

Wed. Sept. 22 '71

In the court martial of Captain Earnest Medina at Fort McPhearson, Georgia a verdict of not guilty today; freeing the captain of all charges in connection with the My Lai incident. The five officer jury that heard the case - taking less than an hour to render its judgment. Captain Earnest Medina tonite - once again a free man.

UNITED NATIONS

At the United Nations - a surprising display of support today - for Nationalist China. The World body electing as one of its new Vice Presidents - the U N delegate from Taipei; who received in all, seventy-three votes; seven more than a majority.

This is - maybe - a big boost - for America's new two China proposal officially offered to the U N today - in the form of two companion resolutions. Still another big boost - the fact that Japan agreed at the last minute, to co-sponsor the U S move. So the stage is now set for a showdown-- starting with debate October Eighteenth and a final vote soon to follow.

ADD U N

As you may have heard there have been a series of reports -- indicating that Red China may be in the midst of some great internal crisis. Just what - nobody seems to know.

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW U N

~~A related item:~~ The White House announc^{ed}~~ing~~
~~today~~ that President Nixon will meet with Soviet
Foreign Minister Gromyko -- next week at the White
House. For Gromyko - who is here to attend the
opening of the U N - this to follow talks with U S
Sec^{re}tary of State William Rogers. Stated goal
a mutual reduction of Nato and Warsaw pact forces
- in Europe.

PARIS

Paris again - the Communist side ^{today at the} of Vietnam
peace talks ~~today~~ announced plans to boycott
tomorrow's regularly scheduled bargaining session.
This in ~~part~~ protest against recent massive U S
air strikes -- directed at enemy targets in ~~Communist~~
North Vietnam.

As for our side, a U S spokesman suggesting
- well, if that's the way they want it - so be it.
But ~~and~~ he added that the U S hopes the Communists
will use this interlude - "to seek instructions
permitting them to abandon their propaganda posture;"
and ~~thereby~~ - "get down to work."

U MINH FOLLOW PARIS

There was a resumption of heavy fighting today - in the U Minh forest, Vietnam's "Forest of Darkness" Saigon troops - with the backing of off-shore fire from the U S Destroyer Epperson killing at least thirty-five. This raising enemy losses in the U Minh over the past week - to well over six hundred; as against government losses put at a hundred and twenty-five.

SAIGON FOLLOW U Minh

On the political front - South Vietnam's President Thieu was ~~off~~ campaigning today at Pleiku in the Central Highlands. About half the members of the South Vietnamese Senate - mainly those who support Thieu ~~are~~^{were} busy elsewhere. This paving the way -- for a special session of the Senate; where a motion was passed -- urging ~~Thieu~~ Thieu to cancel ~~that~~^{the} upcoming Presidential election ~~and~~^{and} ~~further~~ calling for a new contest under the auspices of the speaker of the Senate, ~~but most~~^{which} observers say ~~is~~^{is} "Not likely."

COMMONS

In the British House of Commons - the start
of a special two day debate - on the ~~current~~ crisis
~~newspapers~~ in Northern Ireland. Lead off speaker:
British Home Secretary Reginald Maudling -- laying
it all on the line. Asserting that "force must be
defeated," ^{that} -- _^ there can be "no compromise with
violence;" ^{and} ~~adding, therefore~~ _^ that British troops
will remain in northern Ireland - "so long as they
are ~~not~~ needed in support of law and order."

BELFAST FOLLOW COMMONS

This - following another day of violence with sniper and bombing attacks. One wounded British soldier and a civilian critically injured. One of the bombing attacks - also damaging the U S Consulate in Belfast.

CLAIRVAUX

At France's Clairvaux prison -- a bloody mess today - in the French style. With a pair of convicts - seizing a guard and a prison nurse as hostages; barricading themselves - inside the prison hospital. There - slitting the throat of the guard and ~~then~~ then when additional guards finally broke in - also slitting the nurse's throat killing them both . All this just four miles from Colombey-~~les-deux-eglises~~ the former country home of General ~~de~~ DeGaulle.

VATICAN

From the Vatican in Rome - a ~~new~~ statement today not addressed to - but nevertheless intended for - the U N. A Roman Catholic relief organization - reporting that strife torn East Pakistan now faces "one of the worst famines in modern history." Noting that U N specialized agencies - have also said the same; ^{and} ~~but~~ so far - nothing has been done about it. The Vatican adding that "urgent action must be taken - to avoid the population of East Pakistan being decimated."

BELGRADE

Soviet Communist Party Chieflain Leonid

Brezhnev - a visitor today at Belgrade, Jugoslavia; receiving a royal welcome and an embrace - from Jugoslavia's President Tito. But Tito stressed in later remarks that Russian and Jugoslavian cooperation "is based on equality and mutual respect." Adding that Jugoslavia remains "an unaligned country."

Incidentally, Brezhnev's airport reception - drew less than half the crowd that greeted President Nixon when he visited Belgrade. Observers noting, moreover that what little applause there was - "mostly for Tito."

NEWPORT NEWS

At Newport, News, Virginia, First Lady Pat Nixon today christened a new nuclear powered guided missile frigate -- the U S S California. Reaching out and smashing a champagne bottle across the bow - just as the ship began to slip away from her.

Navy Secretary John Chafee -- also present --

Expressing hope that "this magnificent man of war" as he put it - "will earn no battle scars; and will never use her missiles - except for the practice required to ~~be~~ keep her sharp and credible; for it would be a tragedy of the first order" - said he - ~~However~~ "were she ever to fire her weapons in anger."

SAN DIEGO

This next from San Diego - a chilling item.

Dr. Thomas Owen of the National Science Foundation

-- reporting that the earth's average temperature

has dropped substantially since Nineteen Forty; with

the world heading for another ice age. Incidentally,

glaciologist Professor Maynard Malcolm Miller of

Michigan State made the same prediction two years

ago. Does this mean for us all to rush out and

buy fur coats? Says Dr. Owens: No hurry. He

predicts it will be five thousand years before the

ice man cometh. But as your wife always says -- "why

wait 'till the last minute."

CENTRAL AMERICA

We hear Hurricane Irene and Hurricane Olivia are the same storm - with two different names. Why? The Weather Bureau says it was Hurricane Irene at its birth in the South Atlantic. Then, the storm crossed the Central American peninsula on out into the Pacific - where they use different code names. So - Bill - it's goodbye Irene - hello Olivia.

(Bill Marlin)

McAllen

McAllen, Texas - a testimonial dinner in honor
of Texas Congressman Eligio "Kika" de la Garza;

a man who worked himself up from ^a shoeshine boy -

~~to a position of great respect.~~ But the man who
at the Eligio "Kika" de la Garza" party -
really stole the show [^] ex President Lyndon Baines

Johnson who was greeted on his arrival - by a band
playing "Hello Lyndon;" ~~followed by long and~~
~~thunderous applause.~~

And Then - L B J deliver^{ed a}~~ing a brief~~ speech
in praise of the Congressman. Adding: "A man
in public life needs a little appreciation now and
^{Said L.B.J.}
then. - I speak from experience."