

EDWARDS

Wed. Nov. 15-67,

In the California desert near the Edwards Air Force base - first fatality today in eight years of research with the X-Fifteen rocket ship; world's fastest-flying - highest - flying -- manned aircraft.

Whatever happened - it happened fifty miles up.

Air Force Major Michael Adams at the controls - in the midst of an altitude test; when the ship suddenly nosed over - plunging, down, down, down to the desert floor.

Major Adams - a combat veteran of the Korean War.

Air Force officials saying he apparently was unable to trigger his ejection system - or else he tried too long to save his stricken craft.

DAK TO

For nearly two weeks now - the Viet Cong have taken a ~~heavy~~ beating in the Central Highlands of Vietnam - near Dak To. But, the enemy forces ^{are} still intact - and today it was their turn to score a smashing success.

This in a series of four separate mortar attacks - on a key U.S. air strip near Dak To. Enemy gunners - firing with ^{great} ~~surprising~~ accuracy. Destroying two ^{of our big} ~~planes~~ - on their first crack. Blowing up a small ammunition dump -- on their second try. Finally, scoring a bull's eye on a huge ammunition dump - that was the major source of supply for some ten thousand G I's in the area. Later, adding a fourth barrage - against the backdrop of thunderous explosions and burning jet fuel.

Luckily, a truck convoy arrived between attacks two and three - permitting distribution of new supplies to all the troops. Reporters at the scene also calling casualties "surprisingly light" - considering the size of ~~that~~ ^{the} tremendous blast.

WESTMORELAND

Meanwhile, here at home - General ~~William~~

Westmoreland arrived today in Washington - to join in week-long policy talks at the White House - to determine the course of future U S strategy in Vietnam .

One of the first questions he was asked -- how about a Christmas bombing pause? "I'm not happy about the prospect," said ^{the} General, ~~Westmoreland~~. Adding that enemy commanders have always used such ceasefires - to regroup and resupply their forces.

~~But as for the progress of the overall U. S. war effort --~~ ^{Says} General ^{Westmoreland}, ~~saying he had~~ "never been more ~~encouraged.~~" The Viet Cong "have been looking for a spectacular victory"-- "and we have beaten them to the punch every time" - said he.

WASHINGTON

Earlier - in a Washington speech - Japanese ~~Prime~~
Premier Sato asking for some sort of sign from the North
Vietnamese, ~~A~~ sign - said he - that a U.S. bombing halt
could lead to peace talks.

Why not an unconditional bombing halt? Because -
said Sato - "suspension of bombing" is merely a "limited
objective;" when "what we really seek - is the realization
of peace itself." And that can come - said he - only
when both sides have the "will and the desire to end the
war."

LONDON

By the way - a report today in the London evening News; to the effect that General Westmoreland - is "on the way out" as U.S. Commander in Vietnam. The story going on to contend that this supposed "change of command - would bring fresh impetus to the war that is causing the administration so much embarrassment."

Reaction from Washington - a qualified "yes" to the first -- a resounding "no" to the last. Government sources saying that after four years in Vietnam - General Westmoreland is soon to get a major promotion. ^{Perhaps} ~~Probably~~ ^{possibly} to become Army Chief of Staff next year - ^{enroute to} becoming chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. ~~Which~~

~~is hardly a kick -- upstairs or down.~~



ADD LONDON

~~Indeed,~~ The White House issuing a statement saying:

"not a man in military uniform is held in higher admiration
by President Johnson -- than is General Westmoreland."

CHOUKOUTIEN

The main thrust of China's ~~XXXX~~ current "cultural revolution" -- all of the future. But the past - fortunately -- still the main concern of Chinese archaeologists; *this* resulting today in the discovery of a new Peking man -- half-human, half ape - who lived about half a million years ago.

The bones of the original "Peking man" -- unearthed at Choukoutien near Peking way back in Nineteen Twenty-Seven, ~~only~~ to vanish - some time during World War Two.

Years of subsequent search - finally leading ~~to~~ to the new "Peking Man," ~~discovered~~ discovered in a cave - just a few miles from the earlier dig. The creature a man who had a jutting chin - heavy brows - a hollow forehead - and a brain only about three-quarters ^{that} ~~the size~~ of modern man.

This - according to **Radio Peking** - "precious material in the investigation of the origin of humanity." And so it is.

KATHMANDU

The Hippies return. Story today from Kathmandu
- that romantic valley at the foot of the
in the Kingdom of Nepal -- ~~at the roof of the world. Where~~
towering Himalayas where
last year - you may recall - the Hippies held a sort of
world summit meeting, founding a hippie haven - that since
has attracted thousands of the long-hair set.

The lure of Nepal - according to a British girl-
hippie -- "a real peace of life and freedom from all
worries - among the mighty Himalayas and quiet hills."

Another lure - the fact that marijuana is plentiful, cheap
and legal.

Which is all well and good for the Hippies - but
bad for the Nepalese; who are sick and tired of trusting
the Hippies for bills they never seem to pay; ^{also} for trying
to corrupt Nepalese sons and daughters -- ^{and} for generally
messing up ^{things in that Lost Horizon} ~~the mountain~~ paradise.

We are told ^{there} ~~perhaps~~ the only remaining welcome ^{for} Hippies is
^{at} a combination restaurant-hotel called simply "the camp"
where a Hippie can get a pad for as little as four bits a

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night -- a full meal for about thirty cents; thanks to the generosity of a rich Burmese Hippie -- by the name of Ravi Chawla whose name has already been immortalized - in the following Hippie poem:

"No bloody trains, no bloody bus,

"And only Ravi cares for us

"In bloody Kathmandu."

~~And that's about the size of it.~~

When Nepal's King Mahendra returns home from hunting giant Kodiak bear in Alaska, I wonder, Warren, if he ~~will~~ chase the Hippies out of Katmandu?

HOBOKEN

From Hoboken, New Jersey, comes a final report today - on a look at the world of tomorrow. As seen through the eyes of a nine-member panel - including top scientists businessmen and ~~philosoph~~ philosophers.

~~One of them~~ - Oceanographer Jacques Piccard; ~~who~~ said "there will be no man - in the twenty-first century." If he is not eliminated by atomic destruction - said Piccard - he will succumb to the "slow, gradual suicide of humanity."

Reverse side from ~~the~~ Father Malcolm Carron - President of the University of Detroit; who predicted ^S~~ed~~ that young people will do "far better for the twenty - first century - than we have for this one."

Summing up - the panel predicting a "future more glorious than the keenest imagination is capable of imagining; providing only - that there is a future.