

Tues. January 11, 1972

INDOCHINA

In the fighting in Indochina - enemy forces were launching a major offensive today - in Laos south of the Plain of Jars. At the same time - the U.S. Command in Saigon was reporting for the first time - the establishment of enemy missile sites in Southern Laos. These coming to light - we are told - when they attacked a U.S. jet en route to a bombing run over the Ho Chi Minh supply trail.

In another development - South Vietnam was recalling - a major force previously assigned to the Cambodian rubber country. This in order to beef up the defenses around Saigon - against the possibility of another Tet attack.

CAPITOL HILL - PENTAGON

From a group of Congressional investigators ~~came a~~
charge today that the U.S. air defense system is virtually
useless; especially its southern exposure - running from
Florida to California. This ^{was} based partly on the recent
flight of a Cuban plane - that made it all the way to New
Orleans virtually undetected and unopposed.

~~However,~~ The Pentagon ^{was} quick to dispute the
Congressional claim. A Pentagon spokesman saying there is
no way that the Soviet Union might launch a bomber attack -
"without the United States knowing about it." As for others -
he added - "we regard our deterrent capabilities - as having
some influence" in dispelling "adventurous ideas."

WHITE HOUSE

~~about~~ *The White House* - Dr. Arthur Flemming

was sworn in today as the President's Special Consultant on Aging. Dr. Flemming, ^{was} you may recall, [^] a Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare during the Eisenhower years. More recently - chairman of a White House Conference on Aging.

The President saying: "I am determined that the voice of older Americans - will be heard in the White House." And no one - he continued - "is better qualified to raise that voice - forcefully and persuasively - than Arthur Flemming."

EAST BERLIN

For what its worth - the governments of East Germany
and Bulgaria today joined India and Bhutan - in recognizing
the new state of Bangla Desh. Observers noting that this
was hardly earth-shaking - in and of itself; except that it
~~could~~^{probably} means \wedge the Soviet Union will soon follow suit.

KABUL FOLLOW EAST BERLIN

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*Meanwhile, Pakistan's President Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto -
was flying today to Kabul, ^{capitol of} ~~to~~ Afghanistan. Purpose - not
disclosed. But Bhutto's welcoming party at Kabul - including
Afghanistan's King Mohammad Zahir Shah and all his top
officials. The President and the King - later holding
private talks at nearby Gulkhana Palace.*

COPENHAGEN

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For Denmark's seventy-two-year-old King Frederick - who was stricken with a heart attack a week ago - a turn for the worse today. A Royal Court bulletin saying: "The condition of His Majesty deteriorated this morning." The report adding - his temperature was nearly a hundred-and-three. Also saying: "His Majesty is very tired - and dozing."

BATON ROUGE

In the wake of racial violence at Baton Rouge, Louisiana - eight young blacks were charged today with murder. These including three from Chicago - and one each from Philadelphia and Los Angeles. Officials claiming the racial confrontation - was deliberately inspired by out-of-state hoodlums.

Louisiana's Governor McKiethen, for his part, saying: "The white and black citizens of this area should take note here and just see what violence gets one - which is nothing but sorrow and tragedy."

TORONTO

In the Dean Martin movie, "Murderer's Row" - which was shown on TV last night - one scene depicting the discovery of a murder victim; a shapely blonde - who had been stuffed into a frozen food locker. This striking a responsive chord - in the Charles Cassidy household in Toronto; Canada; the Cassidys having a roomer - one David Todd - who kept his own freezer carefully taped shut.

Anyway, the upshot of it all - Cassidy waiting till the film was over; then - with his young sister - prying open the freezer in question; discovering inside - a layer of frozen meats, food pies, vegetables and so on; and just beneath that - the body of a shapely young woman clad in shorts and halter.

Turns out - it was the roomer's wife; who left, supposedly, months ago - on a visit to the U.S. Grace Todd - shot through the head. Her husband - today charged with murder. Incredible - but all true.

SCARS.DALE

Scarsdale, New York - word of a man who served as one of the driving forces - in the field of exploration. Ward Randol - a one-time General Motors vice president. But his first and last love - was always the great unknown; his travels encompassing the globe - from the Arctic to the Antarctic. He became a member of Explorers Club - back in Nineteen-Thirty and on his retirement from G M in Nineteen-Sixty-One he gave all his time to exploration, as treasurer - and later as executive director - of the World Center for Exploration, playing a major role in the Center's acquisition of its new headquarters - near mid-town New York, just off Park Avenue. The last few years he was special projects officer in charge of Explorer publications. Recently the Explorers Club had awarded him its prestigious Edward Sweeney Medal; and now he departs from the scene on that longest of all journeys, at age seventy-five.

SAN FRANCISCO

Charles Gould, publisher-editor of the San Francisco Examiner - in a column headed, "Pollution, Politics and Protest" - notes that the Black Plague of the Middle Ages - could have been prevented by the proper use of insecticides; that the potatoe famines in Ireland in the Seventeen and Eighteen Hundreds - could have been prevented by the proper use of pesticides; that last year's raging forest fires in Southern California - could have been prevented by the prior removal of a few hundred trees to provide firebreaks.

The California publisher-editor also notes three major volcanic eruptions in the past century; and these - said he - polluting the air more than all mankind - since the beginning of time. Proving again - he contends - "that perspective and reason - are among the great needs of the present generation of Americans."

There is to be a big banquet at the Waldorf, in New York, this Thursday night at which these matters will be discussed by such experts as Ed Cole, President of G.M.;

David Brower, former head of the Sierra Club; Thor Heyerdahl of Ra and Kon Tiki fame; and Father Hesburg, President of Notre Dame. A World Center for Exploration dinner - at the Explorer's Club.

In "Pollution, Politics and Protest" San Francisco's Charles Gould says, Warren, that here in the U. S. A. we have more than two hundred million people living in a land of unparalleled well-being - with many of us not even aware of it.

PULASKI

Pulaski, Wisconsin - a town that's named, of course, after the great Polish hero Casimir Pulaski - who fought for the U.S. during the Revolutionary War. Also, the site of an appearance today by a prominent American of Polish descent - Senator Muskie of Maine. The latter's presentation including a question-and-answer period - where he was asked: "Would you consider choosing an American Indian - as a Vice Presidential running mate?"

As for the Senator's answer: "Well" - said he - "ever since my statement in Los Angeles on blacks - this Vice President thing has been somewhat of a problem of mine." "But remember" - he went on - "we haven't yet proved that a Pole can be elected President."