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VIET NAM

On the war front--^{a major air}~~a series~~ strike today from Thailand.

With American jets streaking through a cordon of MIG fighters--to blast North Viet Nam's biggest steel complex, The sprawling Thai Nguyen industrial plant--at the heart of the enemy's "steel triangle" just north of Hanoi.

The surprise raid--a smashing success. With American planes adding at least one and possibly two Communist MIGS to the toll--along the way. More important--the raid apparently signalling the start of a new effort--to draw the noose around North Viet Nam's key war-making machinery.

At the same time--U. S. authorities tightening security around American bases inside South Viet Nam. As a precaution against possible mortar attacks from the Viet Cong--in retaliation for the ~~raid~~ raid.

Meanwhile , a series of brief skirmishes--in ground fighting today throughout South Viet Nam. With Allied forces claiming an enemy toll ~~of~~ more than eighty dead. While at sea--U. S. war ships were again ~~dueling~~ dueling gun batteries--along the coast of North Viet Nam.

NEW DELHI

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In the streets of New Delhi--a mass demonstration today by more than two-thousand Tibetan refugees. The demonstrators including hundreds of monks and nuns--dressed in traditional costumes; shouting slogans against Chinese oppression and carrying signs such as: "Chinese aggression must stop"--and "Chinese lay off Tibet."

The parade marking the eighth anniversary--of ^{a major} ~~the~~ Tibetan national uprising at Lhasa in nineteen fifty-nine.

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Earlier, the exiled Dali Lama appealing directly to the government of India--for "more positive support" of Tibet's bid for freedom from ^{red} China. The ^{Dali} ~~Dali~~ Lama saying that "for lasting peace in Asia and the world--India and China should remain at peace." "But we also believe," said he--"that unless Tibet is restored to freedom and made a demilitarized zone--that peace will not be achieved."

MADAME

Elsewhere in New Delhi -- Madame Indira Gandhi is apparently on the verge of a decisive triumph tonight, in her battle to retain leadership -- of India's ruling Congress party.

Former Finance Minister Moraji Desai -- who earlier said he would contest the premiership -- now indicating that he just might withdraw his challenge, if -- in return -- he were assured appointment to the post of Home Minister of India.

This, in effect, a frank admission -- that he doesn't have near enough votes to unseat Madame Gandhi.

CLARK

For the first time in memory--a sentimental ceremony today at the U. S. Justice Department.

Ramsey Clark--becoming the nation's sixty-fifth attorney general with his proud father--Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark--administering the oath of office.

President Johnson immediately giving younger Clark a mandate--to win, as he put it, "this war against crime and the fear that crime inspires."

The President further voicing his assurance that the war can be won--while still respecting the rights of the individual.

REAGAN

A visitor to New York yesterday -- Governor Reagan of California was in Washington today. There subject to another barrage of questions -- about his possible presidential aspirations.

Result: Another disclaimer from Reagan -- that he has any intention of becoming a serious presidential contender next year.

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RED CHINA

The question of Army loyalty--again uppermost in Red China today. With publication of an article in Red Flag-- ~~China's~~ ^{Red Flag} most authoritative publication, admitting there is still strong opposition to Chairman Mao--within the ranks of the armed forces.

The article--broadcast far and wide by Radio Peking. Confessing that "in certain areas--some comrades of the People's Liberation Army--may have committed the mistake of supporting the wrong side."

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What to do--when such a problem comes up? Easy--says Red Flag. "The genuine revolutionary leftist should explain the situation in a nice way--to the leaders of the local Army units." The article adding that "otherwise--serious mistakes will be made." Which is surely--the understatement of the year.

MOSCOW FOLLOW RED CHINA

~~A related item from Moscow, where~~ ^{TP} Soviet Communist

Party Chief Brezhnev today issued a call to the Chinese people--virtually endorsing a national uprising against Chairman Mao.

Brezhnev asserting that Mao's so-called "cultural revolution" is not, as he claims, "a defense of socialism in China." "It looks rather like a reactionary military coup"--smacking of "nasty, high-powered chauvinism"--said Brezhnev. "Adding that it clearly masks a "deep crisis"--within the current leadership of Red China.

We can only hope--he concluded--"that the Chinese people will muster the strength-- to bring China back to the path of friendship with the Soviet Union and other Socialist countries."

JAKARTA

At Jakarta -- the Indonesian National Congress is in closed session tonight. Its members striving mightily to achieve unanimity -- on a resolution to determine the state of figure-head President Sukarno.

At last report -- the Congress split between two main factions. On one hand -- the military supporters of Indonesia's new strongman -- General Suharto. On the other -- a coalition of Moslems, Christians, Protestants and students.

With Suharto holding out for a compromise -- that would declare Sukarno "indisposed" pending national elections next year.

Suharto's sudden change of heart may be due to a warning this week from pro-Sukarno leaders in the Navy and National Police; a warning of civil war -- if anything happens to Sukarno.

DODD

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With only three days left before he goes on trial before his peers--Senator Dodd of Connecticut today ended a year-long silence on his financial affairs. Denying flatly that he pocketed the sum of a hundred and seventy thousand--raised for him at a number of testimonial dinners.

Dodd declaring that the great bulk of the money-- went to repay money he had borrowed for past political campaigns. About a hundred and forty-thousand in all--said he. As for the rest--that "was far exceeded by the cost of political office over an eight year period"--said Senator Dodd. Adding that he would willingly refund any contributions challenged by a donor--even if he had to borrow the money.

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NEW YORK

Britain's Princess Margaret and her husband--Lord Snowden--happily reunited today at New York's Kennedy International Airport. After six weeks apart--that gave rise to press rumors of possible trouble in their marriage.

Rumors put to rest--the couple continuing on to the Bahamas for a ten-day holiday. Thanks to the press--
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they sort of second honeymooned.

TOKYO

A story reminiscent of "orld War Two--comes today from Tokyo. "here Japanese police and American officials have been placed on alert--against a possible kamikaze-style attack against the U. S. embassy.

The would-be attacker--an angry Tokyo taxi driver; who has threatened to crash his cab into the U. S. Embassy building--unless he gets satisfaction.

Cause of the rukus--U. S. refusal to pay damages to the cab driver, for having a tooth knocked out-- during a brawl with an Embassy staff member.

As a result--the cab driver suffering from an acute case of loss of face, ^{and now} vowing in effect, an eye for an eye--a building for a tooth.

SHERMAN

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At Sherman, Texas--the clock struck twelve today for Ernest and Margaret Medders. Closing the books on a fairy tale existence--that had lasted more than five years. The story--as follows:

Medders--a mechanics helper in Memphis, Tennessee; his wife--a nurse in a Roman Catholic hospital; when they filed a claim in nineteen-sixty-one--to a large inheritance in Texas' fabled Spindle Top oil field.

In the years that followed--the Medders earned a reputation for great parties, prize winning cattle and expensive holdings; not the least of which--a hundred and eighty five acre showplace farm. Until a few months ago--when the bubble suddenly burst.

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The Medders' claim to the Spindle Top inheritance--denied in court. Leaving the couple--an estimated two million in the hole. Money they had borrowed--against the expected inheritance. With most of it--from an order of Roman Catholic nuns in Mishawaka, Indiana.

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Oddly enough -- the nuns are willing to let bygones
be bygones. But not so other creditors, who today forced
the couple to declare themselves -- legally bankrupt.
The Medders beautiful dream --ending in a nightmare. But
they had fun while it lasted -- Warren -- Two Million
bucks worth.

MINNEAPOLIS

Latest from the world of the topless: news today
of a topless barber shop--in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Not only topless--but bottomless too.

It's a clip joint by the name of Shipp's Barber Shop.
Where topless manicurists once held forth--until the
authorities cracked down. *And* where owner Darold Shipp now
features nude art films--to perk up business.

"The movies--"clean and artistic"--says barber Shipp.

And until the authorities can prove otherwise--it appears
that Shipp's shop will remain legally Shipp shape.

And s-l-u-Man.

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