

In Vietnam - U.S. Marines to the attack. Some five hundred Leathernecks - storming across the Perfume River today. Attempting to finish once and for all - a two-week-old battle for the ancient imperial capital of Hue.

The job complicated - as you know - by the fact the Viet Cong are holed up in that so-called Citadel; behind twelve-foot walls - housing some of Vietnam's most treasured relics. An American officer asserting, however, that walls or no - "our objective is to clean out the enemy."

Some sixty miles to the North - enemy gunners were again pounding that embattled U.S. Marine fortress at Khe Sanh. However, an expected assault by perhaps as many as twenty thousand enemy troops - once more failing to materialize.

SEOUL

Elsewhere in Asia - at Seoul - U. S. diplomatic troubleshooter Cyrus Vance is said to be encountering some "hard sailing" in talks with South Korean President Chung Hee Park - aimed at smoothing ruffled feathers over the Pueblo crisis.

Latest stumbling block said to be a demand from Park - that the United States guarantee "an eye for an eye;" in the event of any new terrorist raids - from North Korea into South Korea. Vance's answer - not reported.

MOSCOW

U.N. Secretary General U Thant - a visitor at the Kremlin - on the homeward leg of his current round-the-world tour. Conferring separately with Soviet Premier Kosygin - Communist Party Leader Brezhnev - and Soviet President Podgorny - before flying on to London.

Rumors persist that Thant might have met privately - with North Vietnam's official representative in Moscow - Dang Quang Minh. Minh was also in the Kremlin today - to receive Soviet congratulations for the Viet Cong's recent activities in Vietnam. If the meeting did take place, though - nobody's telling.

The official Soviet press today telling the United States - it's time to hold peace talks now - on Hanoi's terms, of course.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL FOLLOW MOSCOW

U.S. response - perhaps best summed up by President Johnson himself; during Lincoln Bay ceremonies - at the Lincoln Memorial in the nation's capital.

The President noting that Lincoln faced a mass of problems - both at home and abroad. Bravely though - he "stuck it out - sad but steady - and so will we" - said LBJ. Adding that "in Lincoln's spirit - we will achieve a just and lasting peace; among ourselves - and with all nations." A quote from Lincoln.

SUGGESTED LEAD-In TO THOMAS TAPE

In the Winter Olympics at Grenoble, a valiant effort today by U.S. ski ace Billy Kidd; who scored the day's fastest time - in the second heat of the men's giant slalom.

This moving Billy Kidd - from eighth to fifth place in the final standings. The gold medal going, nevertheless, to France's Jean-Claude Killy - "Le Superman;" as they call him. An earlier victor in the downhill event - Le Superman fast closing in on skiing's first triple crown in Twelve years.

Later in the day - a steady drizzle becoming finally a downpour. In the midst of the rain - Lowell Thomas taking time out tonight for a remembrance of Olympics past. Lowell.

DUKE KAHANAMOKU

(uncredited)

Greetings Dallas, Good Evening Everybody:

Whenever I attend the Olympic Games I always think of two of my friends who rank among the greatest athletes of all time, or did, the Indian who was part Irish, Jim Thorpe; and the handsome Hawaiian giant, the swimmer who introduced the flutter, and was famous for many reasons - Duke Kahanamoku, who looked like a super man - and was one.

I've just been talking with former athlete Sam Pryor, who was in Honolulu the other day when the most famous living Polynesian had his final heart attack. He says the great cathedral there never was so packed; a great crowd outside, unable to get in. Arthur Godfrey long one of Duke's friends, flying out to deliver the eulogy. Arthur unable to hold back his emotion, breaking up completely, as did almost everyone else in the cathedral.

From there the Duke was taken by his four brothers to the beach at Waikiki. They placed him in an out-rigger canoe accompanied by his lovely wife, Nadine, out they went into

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the surf, beyond the great roller, and there she scattered his ashes, with thousands of mourners watching from the shore.

One of the most impressive events in modern Hawaiian history, I hear.

Well, here at Grenoble, at these Olympic Games, this is an appropriate place to pay one more tribute to one of the great Olympic stars of our time, of all time - Duke

Kahanamoku. Solong.

SPRINGFIELD (suggested follow to Thomas Tape)

Thank you, Lowell.

**Turning to politics here at home - a kind of "Sherman-
esque" statement at Springfield, Illinois. Senator Percy of
that state saying he "can't foresee any circumstances" -
under which he would be a candidate for President or Vice
President this year.**

**Percy's disclaimer accompanied by a bow - in the
direction of Illinois' other Republican Senator. "My choice
for Illinois' favorite son" - said Percy - "is Everett Dirksen"**

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Senate minority leader - expected to face a tough battle in
his campaign for reelection this year.**

Now a battle in the direction of Warren Moran.

PARIS

A Communist demonstration planned for tomorrow night outside the U.S. Embassy in Paris has been banned by the French government. The demonstration now rescheduled for a busy square elsewhere in Paris - to coincide with similar, simultaneous demonstrations throughout the provinces.

The French Communists promising - this will be their largest anti-American rally in years. French authorities, for their part - promising plenty of police to hold them in check.

Good night.

FRENCH

By the way there's a report from the New York correspondent of one of France's largest newspapers - telling of a so-called "DeGaulle fever" in the United States.

The affliction - said to be marked by delusions that "DeGaulle has become a sort of demon - responsible for all things that go wrong; from the balance of payments deficit - to the pound sterling devaluation - and, certainly, for the situation in Vietnam."

The result - said the article: "If a Frenchman today wants to avoid trouble in New York - he passes himself off for a Swiss or a Belgian."

Good night.