

VIETNAM ~~LT Sustaining~~ Thurs. Aug. 31 - '67

News from Vietnam tells today - of ~~a veritable~~
~~bloodbath south of Da Nang. With~~ Viet Cong terrorists -
reportedly sacking and burning ^{a town of a} ~~an entire village of a~~
hundred homes. In the process - massacreing about a
hundred and fifty civilians.

This according to a government official - back
in Saigon, ~~Who~~ termed the attack another attempt - to
spoil the South Vietnamese presidential election set for
Sunday; ^{Frighten the} ~~To spoil it - by scaring voters~~ ^{- keep them} ~~away away~~ from
the polls.

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW SENATE

~~Meanwhile~~ ^{today there was} At the White House - a brief ceremony,
~~today~~ With the President signing into law - a new Vietnam
G S Bill of Rights, giving additional benefits - to an
estimated five million American veterans.

At the same time - ~~the~~ ^{Johnson} President charged that
enemy agents are "using every terrorist device possible" -
to torpedo the ~~the~~ ^{the} South Vietnamese elections. But it won't
work - said he; it won't prevent the South Vietnamese from
having their own independent government -- and it won't
change the U S commitment to free South Vietnam.

"Until peace comes" - said the President -- "the
United States will man the lines needed to fulfill that
commitment."

SENATE FOLLOW VIETNAM

~~Meanwhile Here at home in Washington~~
~~on U.S. war strategy in Vietnam. With a Senate armed~~
Meanwhile
Services Subcommittee ^{was} charging unanimously - that the
Johnson administration has shackled air power in Vietnam;
that it has allowed "the build-up - of what has become the
world's most formidable anti-aircraft defense;" that
administration policy, in short, "has not done the job -
and ~~it~~ ^{going} has been contrary to the best military judgment."

"What is needed now" - ~~said~~ the sub-committee -
"is the hard decision to do whatever is ~~needed~~ necessary -
take the risks that have to be taken - and apply the force
that is required to see the job through." This necessarily
to include - said the Senators: "Closing ^{the main} ~~the~~ of the port
of Haiphong -- isolating it from the rest of the country -
striking all ^{important} ~~major~~ ^{that have} ~~meaningful~~ targets with military
significance, ^{and destroy North Viet Nam's} ~~and increasing the interdiction of the~~
lines of communication ^{with} ~~from~~ Red China."

NOVAYA ZEMLYA

An historic attempt to circumnavigate the Arctic Icecap - suddenly chilled today by the "cold war". The U S Coast Guard announcing cancellation of its unprecedented Polar voyage - because of alleged "obstructionism" by the Soviet Union.

The problem beginning with extremely heavy ice - in the Kara Sea North of Siberia, ~~Rarely~~ Forcing the Coast Guard icebreaker Edisto - and her sister ship, the Eastwind - to divert from their original course. The new plan - to head South briefly -- past the Soviet island of Novaya Zemlya; then on through Russia's Vilkitski Straits - into the Laptev Sea.

Only trouble - Russia said no. Disregarding an international treaty - the Soviets refusing right of passage. Leaving the Coast Guard with no ~~any~~ choice - but to call the whole thing off.

Why the Soviet refusal? No one knows for sure.

Except that it was on Novaya Zemlya - that the Soviets ~~were~~ tested their ~~monster~~ nuclear weapons a few years back.

GENEVA

Also At Geneva - anything but smooth sailing today - for that joint American and Soviet draft treaty to halt the spread of nuclear weapons.

First Brazil - then Nigeria - flatly rejecting the proposed pact, on grounds that the treaty - as presently written - would place the world's less-developed regions in a state of "perpetual inferiority."

India and others of the so-called "non-aligned" bloc -- quickly indicating support of the Brazilian and Nigerian objections. Which would mean a delay of months - perhaps even years - in final approval.

COHEN

Recent stock speculation - is a source of "
"considerable concern" to the U S Government; according
to word today - from Chairman Manuel Cohen of the
Securities and Exchange Commission.

"A prime characteristic of this activity" - said
Cohen - "Has been a great increase in trading volume;
often accompanied by sharply rising prices - in medium
and lower - priced issues." He added that "a number
of investigations - are under way - seeking to prevent
manipulation and unfair practices.

Reaction in Wall Street - apparently none.

The New York Stock Exchange breaking out of a lazy
spell- to push volume up again, ^{and} ~~on~~ higher prices ^{too} along a
broad front.

ELECTIONS

For the nation's radio and television broadcasters - a clean bill of health today from the Senate Commerce Committee. In a report to the ~~ya~~ effect there is no need as yet - for a change in the present election system; a change to safeguard voters from projected election returns - when the polls are still open.

In support of its conclusion, the committee ~~as~~ asserting there is no evidence - "of any discernible impact on voter behavior from such broadcasts." Contending what's more, that a prohibition on broadcast returns until all polls are closed - would be "too drastic a step and ~~pa~~ raise grave constitutional questions of ~~xa~~ free speech."

ARLINGTON

At nearby Arlington, Virginia - a sanity hearing today for the man accused of slaying ~~American Nazi leader~~ George Lincoln Rockwell. Three court-appointed psychiatrists there agreeing - that John Patler is mentally competent to stand trial.

Judge Jackson Embrey, therefore, rejecting a prosecution request - that Patler be sent to a mental institution for more tests. Instead, setting a hearing for next week -- to consider a reduction in Patler's fifty thousand dollar bail.

All this - despite a psychiatric report of ten years ago; that Patler suffered from paranoid symptoms - that he was a "potential murderer." One of the psychiatrists who made the earlier report - "had no business" doing so. All the evidence indicating - said he - that Patler has displayed "no major ~~as~~ mental disorder" -- now or ever.

KUALA LUMPUR

Today in Kuala Lumpur and throughout Malaysia -
an occasion for ~~joyous~~ celebration, Marking the tenth
anniversary - of Malaysian independence from Britain.
According to Prime Minister Tengku Abdul Rahman - ten
~~years~~ years that have been "all for the better." For "we
can see all around " - said he - "visible signs of what
we have done."

Rahman further asserting that Malaysia has
also won - widespread respect abroad; because - as he put it
"we do not depart from the basic human values -- we keep
our way - we pay our way - and we respect our fellow man."

Would that
~~A pretty fair blueprint - for~~ all emerging nations -
~~wouldn't you say?~~ could say the same.

WORST GOLF COURSE

At this season one of the ~~most familiar~~ sounds heard across this broad land is the swish of golf clubs, as rugged, virile men, and ~~almost~~ equally rugged gals smack that little white ball. ~~Most~~ *all* golfers have heard of the most famous golf course in the world, the Old Course at St. Andrews in Scotland -- ~~at~~ the Royal and Ancient. ~~Nearly all~~ *Most* of them may have heard of the so-called most challenging course, at Pine Valley in the sand and scrub pines ~~a few miles~~ east of Camden, New Jersey. The most expensive one on which to play? ~~perhaps~~ *maybe* that ~~is~~ the course at Caracas, Venezuela, ~~the one~~ where you have to *anti up* ~~at least~~ *at least* twenty-five thousand dollars to become a member, ~~of the club.~~ As for the most luxurious, most spectacular course, Robert Trent Jones has created so *— in America, Spain, even the South Seas —* many of that sort, in recent years it would be difficult to name ~~just~~ one.

But the worst golf course in the world? Many golfers would answer that with a few lurid remarks

about the course where they play, regularly. But the National Geographic Society, for the worst golf course of all, nominates the one on Ascension Island, in the far ~~far~~ South Atlantic, ^{an island} inhabited by sea birds, huge sea turtles, and a few British. During World War Two American engineers blasted an air strip out of the volcanic rock ^{at Ascension} where bombers could stop for fuel when flying from the bulge of Brazil across to Dakar.

Today the population has jumped to around five hundred, ^{all} because we have sent some of our space tracking people there. And they have a nine-hole golf course on which there's not a single blade of grass. The fairways and greens are ashy lava, ~~lined for~~ ^{the} rough, ~~with~~ big klinkers. Ascension Island where it's almost like the moon.

~~My~~ Then there's the Low Tide Golf Course in the Far Pacific on Wake Island, where you can only play when the Tide is out - and 2-l-u-t-m.