damage - leaving some two hundred thousand homeless.*

## VIETNAM

AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK - ON CAPITOL HILL IN WASHINGTON -  
AT A MEETING OF EPISCOPAL BISHOPS IN SEATTLE - DEBATE CONTINUED  
HOT AND HEAVY TODAY ON U.S. POLICY IN VIETNAM. SOME SAYING  
WE SHOULD STAY AND FIGHT - AS LONG AND AS HARD AS NECESSARY;  
OTHERS SAYING WE SHOULD FIND SOMEWAY TO GET OUT - NOW - WHILE  
THE GETTING IS GOOD, *or is it?!*

BY CONTRAST - ~~A STIRRING SCENE TODAY AT CON-THIEU~~ <sup>just a</sup> ON THE  
FIGHTING FRONT - WHERE THERE IS NO QUESTION - ABOUT U.S.  
DETERMINATION IN VIETNAM.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MORE THAN A WEEK - BEAUTIFUL SPRING LIKE  
WEATHER RETURNED TODAY TO THAT MARINE FORTRESS; AT THE SAME  
TIME - A SUDDEN BREAK IN THE ENEMY'S CEASELESS BARRAGE ACROSS  
THE D.M.Z. WITH THE RESULT THAT MUD CAKED LEATHERNECKS - WERE  
ABLE AGAIN TO CRAWL OUT OF THEIR WATERLOGGED TRENCHES AND BUNKERS.  
SOME OF THEM ~~POSSIBLY~~ <sup>THEIR</sup> ~~EVOTERS~~ <sup>were</sup> HANGING THEIR CLOTHES OUT  
TO DRY - WHILE THEY THEMSELVES <sup>^</sup> BASKING IN THE SUN; ~~THEN U.S.~~  
~~ARTILLERYMEN - FIRING A ROUND AT THE HIDDEN ENEMY - ACCOMPANYING~~  
~~THE SHELL - WITH A REBEL YELL. THOSE NEARBY - QUICKLY JOINING~~  
~~IN THE CHEER WITH EACH SUCCEEDING SHELL UNTIL - WE ARE~~  
~~TOLD - "THE WHOLE OUTPOST WAS BARKING LIKE COYOTES."~~

<sup>One</sup> ~~LATER~~ MUDDY FACED MARINE - PULLING OUT HIS HARMONICA. ROLAND  
CRAYGER OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA - SERENADING THE ENEMY. HIS  
BUDDIES JOINING IN ON THE CHORUS - THE PART THAT GOES: "FROM  
THIS VALLEY THEY SAY YOU ARE LEAVING....."

VIETNAM (CONTD)

U.S. FIGHTING MEN AT CON THIEN - CLEARLY DISPELLING THE ENEMY'S  
HOPES OF ANOTHER DIEN BIEN PHU. U.S. INTELLIGENCE FURTHER  
REPORTING - THE ENEMY SUFFERED SEVERELY. ~~THEY~~ - SAID GENERAL  
WILLIAM WESTMORELAND - ~~A CREDIT TO~~ U. S. BOMBARDMENT - HEAVIEST  
"IN THE HISTORY OF WARFARE."

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POTENTIAL RISKS AND GAINS" FROM CLOSING HAIPHONG - SAID THE  
DEFENSE SECRETARY, ADDING THAT GENERAL WHEELER HAD "POINTED OUT  
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~~MCNAMARA~~

U.S. DEFENSE SECRETARY ~~ROBERT~~ MCNAMARA - ~~IS~~ EN ROUTE TO TURKEY  
TONITE; FOR A ~~SCHEDULED~~ MEETING - OF NATO DEFENSE MINISTERS.

BEFORE HE LEFT THOUGH - ~~ROBERT~~ TAKING TIME TO RE-STATE  
HIS OWN STAND ON VIETNAM; IN VIEW OF RECENT ~~STATE~~ STATEMENTS  
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NEW YORK

WHILE ALL THIS WAS GOING ON - A TOUGH SPEECH TODAY FROM SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK, AT A MEETING OF THE AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION - IN NEW YORK.

*as he has so often said.*  
PEACE? SURE WE WANT PEACE - SAID DEAN RUSK, ASSERTING THE U.S. IS READY TO TALK WITH HANOI - WITH OR WITHOUT CONDITIONS - ABOUT CONDITIONS - DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY - EITHER ALONE OR IN CONFERENCE WITH OTHER NATIONS. DEAN RUSK ADDING: "IF SOMEONE WOULD PRODUCE A REAL LIVE NORTH VIETNAMESE - TO TALK ABOUT PEACE SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD - I'D BE THERE."

BUT UNTIL THEN - SAID HE - THE U.S. REMAINS DETERMINED TO HONOR ITS COMMITMENTS IN VIET NAM.

ADEN

WITH A NEW TRUCE FIRMLY IN EFFECT - A WAVE OF JUBILATION IS SWEEPING TODAY ACROSS BATTLE SCARRED SOUTH ARABIA. FEUDING ARABS - ARMY FORCES - EVEN THE BRITISH - IGNORING CURFEWS TO CELEBRATE APPROACHING INDEPENDENCE.

AT THE SAME TIME - A HARD LOOK TODAY AT SOME OF THE PROBLEMS YET TO BE SOLVED. PROBLEMS, MOSTLY ECONOMIC, THAT RIVAL LEADERS MUST TACKLE TOGETHER - WHEN THE BRITISH LEAVE IN JANUARY.

BIGGEST OF THESE - THE FACT THAT THE BRITISH ARE LEAVING, TAKING WITH THEM - AN ESTIMATED TEN THOUSANDS JOBS; PLUS AN ESTIMATED FIFTY-SIX MILLION - IN TOTAL ANNUAL MILITARY SPENDING IN SOUTH ARABIA.

EVEN WORSE - BRITISH BUSINESS INTERESTS EXPECTED SOON TO FOLLOW THE TROOPS HOME. <sup>This</sup> ALMOST CERTAIN, IN TIME, TO ENDANGER ADEN'S CHIEF CLAIM TO FAME - AS THE WORLD'S GREATEST BUNKERING ~~Base~~ Base, A CONVENIENT FUEL DEPOT - FOR SHIPS OF ALL FLAGS; A DUTY-FREE SHOPPER'S PARADISE - FOR PASSING LUXURY LINERS.

STILL, NO QUESTION - THE SOUTH ARABIANS ARE CHAMPING AT THE BIT FOR INDEPENDENCE. AS RECOGNIZED IN A CURRENT JOKE - AMONG THE LOCAL BRITISH GARRISON. THE BRITISH ASSERTING THAT WHOEVER REMAINS BEHIND TO HAUL DOWN THAT LAST UNION JACK ~~HAD~~ HAD BETTER BE A FAST RUNNER.

## ALASKA ITEM.

I'VE BEEN DISCUSSING ALASKA AND ITS PROBLEMS WITH A LOCAL SENATOR WHO SHALL BE NAMELESS. AT ANY RATE HE SAID NOT TO BOTHER ABOUT GIVING HIM ANY SPECIAL CREDIT. FOR ONE THING: SINCE THE 1960 CENSUS, ALASKA HAS HAD A 20% INCREASE IN POPULATION, MAKING IT THE FIFTH FASTEST GROWING OF ALL FIFTY STATES.

AS FOR THE ECONOMIC SIDE OF LIFE UP HERE, HE REMARKED THAT OIL EITHER NOW RANKS FIRST OR WILL DURING THE COMING YEAR. LESS THAN TEN YEARS AGO ALASKA RANKED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LIST OF ALL THE STATES PRODUCING OIL. IN '68 IT WILL RANK ELEVENTH, IN '69 IT WILL BE EIGHTH, AND BY 1970 <sup>it</sup> WILL BE FIFTH.

HE TOLD ME HOW THE OIL COMPANIES SO FAR HAVE INVESTED APPROXIMATELY ONE BILLION DOLLARS IN THEIR SEARCH FOR 'BLACK GOLD' <sup>up here.</sup> UNION OIL FOR ONE, SPENDING FIFTY MILLION THIS YEAR, DOUBLE WHAT THEY SPENT IN '66.

AMONG THE OIL COMPANIES NOW BUSY IN ALASKA ARE MARATHON, UNION, MOBIL, SHELL, STANDARD OF INDIANA, STANDARD OF CALIFORNIA, SKELLY, HUMBLE, PAN AM, SUN OIL, AND OF COURSE RICHFIELD WHICH WAS THE FIRST.

THE FLOOR OF COOK INLET, NAMED OF COURSE FOR THE GREAT BRITISH NAVIGATOR AND EXPLORER, CAPTAIN JAMES COOK, <sup>who came here 200 yrs. ago</sup> NOW BOASTS ELEVEN HIGH PERMANENT PLATFORMS: SOME OF THE PLATFORMS SO ENORMOUS IN SIZE THEY CAN DRIVE 32 WELLS <sup>from them</sup> AND HAVE THEM ALL OPERATING AT THE SAME TIME - - - FROM ONE PLATFORM.

## ALASKA (CONTD)

THESE PLATFORMS ARE STURDY ENOUGH TO WITHSTAND THE TREMENDOUS MOVEMENT OF ICE UP AND DOWN THE COOK INLET, WHERE THE TIDE IS FAMOUS FOR ITS POWER.

WITHIN TEN YEARS 8 OIL FIELDS HAVE BEEN OPENED UP HERE IN ALASKA, FOUR OF WHICH ARE CLASSED AS GIANT OIL FIELDS BECAUSE EACH HAS MORE THAN A HUNDRED MILLION BARRELS OF RECOVERABLE OIL IN SIGHT; THE ONLY ONE OF THESE SO FAR FULLY DEVELOPED, THE ONE IN THE KENAI PENINSULA.

SO, YOU CAN IMAGINE HOW IMPORTANT A PART OIL PLAYS IN ALASKA TODAY. IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR ALL THIS DEVELOPMENT, THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND THE RECENT TREMENDOUS FLOOD AT FAIRBANKS WOULD HAVE SEEMED TO BE EVEN GREATER DISASTERS THAN THEY WERE



## NORTH WINGFIELD

NEXT UP - A STORY FROM NORTH WINGFIELD, ENGLAND; WHERE A FARMER BY THE NAME OF LES HOTEN - AGE 73 - CLAIMS TO HAVE FOUND A CURE, AT LAST, FOR BALDNESS.

FARMER LES SAYING HE WAS SPREADING FERTILIZER AMONG HIS TOMATOE PLANTS - WHEN HE SCRATCHED HIS HEAD; GETTING SOME OF THE STUFF - ON HIS BALD PATE. LO AND BEHOLD - THIS SPOT SOON SPROUTING HAIR. LES CONTINUING DAILY APPLICATIONS OF THE FERTILIZER - TO THE POINT WHERE HE NOW HAS A FULL, ~~thick~~ ~~hair~~ HEAD OF HAIR.

ONLY TROUBLE - THE FERTILIZER COMES DIRECT FROM CHICKEN PENS. BUT FARMER LES - THINKS ~~he~~ HE HAS FOUND A SOLUTION TO THAT TOO. SAYS HE: "I JUST ADD A BIT OF LAVENDER FOR PERFUME."

*If it really works cant you just see the esometric people going in for chickens in a big way. Now here's <sup>lucky haired</sup> Warren - who doesn't ~~not bald!~~ ~~and s-l-u-t-m.~~ have to worry about all this -- and s-l-u-t-m.*