

PARIS

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~~In Vietnam the bombing ends. In Paris~~

So, the
~~the~~ pursuit of peace begins in earnest, we hope.

As you no ~~do~~ doubt know ~~by now~~ - U S

bombardment of North Vietnam ending at ~~precisely~~

eight o'clock this morning - ~~as~~ ^{So} ordered by President

Johnson. Less than four hours later - North Vietnamese

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negotiators ^{were} agreeing to broaden peace talks next week

in Paris; Peace talks that will now include

representatives of the Viet Cong - ~~also~~ ^{as well as} the government

of South Vietnam.

~~Perhaps the best~~ ^{One} portent of things to come could

be ^{be} in North Vietnam's reference to the Saigon government

by its official name - the Republic of Vietnam; instead

of calling it a "puppet regime" - as always in the past.

An "important" broadcast ^{is} scheduled for later tonight from

Radio Hanoi, ^{and it may give us some hint as to} ~~perhaps to provide another gauge to~~

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future progress in Paris.

In the meantime though - U. S. peace negotiator
Averell Harriman ^{was} ~~firing an advance volley~~ calling
for a ~~pk~~ political solution to the ^{war -- that is} ~~Vietnam war~~ ^λ with
the South Vietnamese people themselves ^{to} ~~determining~~ ^λ
their own ~~future~~ future. This an apparent bid for a
— a plan
plebiscite ^λ which Hanoi has steadily opposed. ~~up to~~

~~from~~

SAIGON

~~As to~~ ^{As to} world reaction to the bombing halt -
~~generally favorable.~~ ~~certainty hopeful.~~ In Paris -
~~French President~~ DeGaulle ^{was} calling it - a "meritorious
and wise" move that could open the road to peace. The
Vatican saying - it brings "real hope" at last. Britain's
ruling Labor Party - expressing official "delight".
Japan saying the President's action "added brightness
to the possibility of peace." Prime Minister Madame
Indira Gandhi of India - praising L B J for his "under-
standing and courage."

→ However ^{came today}
~~reverse side~~ expressions of doubt from South
Korea, ^{from} Nationalist China - ~~as well as from~~ South Vietnam. Indeed,

the Saigon government at first issuing a communique -
saying the U S had decided "unilaterally" to declare
a bombing halt. This reportedly lead~~ed~~ to a heated
meeting - between South Vietnamese President Thieu
and U S Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker, ^{Whereupon}
~~as a result~~

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~~apparently~~ - Saigon later ^{ed}issu~~ing~~ a second statement,
saying it "did not see enough good reasons" for a
bombing halt; - but, would not oppose it.

In any case - said Saigon - the big question
now is whether "North Vietnam will reciprocate - by
de-escalating the war in a ~~pr~~ practical way."

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*With U. S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk -
later taking advantage of the favorable response.
Urging especially those nations who had urged a
bombing halt - to use their influence now on Hanoi
to scale down the war.*

FIGHTING

South Vietnam's lukewarm response - doubtless
due in part to those rocket attacks ^{on Saigon - and Hue -} last night and early
today. - ~~on Saigon also, Hue~~ In terms of lives lost -
^{the} costliest rocket barrages of the war, ~~Killing~~ about
thirty - wounding nearly a hundred. Nineteen of the
^{were} dead attending services in Saigon's Vinh Hoi Catholic
Church - when an enemy missile landed in their midst.
In ~~add~~ addition, an enemy mine sinking an American
ship in the Mekong Delta - ~~kill~~ killing sixteen U S
sailors.

~~However, the brighter side - in a continued
lull in ground fighting. With U. S. air and naval
bombardment forces now turning their full attention
to the South - hoping to help keep the lid on.~~

CHICAGO

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Next question: What effect, if any, will all this have on the American political scene? Answer, of course - we'll have to wait till next week and see.

~~No denying though the bombing hall has already added a last-minute spark and verve to the Humphrey campaign.~~ Humphrey started The Vice President starting out today in

Detroit - telling a cheering crowd of factory-workers:
"We've got a tight race on our hands - but I think this thing can bust wide open; we can have a tremendous victory - if we just keep up the momentum."

Tonight- in Chicago - Hubert Humphrey paying ~~to~~ tribute to Senator McCarthy, the late Senator Kennedy and others - "those brave men" - said he - "who led dissent last spring" - and thus "made their mark" on U S policy. ~~The Vice President adding that now he will lead the country into "a new day" of peace, unity and justice.~~

FORT WORTH FOLLOW CHICAGO

As for Richard Nixon - the Republican nominee
was attempting to steer clear of any further comment
on Vietnam. ~~Further comments Did he make it though?~~
~~Judge for yourself.~~

~~The scene~~ ^{In} Fort Worth ^{he was} ~~Nixon~~ refuting a
recent charge ~~that~~ as President he would strip the
Texas city of its defense contracts - turning it into
a "ghost town." Said he: "If this is going to be a ghost
city - I see a lot of ghosts out here"; ~~Nixon~~ then quickly
adding: "I'm the one who stands for a stronger America,
= It's Mr. Humphrey who stands for a weaker one."

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Then ^{he said:} ~~Nixon asserting~~
"there are too many fuzzy thinkers" in this country.
Men - "including my opponent" - said he "who profess
to believe that keeping America strong - is somehow
being against peace." ^{Then adding:} ~~Nixon going to say~~ "These

*false prophets will get America into ~~far~~ war if they
have their way - because they don't understand how
to keep the peace."*

PEKING

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Peking - the end of the line today - for Red
China's Liu Shao-Chi. This - according to an official
government broadcast, ~~Telling~~ of a meeting of the
Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party -
under the personal direction of Chairman Mao. Voting
to fire Liu ~~from his job~~ as President - and ~~also strip~~
strip him of all party posts.

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Liu's crime - we are told - that of opposing,
quote "the great proletarian cultural revolution." In
the process - Liu allegedly becoming "China's
Khrushchev" - a "renegade ^{and} traitor" ~~and so on~~ - as
well as the "top powerholder" in Red China "following
the capitalist road."

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Perhaps worst of all - the fact that Liu was
attacked publicly by name for the first time. Causing
China-watchers to speculate that his downfall is now
complete - with a public trial soon to follow, Warren.

PRINCETON

The burning question at Princeton these days - whether to admit girl students to that venerable institution of learning. A question that has a number of "old grads" taking sides today - in the current issue of the university's alumni magazine.

Among the "nays" which predominate about two to one - that of Robert Creadlick, class of forty-three; urging university officials to "subdue the infidels and save the very life of our Princeton." Another "nay" - that of George Cook, class of twenty-six who said: "The charts reveal with sex appeal - that Princeton should be co-ed; to the trustees though my plea is please - wait till I am stone-dead."