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Of all the names in the news tonight - number one - that of North Vietnam's President Ho Chi Minh.

Radio Hanoi telling of a serious illness - later adding that Ho's condition has been growing steadily worse. Actually there have been reports today - promptly denied - that the Communist leader had already died.

While all this was going on - of course the question paramount in Saigon, Paris, Washington has been: What affect will it have on the Vietnamese war? To which Communist sources have replied: No affect at all! On this Western observers agree - they are probably right. Nevertheless, Saigon does predict an eventual power struggle - to determine Ho's successor. And the outcome - we are told: "Most likely, a figurehead President - controlled by the four key members" of the present North Vietnamese politburo.

(To be taped for possible later use - number two)

*Now this - an official announcement tonight -
that Ho Chi Minh is dead.*

*Repeat - official word tonight that President
HoChi Minh of North Vietnam - has just died. The famed
revolutionary - age seventy-nine.*

Latest on Libya - comes today from Egypt's

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Middle East news agency in Cairo. A report that Libya's new military regime - has asked for a temporary ban on U.S. and British training flights over there. The same report adding - that the U.S. and British commanders have agreed. This apparently on the understanding that the ban will remain in effect - only "during the current unsettled situation."

Back in Tripoli - a post mortem on the bloodless coup. Libya's new leaders disclosing they first hatched their take-over plot - way back in 1956. The subsequent thirteen years of planning - culminating in what they called two "easy hours" of revolution.

TOKYO

*Tokyo - an attempted fire bombing tonight -
at the U.S. Embassy. Japanese youths - apparently
students - hurling four Molotov cocktails in the direction
of the U.S. Embassy compound. Luckily though - only one
hit its mark - no damage. This following a stink bomb
attack on the nearby Russian Embassy. Both incidents
- occurring on the eve of Foreign Minister Eiichi Aichi's
trip to Moscow and Washington.*

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Meanwhile, Japan's nationwide student rebellion continues to grow, with a pitched battle today at Waseda University - one of Japan's oldest and most prestigious institutions. Police finally using water jets and tear gas - to route the radicals from two occupied buildings. In the process - injuring some, arresting eighty.

As for the rest of Japan's three hundred and twenty-seven colleges - now nearly a third are either partly or wholly tied up by student strikes.

*Here's one - the story of a Nazi plot from
World War Two; a bizarre scheme to - bomb New York.*

*This - according to former German test pilot
Hans Pancherez. Telling details of the plan - in an article
published in Malmoe, Sweden. Pancherez asserting that
a suitable plane - was developed on direct orders from
Adolph Hitler. A giant six-engine junker - with a range
of more than nine thousand miles; capable of carrying
- some ninety tons of bombs. With a prototype of the
craft actually test flown - says Pancherez; - flown all the
way from Germany to Capetown - non stop - in early
Nineteen Forty-Four. Then the plane headed for occupied
France - there to begin final preparations for its across-
the-Atlantic bombing run - we hear. But along came D-Day
- the Normandy Invasion - cancelling everything.*

*Whatever happened to that plane? It was
eventually destroyed - says Pancherez - to keep it from
falling into Allied hands.*

New York's culture expert Nancy Hanks - soon to become new chairman of the National Council on the Arts. News of her appointment - coming today from the Western White House. Miss Hanks thereby succeeding Roger Stevens - as the President's top advisor on matters cultural. Coincidentally, her appointment seen as an answer to feminine critics - who charge that the President has failed to appoint enough women to top jobs.

WALTER REED

At Walter Reed Army Hospital - Washington -

Senate Minority Leader Everett Dirksen - is reported

making "excellent progress". His lung operation of

yesterday - apparently a complete success. Doctors

saying there has been no apparent spread of the malignancy

- adding there is "no need for further surgery or other

treatment." One source going so far as to say he could

be back on the job in two months - good as new.

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At Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania - the way was all but cleared today - for that long-sought autopsy on the body of Mary Jo Kopechne. Judge Bernard Brominski rejecting a petition from the dead girl's parents - a petition that would have barred exhumation. The Judge observing that an inquiry sought by the State of Massachusetts - was apparently "of a criminal rather than a civil nature."

EDGARTOWN FOLLOW WILKES-BARRE

Another development - from Edgartown, Massachusetts; where it is reported that District Attorney Edmund Dinis - is considering a possible Grand Jury investigation of the entire Kennedy-Kopechne case. This in lieu of the inquest he had originally sought - the legality of which is now in question before the Massachusetts Supreme Court.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

From Mountain View, California - news comes of how community will soon become - by its own choice - something of a garbage dump for nearby San Francisco. The city fathers of Mountain View offering to San Francisco - free use of a five hundred acre dumping ground. Enough - we are told - to serve the Bay City for five years.

Ah, but there's a method to this apparent madness. The garbage arriving from San Francisco - to be used as land fill in Mountain View. Ultimate plans calling for development of the site - to make it a major park and recreation center.

Warren, would you say:

"And so - one man's garbage - becomes another

man's Garden of Eden?"

BUDAPEST

Found - for the first time: a "quark". So announced today a scientific meeting in Budapest.

Professor Charles McCusker of the University of Sydney - in Australia - claiming to be the discoverer; saying he is "ninety-nine percent sure" - he can verify his find.

Next question: What exactly is a "quark" - not a quirk - a quark:- The answer - it's the smallest particle of matter known to man - says Professor McCusker. In fact, so small - he adds - that it takes three "quarks" - to make up one of the protons or neutrons that form the neuclus of an atom.