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In a sudden flurry of activity, Communist forces attacked a refugee center - blew up a train - and shelled at least four allied ~~for~~ bases in South Vietnam. Fourteen Americans were reported killed in the shelling attacks. Military sources in Saigon issued this report as Vice President Agnew - on a quick visit to Phnom Penh - told Cambodian Premier Lon Nol the United States ~~would~~ will continue to aid Cambodia - without becoming militarily involved.

In Washington, the Senate gave the Pentagon a solid victory by ~~the~~ voting down a proposal to reduce ~~the~~ defense spending to six ~~one~~ billion dollars. The Senators decided that defense outlays ~~are~~ should not be substantially decreased ~~and~~ while the war continues.

## MID EAST

*Israeli planes ~~again~~ raided guerrilla bases in Jordan today - the action coming after Israeli spokesmen recorded scattered ground fighting in which thirteen guerrillas were killed and seven Israeli soldiers wounded. It was the biggest single day casualty toll ~~announced~~ reported since the cease-fire went into effect along the Suez three weeks ago.*

**RUSSIA**

*Official sources in Moscow say Premier*

~~Alexei~~ *Kosygin will personally head the Soviet delegation to the twenty-fifth anniversary session of the U N General Assembly when it ~~opens~~ opens in New York on October 14th. He's also expected to address the assembly before the session ends. It will be Kosygin's second visit to the United States. U N officials say he'll be one of at least five national leaders ~~expected to attend~~<sup>in</sup> attendance -- others being President Nixon, French ~~President~~ President Pompidou, Israeli Premier Golda Meier, and British Prime Minister ~~Edward~~ Edward Heath. Also in Moscow today, Soviet Communist party chief Brezhnev appealed for a restoration of good ~~neighborly~~ neighbor relations with Communist China - and, he coupled this with a new demand that Israel withdraw from all occupied Arab territory.*

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## SEA POWER

The authoritative naval reference book - ~~Janes~~

Jane's Fighting Ships - warns that the Soviet Union is driving to become the world's biggest naval power -- and take over the job of policing the ~~the~~ Seven Seas. The United States - says Janes has an aging fleet dating largely from World War Two -- and stationed in ~~in~~ limited areas.

<sup>As for</sup> ~~And~~ the once mighty British Navy <sup>it</sup> has ~~reached~~ its lowest peace -time level -- abdicating its world wide role, ~~While~~ the U S S R has warships all over. Janes says that while Russia still has no aircraft carriers, it has nearly four hundred submarines - a fourth of them nuclear powered. This compared with about one hundred American subs -- half of which are nuclear.

## SOVIET TV

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As one observer puts it - Soviet television is not a vast wasteland - instead its a vast battlefield. World War Two is by far the main subject for those who plan the programs for Russian TV. It is fought refought, analyzed and deplored a thousand ~~fx~~ different ways with millions of feet of film in color or black and white. Hardly a night goes by without some TV reference to the war - be it a documentary - the laying of wreaths at ~~thous~~ thousands of war memorials - or a general's birthday. Sandwiched in between the endless parade of tanks ~~and~~ guns and battleships, are cultural programs - ballet, opera, folk dancing. sometimes viewers are even treated to a quiz# show called "auction", ~~in~~ which those giving correct answers to questions can win a car, a TV set, or baskets of ~~gumbx~~ food. There is also a monthly show called "thirteen chairs" - with a format similar to America's laugh-in except for the ~~j~~ jokes.

VETERAN

Walter Lee Martin, ~~is~~ fifteen years old - has a bride of four months - and more problems than a man twice his age. Three years ago he was only twelve when he lied about his age and enlisted in the U S Army in Alabama. He was sent to Vietnam where his true age ~~was~~ was discovered and he was discharged and sent ~~back~~ home. Somehow he obtained the identification papers and military orders of a staff sergeant named Lewis - and he was shipped back to Vietnam. By his fourteenth birthday Walter had two purple hearts for wounds in action. <sup>P</sup> While on leave last April in the states, ~~he~~ he married a seventeen year old girl in Dothan, Alabama - and early this month he was assigned to duty at Fort Carson, Colorado. Today, <sup>the 15 yr. old</sup> ~~he~~ six foot three two hundred pound soldier is in jail at Fort Carson - charged with fraud in connection with a financial claim he made while posing as **S**ergeant Lewis. But federal officials in Denver say they're not really anxious to prosecute Walter

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Lee Martin - and <sup>he'll probably</sup> ~~he may~~ be placed on probation instead

and shipped home to his wife to begin life as a fifteen

<sup>double purple heart</sup>  
year old veteran of the Vietnam war.

## **TRAINS**

*City officials in Hoboken, New Jersey threaten to crack down on railway trains that block streets and roads. For the past two years police in Hoboken have been giving train engineers "parking tickets" good for fifty dollar fines - but the problem persists. Now police say they may even place the offending engineers under arrest - except for the fact that sometimes it's a freight train so long, Warren, that the engineer is in the next town!*



## MOONSHINE

Mercury ~~pollu~~ polution has reached into the south for its latest victim -- moonshine whiskey. Federal agents in Nashville say samples of moonshine seized ~~and~~ and tested recently - had a high level of mercury content - making them unsafe for ~~the~~ consumption. Water from polluted streams was given as a possible reason - or from automobile cooling systems which contain chemicals as rust stoppers. Old car radiators we're told, are often used as stills for moonshine whiskey.

*So stay away from moonshine over the weekend - and s-l-u-Monday.*