

*The current enemy offensive in South Vietnam today entered its fifth week. Communist forces now apparently setting as their main target - the provincial capital of Quang Tri up near the D M Z. While enemy tanks were shelling the besieged city - at last report a flood of refugees was heading South. General La, the South Vietnamese who commands the northern provinces, admits the situation at Quang Tri is serious. Then adding: "We can handle it."*

*The Communist also were keeping up the pressure - at half a dozen other points. The cost to them exceedingly high. Saigon reporting that enemy losses so far - have totalled more than thirteen thousand men; as compared with government losses put at about two thousand.*

# STATE

At a State Department press conference today the question was raised - whether the U S would agree to enter into secret peace talks with Hanoi's LeDuc Tho. A state department spokesman answer, a qualified yes.

"We are prepared to negotiate" - said he - "in any useful channel; public or private."

# CINCINNATI

~~Back~~ In Ohio - where another Presidential primary is set for next week - ~~the party~~ <sup>it</sup> was getting rough today. Senator Jackson lashing out at Senator McGovern for supporting third party candidate Henry Wallace nearly a quarter of a century ago. Jackson charging that McGovern's then choice for President preached Communis<sup>m</sup> - appeasement, - supported the Communist takeover in Czechoslovakia<sup>an</sup> "wanted us to give away tens of billions of dollars to Joe Stalin's Russia. Jackson adding, "now again this year - we are facing some clear choices."

## AUGUSTA

On the Republican side - Spiro Agnew was addressing today a Maine Republican Convention; where he charged that, "vicious attacks on America have become standard items - in the campaign kits of men who aspire, or have aspired to the nation's highest office. Such men - he went on - including Senators McGovern, Muskie, Humphrey, Kennedy, Fulbright, Hartke; all of whom he characterized as "defamers of America" - especially on the war issue.

The Vice President also said of those he named: "They have taken the old Stephen Decatur line - and twisted it into a grotesque parody of itself; no longer is it 'our ~~to~~ country - right or wrong;' to them, it is 'our country - always wrong.'" That - from ~~St~~ Spiro Agnew.



## KEY BISCAYNE

*From the Florida White House - a statement today mainly for women. President Nixon reporting that this administration has placed in ~~at~~ policy making positions - one hundred and five women; the largest number - of any administration; as compared with twenty-seven during the Johnson years; and only eighteen under J.F.K.*

*The President adding; - ~~what's more:~~*

*"Now - we must do even better;" for "the full and equal participation of women"- said he - "is crucial to the strength of our ~~our~~ country."*

BONN

*In West Germany - Chancellor Willy Brandt is still not out of the woods. As you know, the Bonn parliament turning down yesterday - by two votes - a motion of "no confidence" in the Brandt government. That same body also turning down today - by a tie vote - a proposed budget for Brandt's office; thereby raising anew - the possibility of a call for new elections. Brandt says he'll try again next week.*

**MOSOW TEL AVIV**

**Moscow - Egypt's President Anwar Sadat - began today a series of talks with Kremlin leaders. Tel Aviv: - a government announcement - spelling out the details of Madame Golda Meir's forthcoming visit to Romania. -Also, a newspaper story - saying: "The Romanians will inform Madame Meir - that Sadat is ready to conduct direct negotiations with Israel. If true, maybe there will be a Mid-East break through before long.**

ACCRA

*At Accra in Ghana - all is forgiven.*

*The Ghanaian government - today ordering all flags flown at half-staff; also, announcing plans to bring home - the body of Kwame Nkrumah, who died yesterday in exile. Officials adding that Ghana's founding ~~mother~~ father will receive a "fitting funeral". Kwame Nkrumah regaining in death - all the respect and pride that were once his, before he threw it all away.*



## LIVERMORE

*Speaking of space - again - the probable existence of a new Planet X is reported today from the Lawrence-Livermore laboratory out in California. Mathematician Joseph Brady describing Planet X as roughly three times as big as Saturn; its distance from earth about six billion miles, somewhere in the Milky Way; and it's orbit so big - it takes nearly six hundred years to swing around the sun.*

*All this - the product of mathematical calculations based on deviations in the flight of Halley's Comet - dating back to the time of Christ. Brady and his fellow workers further admitting - they've never actually seen "Planet X". - But they point out - the same was also true of Neptune and Pluto; both of which were similarly identified - years and years before they actually were sighted. So, Warren, shall we welcome Planet X? To our solar system?*

LONDON

Britain's Prime Minister Heath - as you perhaps know - still a bachelor. The subject coming up in the House of Commons today - with a Laborite M P urging Heath to appoint an official hostess. Leslie Huckfield contending that Heath needs someone to help him out - on special occasions. A bachelor himself, Huckfield adding that Heath could take his choice - from any number in his Laborite Huckfield's own little black book. Ah, but the Prime Minister quickly nixing the idea. Adding, in effect: "If the need does arise - I have my own address book - thanks." - and so long - until ~~Monday~~ Monday.