

SAIGON

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In Paris - Saigon - Washington - Key
Biscayne - U.S. and Allied officials ^{today} were scrutinizing
~~today~~ that new ten point Viet Cong peace offer.

Pouring ~~off~~ over it "microscopically" - in the words
of at least one U S diplomat. Spurred on, no doubt -
by initial reaction from the South Vietnamese government;
which called some parts of the plan "un-democratic" -
but, hinted that other parts were acceptable.

At the same time - a flood of rumors.

One to the ~~the~~ effect that Washington and Saigon have
already begun preliminary talks - aimed at the
possibility of a limited U S troop withdrawal. Another
suggesting the planned departure of an estimated
fifteen thousand American troops - perhaps within the
next sixty days. Although as yet - nothing official;
and they remain just rumors.

WASHINGTON FOLLOW SAIGON

Now this: In Washington - U S Secretary of State ~~is~~ William Rogers tonight ^{was} echoing that earlier statement from Saigon. Observing that the new Viet Cong peace offer - though partially unacceptable - does include some elements "~~which~~ may offer the possibility for exploration."

BONN

On the free world money front - Bonn held firm today. The West German government refusing to give in to foreign speculators - refusing to revalue the Mark. Announcing instead a series of economy measures - intended to curb German inflation. A government spokesman adding that this decision will remain valid - "for eternity" - as he put it. But how long that is - ~~will~~ we'll have ~~to~~ to wait and see.

HOT SPRINGS

Here at home - at meeting of America's
Prestigious Business Council ~~today~~ at Hot Springs,
Virginia, ~~hearing~~ an appraisal of the nation's economy;
- from Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans; who said
that "we are just beginning to see signs" that the
Nixon Administration is succeeding in slowing inflation.

Less than an hour later though - a contrary
report, ^{from} ~~with~~ a group of ~~top economists~~ economists who
foresee ~~ing~~ continued ^{ing} inflation; inflation ^{that "could} ~~have~~ have a long
run adverse effect on productivity, prices and the
ability to sell U S products in the world market."

HOUSTON

It's official - Astronaut Allan Shepard Junior is back flying again. At Houston - America's third man in space announcing today - his complete ~~recovery~~ recovery from an ear infection that grounded him six years ago. Adding that he will give up his present post - as chief of the U S Astronaut office - as soon as he gets a new space assignment; one that will take him to the moon - hopefully - some time next year.

One of Shepard's duties during the time he was grounded - ^{to} ~~that of helping~~ select the various astronaut crews, a function he shared - with Chief Astronaut Donald "Deke" Slayton. However, the rehabilitated spaceman says he will no longer take part in any crew selections since he himself is now a candidate.

Said Allan Shepard - smiling broadly:

"Deke will have to do it all by himself now, good old

Deke, my buddy, Deke."

What with the wedding month of June just around the corner this next is especially timely. A report on a new booklet just out - "The Secret of a Happy Marriage" as ~~compiled~~ compiled by Dr. and Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale over the past thirty-eight years of their marriage.

The first half of "the secret" expressing the male point of view. Dr. Peale here starting with the observation that "marriage always has its hazards" but none that ~~cannot~~ can't be conquered - says he - "by working, playing, weeping, laughing, and praying together," - by mutual "respect and esteem," -- "by thoughtful courtesy and politeness, ~~and~~ a compliment now and then," and each allowing the other to realize his or her special ambitions ~~and so on~~.

Second half of the booklet -- from Mrs. Peale -- suggesting a number of "do's and don't." Coming to the conclusion that: "No job, no hobby, no activity on earth -- can compare with the drama and exhilaration

of living with a man - loving him - doing your best
to understand his infinitely complex mechanism -
and helping him to make it hum and sing and soar -
the way it was designed to do."

"The Secret of ~~the~~ A Happy Marriage" by two
really great people, Dr.
~~Dr. and Mrs.~~ Norman Vincent Peale, and his gifted
wife Ruth!

FUTURE

Here's one - a look at the shape of things to come; in a published study - called "The Year Two Thousand"; as seen through the eyes of Herman Kahn and Anthony Wiener - of the world-famed Hudson Institute "Think Tank".

For starters - Messrs Kahn and Wiener predicting an average four hour week day - an average per-capita income of ten thousand a year - holidays galore; and thanks to rampant automation - only two percent of the nation's work force ever soiling their hands.

Ah, but it's not all rosy ahead. Indeed, the veteran "Think Tankers" going on to predict - an eventual erosion of American pride, puritan ethic or whatever you call it. And the country most likely to pick up the baton of world leadership - ^{they say} ~~no one told~~ - Japan, ~~the~~ land of the Rising Sun, where they all seem to enjoy hard work! Oh so? Warren

LONDON

Courtesy of the British construction

~~industry~~ industry a new pin-up girl was introduced

today to Britain. A bikini-clad beauty - appearing

on public posters the length and breadth of the land.

All this - with government approval. Hear! Hear!

All this ~~is~~ part of the drive to get Britains to

"think metric" in preparation for the nation's

conversion to the metric system in Nineteen Seventy

one. The poster helping out by proclaiming "Miss

Metrics" vital statistics as "nine-hundred-and-fourteen -

six-hundred-and-ten - nine-hundred-and-fourteen."

~~quite a girl!~~
Those the metric measurement of
the well-stacked girl, ~~Warren!~~

Max.