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In Vietnam - the siege at Thuong Duc has finally ended. U.S. air and artillery power - coupled with massive reinforcements - breaking the back of an enemy force encircling the Green Beret camp. Allied patrols - going so far as to liberate five nearby villages today. And for the first time since August Seventeenth - no incoming shells.

To the North - U.S. Marines have reoccupied Keh Sanh. In the process - discovering a secret weapons cache; containing some two hundred rounds - of Russian-made one hundred and fifty-two millimeter long-range artillery shells. ^{This the} First indication that the enemy's big guns - are being readied for use in South ^{Vietnam} ~~VIETNAM~~.

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NEW YORK

Here in New York - Secretary of State Dean Rusk was the principal speaker - at today's twentieth annual Conference on Asia. Dean Rusk asserting that Communist forces in South Vietnam - are making preparations even now for a third major offensive. The fact that they have delayed it this long - a sign "they are hurting" - said he. Adding that offensive or no - General Creighton Abrams is confident that he can more than cope with the situation.

As he has said before, we are in S. East because it was unavoidable - and it had to be done. Also that 4 Presidents had agreed on this - one a Republican, 3 Democrats.

Earlier - the Secretary conferred with Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko. Coming to the conclusion that the United States and Russia - may be able to come to terms on arms control - but not ^{on} Czechoslovakia.

DETROIT

After five completed games - the World Series stands tonight at three-and-two. Three for St. Louis - two for Lolich. As you no doubt have heard by now - Detroit's Mickey Lolich coming through with his second Series victory today. ^{with a} A big assist from veteran Al Kaline - ^{to} helping ~~to~~ keep the Tigers' hopes alive.

Final score - five-to-three. Sending the Series back to St. Louis for a sixth game Wednesday - and a seventh, if necessary, Thursday.

SUPREME COURT

For the sixteenth straight year - Chief Justice Earl Warren presided today at the opening of the new Supreme Court term. Associate Justice Abe Fortas - again in his usual place at Warren's far right. The confirmation battle of past weeks - suddenly history; as the High Court departed from normal opening-day custom - hearing arguments on a pressing legal matter.

The question - whether George Wallace should be listed as a candidate for President in Ohio - which has no provision for third party contenders. Ohio the lone state, as of now - where Wallace's name is not on the November ballot. Whether it remains so - that's for the court to decide.

ADD SUPREME COURT

In another case--the Supreme Court turned down late today--an appeal from two hundred and fifty-six Army Reservists. Ruling that they had not been called to active duty illegally--thus clearing the way for their transfer to Vietnam.

WALLACE FOLLOW SUPREME COURT

Also in Washington - the self-same George Wallace.

Telling a press convention ~~today~~ (he would not consider using nuclear weapons in Vietnam. "We are going to try to end the war by negotiation" - said Wallace. Adding that if ~~that~~ failed ^{then} ~~though~~ - he would "lean heavily" on the advice of the Joint Chiefs of Staff - on how best to achieve a military victory.

On the subject of law and order - Wallace asserting that Hubert Humphrey and Richard Nixon now are both parroting the Wallace stand. "In the last week or two" - said he - "there has not been ten cents worth of difference in what they are saying - and what we have been saying."

ERIE FOLLOW WALLACE

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Be that as it may - Hubert Humphrey was saying just the opposite today at Erie, Pennsylvania. The Vice President lashing out at Wallace - *as well as at his* ~~also his now~~ running mate, General Curtis LeMay; asserting that the Wallace-LeMay ticket - stands for "brute force at home and catastrophic force abroad."

As for his own campaign--Hubert Humphrey declaring: "We're moving up fast." This - said he - because "more and more people are getting fed up with Mr. Nixon and Mr. Wallace and their tactics to win the Presidency."

NIXON FOLLOW ERIE

Later - Washington again - Richard Nixon called the current limited bombing of North Vietnam - the U.S. "trump card" in ~~the~~ ^{its} search for peace. It should not be stopped - said he - unless and until Hanoi is also ready to deescalate the war.

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NUCLEAR

A quarter-of-a-century after the birth of the atomic age - its most famous product is still the nuclear bomb. But that's only half of it [!] - as illustrated today by the Atomic Energy Commission and the U.S. Geological Survey; citing numerous applications of atomic devices - in science, industry, agriculture and so on, ~~we are~~ ^{including some that} ~~are~~ ^{that are} even saving lives - as in the use of radioisotopes to power Pacemaker imbedded heart stimulators."

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WEST INDIES

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To anyone who has ever read Kipling's "Jungle Book" - the mongoose is clearly a cobra-fighting hero. Who could ever forget - the courageous Rikki-tikki-tavi. And, indeed, the plucky mongoose is still a household safety feature - in many parts of Africa and Asia - especially Hindustan.

Where man tampers with nature though - the results can be disastrous. As in the West Indies, for example - where the mongoose was first introduced years ago to control rodents; where today they ^{are} offering ^{to} bounty ~~to~~ ~~trying~~ to control the mongoose.

Here in the states - no problem. For the better part of a century now - the U.S. government enforcing a strict policy perhaps best expressed in two words: ^{Warren,}

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"Mongoose - vamoose."

PLEIKU

From Pleiku in the Central Highlands of Vietnam - comes the story today of a real "spit-and-polish" Army base. It's Camp Enari - headquarters of the Fourth Infantry Division - commanded by Major General Charles Stone; who has ordered that G.I.'s who fail to salute superior officers - shall be sent to combat areas as punishment.

The idea - says General Stone - to keep the men on their toes. He adds that soldiers sent to combat zones - are only given jobs for which they have been trained.

What do the men think of Gen. Stone?
~~What of morale?~~ A lot of grumbling - we are told; also - a lot of snappy salutes.