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VIET NAM

From the fighting front in Viet Nam - a report that the latest Red offensive has stalled. U.S. Intelligence sources saying the guerrilla forces are still capable of launching "localized attacks; - but, as for any "large scale action" - not likely.

Meanwhile, in Saigon - South Vietnamese President Thieu - is calling for a "national reconciliation" between North and South Viet Nam - as "a reasonable and solid basis for the restoration of peace." However, a Viet Cong spokesman in Paris - promptly dismissing the offer. Calling it "shopworn" - and also American-dictated."

STATE

Here at home - William Rogers in his first news conference as Secretary of State today expressed hope for mutual withdrawal of foreign troops from South Viet Nam, at least, on a limited basis - perhaps before the end of the year. However, the U.S. is not now considering - "any immediate unilateral withdrawal" of fighting men - said he.

Turning to the Mid-East - Rogers said he does expect current "Big Four" talks - to come up with a viable peace formula. Adding though, that sooner or later - the Arabs and Israelis must engage in direct negotiations.

As for our present troubles with Peru - Rogers prescribes a brief "time out". Saying the U.S. will not cut off foreign aid to Peru - will not cut off its sugar quota this week, as planned. He still has hopes of resolving the dispute - before it gets any worse.

SUPREME COURT

Elsewhere in Washington - the Supreme Court handed down a whole series of decisions today; including one - amplifying and clarifying its recent "one man, one vote" stand. The court ruling that states must "make a good-faith effort - to achieve precise mathematical equality" among their various voter districts. Which apparently means that some thirty to forty states - are going to have to take another crack at reapportionment.

The high court also struck down - a Georgia anti-obscenity law. Ruling that mere possession of obscene material in the privacy of one's own home - does not constitute a crime. The court further agreed to consider a case questioning the right of a defendant to plead guilty in certain states - thereby automatically escaping the death penalty.

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LONDON

London again - report from doctors treating Lady Clemintine Spencer-Churchill. You may recall that the eighty-four year old widow of Sir Winston Churchill had a fall last week and she suffered a broken thigh. Since then, the doctors say - Lady Churchill has grown "a little weaker". Her condition now giving "rise for anxiety - is the way they put it.

HOUSTON

At Houston, Texas - medical history in the making.

With the first man ever to receive a man-made heart - swapping it today for another "God-given" heart.

The surgeons who made it possible - famed heart specialist Dr. Denton Cooley. The patient - forty-seven year old Haskell Karp of Skokie, Illinois, who had already survived sixty-three hours - with an artificial heart. The donor - forty year old Mrs. Barbara Evans of Lawrence, Mass. - a victim of incurable brain damage.

Four hours after the swap - Karp was again sitting up in bed - talking to his wife. His blood pressure normal - his cardiac output "satisfactory." Dr. Cooley telling reporters, "I am confident about the outcome."

NORTH POLE

From the Far North - by way of London - word of the British trans-Arctic expedition that has just reached the North Pole. The four-man party - the first of any nationality - to make the trip from the northernmost coast of Alaska - some fourteen hundred miles to the Pole. And they did it by dogsled rather than snowmobile, aided by air drops - which of course Peary didn't have when he made his historic journey exactly sixty years ago.

The British group - led by thirty-six year old Wally Herbert - radioed London they'll now head for Spitzbergen, north of Norway - another seven hundred miles. If they make it they will have achieved the first surface crossing - right across the Arctic Ocean from American to Europe. Meanwhile, British Prime Minister Harold Wilson - in radioing back congratulations said: "Yours is a feat of endurance and courage - which ranks with any in Polar history."

It was exactly sixty years ago yesterday - April sixth - nineteen-oh-nine - that Peary, with Matt Henson and two Eskimo were the first ever to reach the North Pole. Only one survivor of the Peary expedition is still with us, ninety-four year old Admiral Donald Macmillan, veteran of thirty Arctic expeditions, and still going strong - living at Provincetown, Mass.

NEW YORK

Here's one - a collection of tips for saving money; drawn from the files of New York business advisor Israel Unterman - a so-called "Money doctor". Who advises, for example, that no one should ever own a house - costing more than two year's annual income. He also says that regardless of income - no one should ever spend more than fifty bucks a month for clothes - no man should ever allow himself more than twenty-five bucks a week in pocket money - and no one should buy anything on credit if he can possibly avoid it.

These and other money saving, money investing tips - if followed to the letter - practically guarantees to make you a millionaire in only twenty years, - says the "money doctor", provided just one thing: provided you're already making about fifty thousand a year, Warren!

TOKYO

A fashion note next - from the Far East. Specifically - Tokyo; from which we hear today - that strange things are happening to the traditional Japanese kimona.

Chiefly responsible - Japanese artist Miyoko Yanagita; the so-called "Grandma Moses of Japan" - who recently turned fashion designer. Her new style kimona - made of easy-clean, up-to-date fabrics - often reversible; some also sleeveless - for warm weather wear. And they come in every length - from ankle to calf - all the way up to mid-thigh.

This last hardly a kimona, a mini-mono would you call it, Warren?