

VIET NAM

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From the jungles of Viet Nam -- the story today of a gallant American stand -- in the face of overwhelming odds.

A U.S. Army platoon of Twenty-One men -- on routine patrol near the Cambodian border, ~~When they~~ were suddenly attacked and surrounded ~~by~~ by a full battallion of Viet Cong -- about Four Hundred men.

Despite the odds of Twenty-to-One -- the Americans ~~held~~ <sup>held</sup> out for Four hours -- exacting a ~~heavy~~ <sup>heavy</sup> toll of the enemy.

1/2 Finally calling in artillery fire on their own position -- when they could no longer withstand the ~~enemy's~~ <sup>enemy's</sup> human wave assault.

In the end -- there were only Three Americans -- who survived the battle; and these -- wounded men who played possum. The Viet Cong, nevertheless, paying dearly -- leaving behind more than a Hundred <sup>of their own</sup> dead.

## UNITED NATIONS

At the United Nations--Italy was joined by ~~Five~~ other nations today--in presenting a formal resolution; calling for a full study of the "Two China" question--to be completed next year.

The goal--said Italian Ambassador Piero Vinci--to find a "new approach" to the question of who shall represent China in the United Nations. And thus, hopefully, to end the ~~Sixteen-~~ year-old dispute <sup>what they call</sup> that has hampered "universality" in the world body.

U.S. Ambassador Arthur Goldberg--quickly announcing that America will support the study proposal; which virtually guarantees--its approval.

## DORADO BEACH

Governor Romney of Michigan and Governor Rockefeller of New York -- in a top-secret policy meeting today at Dorado Beach, Puerto Rico. Romney later telling reporters -- he has not yet made up his mind -- whether to seek the Republican Presidential nomination in Sixty-Eight. The governor adding that he won't make up his mind until -- as he put it -- "until I think it is time."

Romney was of course asked about the weekend statement -- by Governor-elect Reagan of California; to the effect that the Republican Party should not endorse anyone for President -- who did not endorse the party ticket in Sixty-Four, unless he acknowledges his error. Said Governor Romney to that: "I think we need to sit down and talk things through -- and," he went on, "I think we can come to an understading."

Still another attempted coup today--on the troubled continent of Africa. A small band of dissident Army officers--invading official Radio Lomé in the tiny Republic of Togo. Thereupon announcing that the Army had seized power--and *had* dismissed President Grunitzky.

As it turned out--the broadcast was mostly wishful thinking. Army *evidently* ~~leadership~~ remaining loyal to the President--and quickly putting down the rebellion. *Pres. of tiny Togo* Grunitzky later firing his entire Cabinet--and placing his vice president in charge of all government agencies.

If it had been successful--the coup would have been the *Sixth* in Africa--since the first of the year.



## PITTSBURGH

Veteran politician David L. Lawrence--a power in the Democratic Party in Pennsylvania for Fifty years--dead today in a Pittsburgh hospital. Victim of a heart attack he suffered early this month--while campaigning for the state Democratic ticket.

*— not the newspaper columnist and editor —*  
David L. Lawrence--the only man ever elected to Four

consecutive terms as mayor of Pittsburgh. The man who led the fight to clear the city of smoke--and fostered development of the famed "Golden Triangle," ~~Before~~ he left to become Governor of Pennsylvania--in Nineteen-Fifty-Eight.

*were in public* —  
Lawrence's last words--at a party rally November Fourth--when he said: "I was never more proud of the Democratic Party--than with the unity we now have." Whereupon he keeled over--never to regain consciousness. He was Seventy-Seven.

## LBJ RANCH

For President Johnson -- a "strictly routine" day at the LBJ Ranch. According to Press Secretary Bill Moyers -- the President confining himself largely to a study of official reports. Also conferring briefly by telephone -- with Cabinet officials in Washington."

## SAN FRANCISCO

More than half the doctors in California who specialize in pregnancy, child birth or gynecology -- have, at one time or another, performed illegal abortions. This according to a poll by the magazine of the California Medical Association -- results of which were published today in San Francisco.

Forty-Nine per cent of the doctors -- admitting they performed abortions when they felt the mother's health might be impaired. Fully Two-Thirds admitting they performed abortions -- when there was a probability the baby would be defective. Whereas existing state law permits abortions ~~in~~ only in cases where the mother's life is actually in danger.

The point of the article: That California doctors are agreed overwhelmingly -- that abortions should be legally permitted for a number of good and valid reasons.

LONDON

Latest word on the escape of Soviet masterspy George Blake:

A report today from London that Blake may have fled Britain-- within minutes after he scrambled over the wall of Wormwood Scrubs Prison; that he has since reached asylum--in Communist East Berlin.

The report--based on a reconstruction of Blake's embarrassing escape, <sup>which is</sup> said to disclose that he was met outside the prison--by a pair of Communist agents, who reportedly supplied him with new clothes--an airline ticket--and a false passport; later driving him to the London Airport--where he allegedly boarded a regularly-scheduled flight for Germany.

If true--Blake was safely clear of recapture--before his escape was even discovered.



## PARIS

The most coveted literary prize in all of France--the Prix Goncourt--was awarded today to a woman for the first time in a dozen years. Mademoiselle Charles-Roux winning the honor--for her novel, "To Forget Palermo." A book--strangely enough--about Two American girls who work for a New York fashion Magazine.

Mademoiselle Charles-Roux--a story in herself. Having been wounded twice--while serving as an ambulance driver in World War Two, ~~later~~ becoming executive director of the French edition of Vogue--the American fashion magazine.

## ZURICH

This next -- from Zurich, Switzerland, where male voters on Sunday rejected a Constitutional amendment that would have given Swiss women the right to vote.

First official comment today -- from Swiss Foreign Minister Willy Spuehler; who called the outcome -- "a black day in the history of Switzerland."

But the last word -- as you might expect -- from a woman; Mrs. Lotti Ruckstuhl -- president of the Swiss Association for Womens Suffrage.

"We shall fight on" -- and on -- said Madame President, -- Lotti Ruckstuhl. "It is a case" -- she added pointedly -- "of slowly overcoming ignorance." So, Warren, she and Foreign Minister Spuehler agree.

## UPPER TEESDALE

In London--a special committee of Parliament is scheduled to meet tomorrow--to decide the fate of a rare community of plants. So rare, in fact, that scientists the world over--have expressed a vital interest in saving them from extinction.

The plants--a unique mixture of Alpine, Arctic and European vegetation; ~~Flora~~ and fauna that have remained virtually unchanged--for the last Ten-to-Fifteen Thousand years. This in an area known as Upper Teesdale--in Northeast England.

The threat to their existence--planned construction of a nearby dam; to provide the necessary water--for a new chemical plant; ~~and~~ <sup>one</sup> that would provide the local population--with hundreds of badly-needed jobs, while at the same time--flooding the rare plants.

Lord Ritchie-Calder--in the forefront of the battle to save the vegetation; ~~comparing~~ <sup>comparing</sup> it to the first folio--of William Shakespeare's plays. His lordship asserting: "If somebody were freezing to death--I would gladly burn the first folio to save him--if there were no alternative." "But let us choose the alternatives"--said he--"before we burn this first folio."