

Thursday, March 20, 1975

INDOCHINA

From Indo-China - another chapter today in what could be - the decline and fall of South Vietnam. The Saigon government now all but conceding ^{eight northern provinces;} to Communist troops - with a million or more refugees - streaming Southward to safety - they hope. Near Hue we hear the headlights of Communist tanks were helping light the way for the fleeing torrent of people.

If there has been an unofficial truce though for the benefit of the refugees it was broken today near the provincial capital of Cheo Reo, (key-oh reo) where Communist gunners opened fire on a multitude, sending thousands racing for cover.

SCHLESINGER FOLLOW INTO CHINA

Here at home Defense Secretary ~~James~~ Schlesinger was testifying in secret today - before the Senate ~~Armed~~ Armed Services committee. In later remarks to newsmen ~~though~~, he blamed the loss of the Highlands in Vietnam - on, quote "the shrinking level of U S aid." Schlesinger saying: "If the level of U S resources had continued ~~open~~ ^{the} ~~if we had been left niggardly~~ ~~as in our funding of~~ South Vietnam ~~their~~ situation would have been ^{different. He says} ~~for better~~ ~~and they would not have~~ ~~been forced to make withdrawals.~~ And the Communist's next target ~~he added~~ ^{will be} probably Saigon, ~~itself~~.

now.

PRESIDENT FOLLOW SCHLESINGER

~~Reverse side~~ an address today by President
Ford ^{told} to a state department audience ^{that} including ^{ed} foreign
diplomats; ^{"We} ~~The Russian President saying~~ "We

live in a time unique - for both its peril and its

promise." Adding: "The potential consequences of

war today are far more terrible - than they have

ever been in human history." "But, at the same

time" ^{he added,} ~~said he~~ "the possibility of lasting, global

peace and ~~prosperity~~ prosperity is closer

than ever before." And, ^{said he} ~~he further insisted~~ - "we

are making ~~headway~~ headway."

JERUSALEM - ASWAN

After debating Egypt's latest proposals for
nearly a week the Israeli government finally came
up today with a new^W set of counter proposals. ~~These~~
~~relayed to~~ Secretary of State Kissinger, - who was
standing by, ~~and he~~ then flew to ~~Aswan for~~ ^{Egypt for more} ~~negotiations~~
talks with ~~Egypt's Anwar Sadat~~ Sadat, but

~~Dr. Kissinger~~ refusing ~~however~~ to speculate ~~on~~
on whether the peace gap has now been narrowed.
~~"I hope to return to Israel tomorrow," said he and~~
~~then I'll be able to give a better assessment."~~

PRICES

The U S cost of living index was up again last month; but only six tenths of a percent -- the same as it was in January. Officials saying the ~~inflation~~ inflationary spiral of last year - has now been cut virtually in half. Indeed, the price of food - increasing ~~only~~ one tenth of one percent; the lowest gain there since way last summer.

LOS ANGELES

General Omar Bradley - ~~the victim of a stroke~~

still listed in "serious" condition ~~today~~ at the

U C LA medical center. ^{But} The doctors ^{say} ~~add, however,~~

- he has "shown ~~a decided and~~ encouraging improvement;"

^{And there is} ~~a sign, as~~ hope, that he may be able to pull off

a remarkable recovery -- just as he did two years ago,

~~ago from another illness.~~

CAPITOL HILL

On Capitol Hill - the Senate today apparently
broke its stale-mate on a new tax-cut bill. This
~~on the basis of~~ ^{with} a compromise - offered by Senate
Majority leader Mike Mansfield. ^{This} ~~The Mansfield plan~~
calling for rebates of up to two hundred and forty
bucks - for all tax payers - plus a special payment
of ^a ~~one~~ hundred ^{dollars to all} ~~bucks for all those~~ on Social Security.

DOCTOR'S STRIKE

The first doctors' strike in the nation's history is over. The four day old strike by residents and interns at some twenty hospitals in New York City has ended in an agreement limiting the young doctor's traditional long hours.

MOSCOW

~~This next~~ ^a ~~from~~ ^{school} Moscow. ~~The~~ principal of a high school there - standing at the main door; ~~grabbed~~ seized every boy ~~who came along~~ with hair more than an inch below his collar. Sending them off for hair cuts, ~~before they could get back in again;~~ ~~all of which has now~~ ^{Now this has} led to an official protest - in the Moscow youth newspaper Moscovsky Komsomolets which calls The principal's action ~~rather~~ arbitrary, ~~in that~~ the Moscow school system has no official grooming standards. ~~The fact that such a charge was allowed even to appear in print - an indication that his job is clearly in danger.~~ And that's the latest from Moscow - where ~~his~~ hair today ~~and~~ maybe gone tomorrow.

Now -

NEW YORK

From the A A U in New York - an announcement today that a U S track and field team -- will soon be ~~xxx~~ going to mainland China. The U S athletes men and women both - to take part in three track and field meets in China in May; another first - in U S and Chinese relations.

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