

L.T. BUICK, FISHER. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1965

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

A new and growing trend in the war in Viet Nam -- reported today by the South Vietnamese government. A Saigon military spokesman stating that Communist guerrillas -- are defecting to government forces in ever-increasing numbers. And for the first time -- in small armed units -- instead of merely one at a time.

Nearly four hundred Viet Cong military and political personnel -- said to have defected to the government side in the last week alone; bringing them with -- a large quantity of small arms and grenades. Further adding to a government psychological advantage -- virtually unknown in the earlier days of the war.

Meanwhile, a sweep today by American infantrymen -- through a suspected Communist stronghold twenty-five miles

north of Saigon; and, another by U.S. Marines -- near the
Chu Lai Air Base on the South China Sea. Accounting for
the death of one suspected guerrilla and the capture of a
hundred and forty others.

KLAN

In Washington -- a start today in that long-awaited Congressional investigation -- of the Ku Klux Klan, with Imperial Wizard ~~Robert H.~~ Shelton -- head of the United Klans of America -- one of the first to take the stand, ^{and} ~~but~~ quick to take refuge -- in Constitutional guarantees.

Except for name, age, birthplace and the fact that he had been subpoenaed -- Shelton refusing to answer all questions, ~~on~~ the grounds -- said he -- "that an answer might tend to incriminate me;" ~~In~~ violation of rights granted under four amendments to the Constitution -- including the Fourteenth.

That latter amendment providing that no state -- shall deny persons equal protection of the law. Ironically, the same amendment cited by the Supreme Court -- in outlawing school segregation, ^{and} ~~what is more~~ -- the basis for this year's voting rights bill.

TRIAL FOLLOW KLAN

Another Klansman in court today -- in Hayneville, Alabama. Collie Leroy Wilkins on trial for the ~~■~~ second time -- in the Civil Rights murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo.

But still no jury. Alabama's Attorney General Richmond Flowers -- today winning a twenty-four-hour delay in the proceedings, ~~To~~ carry a last-ditch appeal -- to the State Supreme Court. Purpose: To disqualify prospective jurors -- allegedly guilty of racial bias.

PRESIDENT

President Johnson -- up and around again today.

For a stroll of a mile-and-a-half -- through the grounds of

Bethesda Naval Hospital. An hour-long walk that left him

feeling -- by his own words -- "pretty good." The President

— as he put it:—

adding that he's -- "doing okay for an old man."

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HOOVER

A warning today -- from FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

To the effect that the U.S. Communist Party -- is attempting to exploit recent demonstrations against U.S. policies in Viet Nam and Latin America. J. Edgar Hoover further asserting that "it is a rare civil rights activity -- whether it be a voter's registration drive, a demonstration, march or picket -- that does not attract Communists to some degree."

BURUNDI

From Brussels -- news today of another attempted assassination -- in the African Kingdom of Burundi. Premier Leopold Biha reportedly shot and gravely wounded -- in an attempted Army coup. Mwami Mwambutsa -- the King of Burundi -- said to have escaped harm -- only by fleeing to the neighboring Congo.

The abortive revolt last night -- apparently confined, however, to the capital of Bujumbura, with royalist forces quickly crushing the Army mutineers -- permitting the king's return to power. The final toll: ^{at least six dead} ~~two dead, two wounded~~ -- with an additional thirty rebels held for trial.

This the latest in a series of violent political incidents -- that have plagued Burundi since it achieved independence from Belgium in Nineteen Sixty-Two. At that, the wounded Premier -- comparatively lucky. Two of his predecessors in the last four years -- slain in office.

MALAYSIA

Singapore and Malaysia -- heading for a new crisis today; in the wake of a bitter exchange of words -- between Singapore's Premier Lee and Malaysian Prime Minister Tengku. Lee -- with a speech attacking Malaysia's system of state sultans, as well as its tradition of a king -- elected by majority vote.

Replied Tengku from Kuala Lumpur: Lee's speech -- "the ranting of a mad and frustrated man," a man -- he continued -- "who speaks the same language" as Sukarno of Indonesia.

UNITED NATIONS

A guarded report today -- from U.N. Secretary General U Thant, on the state of that shaky truce -- between India and Pakistan. The two nations appear genuinely to want a cease-fire in Kashmir --said U Thant, with "this attitude not always reflected accurately at the front."

A decrease in heavy fighting -- said he, but numerous breaches of the truce -- in the last ten days, with tension still high.

"The cease-fire must be considered -- precarious," said he.

TURNCOAT

American turncoat Morris Wills arrived in Hong Kong today -- after thirteen years behind the Bamboo Curtain. The former Korean prisoner-of-war -- accompanied by his Chinese wife and their infant daughter.

Wills -- a former resident of Fort Ann, New York -- ~~said to appear~~ pale and nervous, ~~and he~~ refused to answer any questions -- about his stay in Red China. "I will not speak to anybody now" -- said he. ~~Although he~~ later added ^{ing:} -- "maybe tomorrow."

ATOMIC

A Western agreement to sell nuclear reactors to Russian satellites in Europe -- under "specific conditions" -- disclosed today in Paris and later confirmed in Washington.

This apparently a secret decision -- approved last July by the Inter-Allied Coordinating Committee. A highly-classified branch -- of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. But so far -- no sale.

The catch -- apparently those specified "conditions." The U.S. and its Allies insisting on adequate safeguards -- including on-site inspection -- to make sure ~~that~~ the reactors are used only for peaceful purposes.

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RIPPER

The case of "Jacques the Ripper" -- solved today in Paris, / With the arrest -- of a German tourist.

Horst Dieter Goetze -- confessing that he murdered three Parisien ladies of the evening -- within the space of a week. Two of them in the St. Denis quarter of Paris -- the third in a hotel room overlooking Place Pigalle.

Motive -- said he -- to prove that capital punishment is no deterrent to crime.

SPACE

Navy Commander Charles "Pete" Conrad received his astronaut's wings -- in appropriate ceremonies today at the Pentagon. The singing spaceman honored for his part -- in the record-breaking eight-day flight of the Gemini-Five.

Navy Secretary Paul Nitze -- who made the presentation -- noting that Conrad sang off key, But never mind -- said he. Because "the sea services will always be in the forefront of new challenges in exploration -- regardless of the quality of singing voices."

*And now -- the melodic voice
1/2 of Stewart Metz!*

ASYLUM

The mysterious weekend disappearance of an Hungarian diplomat -- explained today by the British Foreign Office.

Laszlo Szabo -- second secretary at the Hungarian Embassy in London -- said to have asked and received political asylum -- at the American Embassy in London, ~~And~~ now said to be safely hidden -- here in the United States.