

VIETNAM

Tues. Aug. 5-69.

~~On the war front~~ <sup>From</sup> Vietnam <sup>comes</sup> a report ~~today~~  
that enemy forces ~~have~~ <sup>have</sup> apparently cancelled any plans  
they may have had for future offensives, ~~A report adding~~  
that, indeed, the Communist side - may now permit the  
war simply to fade away.

This - according to U S intelligence; based in  
part on captured documents <sup>as well as hearing it from</sup> ~~also~~ a captured North  
Vietnamese officer <sup>who says</sup> ~~The latter saying~~ he had been  
instructed to tell his troops - the war had been won  
"because Americans are going home." In the words of  
at least one observer - <sup>and wise</sup> an obvious attempt at "Oriental  
face-saving".

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WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW VIETNAM

In any case - the White House <sup>also</sup> confirmed  
today <sup>that</sup> President Nixon is considering another possible  
troop withdrawal from Vietnam. Press Secretary  
Ron Ziegler saying the final decision will probably  
be made - some time later this month.

As to the size of ~~that~~ <sup>the</sup> next call-back ==  
when it does come - Administration sources later  
predicting it could involve as many as fifty thousand  
men; ~~With another~~ another fifty thousand likely to follow -  
~~we have~~ perhaps as early as October. Thereby  
fulfilling the President's expressed desire - to bring  
back more than a hundred thousand U S fighting men  
before the end of the ~~year~~ year.

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VIENTIANE FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

In the meantime three ~~more~~<sup>did</sup> came home today; ~~the~~<sup>the</sup> three ~~American~~ prisoners of war - arriving at Vientiane, Laos, after months of activity in North Vietnam, Accompanied by a group of pacifists -- who had gone to Hanoi just to get them.

There was ~~later~~<sup>later</sup> a press conference <sup>and</sup> with Navy Lieutenant Robert Frishman serving ~~for~~<sup>as</sup> spokesman for the returning men. ~~Saying that~~<sup>He denied</sup> they had been brain washed or in any way indoctrinated with Communist ideology. -- Beyond that <sup>he would</sup> though <sup>all</sup> discussing their confinement in only the broadest terms. ~~By~~<sup>all</sup> three saying they feared the possibility of adverse reaction <sup>and</sup> that might endanger any future P.O.W. releases.



DA NANG

By the way - the Reverend Norman Vincent Peale <sup>was</sup> a visitor today to Vietnam; ~~Touring~~ touring the northern provinces, beginning with Da Nang, ~~the~~ on the first leg of a five day journey <sup>made</sup> at the personal request of President Nixon; from whom he also carried a personal message - to all U S troops in Vietnam.

The President quoted as saying: "Tell them their country loves them - tell them their President loves them and remind them that God loves them."

Norman Vincent Peale ~~assuring us and all~~  
~~he intends to do just that. Later~~ adding on his own:  
"I only wish ~~that~~ the people back home - could see everything I've seen in just this one day."

CAMP DAVID

At Camp David, Maryland, President Nixon was hard at work today; with the help of key advisors - polishing up the ~~basic~~ broad outlines of his new domestic program. A program he will unveil ~~for the~~ ~~first time~~ in a nationwide radio and television broadcast Friday night. As to subject matter -- the President ~~is~~ expected to concentrate on welfare, manpower, revenue sharing, also, a reorganization of the Office of Economic Opportunity. And one specific ~~proposed~~ proposal - we hear tonight - a call for a minimum federal welfare payment of fifty bucks a month.

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## CAPITOL HILL

On Capitol Hill - the "forgotten man" is finally remembered -- and just in the nick of time. Chairman Wilbur Mills of the House Ways and Means Committee -- taking a second look today at the tax reform bill his panel approved only last week, <sup>Discover</sup> that somehow ~~it~~ it virtually ignores millions and millions of middle income Americans.

End result - the Chairman summoning his committee back into ~~sa~~ special session, <sup>vowing</sup> to give middle income tax payers - at least a five per cent tax cut. <sup>This is likely to</sup> ~~If anything~~ ~~enhancing~~ the bill's prospects in the full House, <sup>where</sup> where passage is now expected - this Thursday.

GAZA STRIP

In that "non-war" in the Middle East - a wave of Arab terrorism is reported today from the occupied Gaza Strip. Israeli sources telling of at least eight guerrilla incidents - over the past twenty four hours. Including a brazen but relatively harmless "shoot 'em up" -- at the Jela movie house, southwest of Tel Aviv.

Back in Tel Aviv itself - Israeli forces were opening today their observance of paratroopers week. Starting off with a mass jump of a hundred and ~~twenty~~ twenty Israeli paratroopers -- dropping straight into the sea. This in full view of hundreds of American tourists lining the Tel Aviv beach front.



**BUCHAREST**

Bucharest again - the Romanian government  
officially applauded <sup>S</sup>~~ed today~~ President Nixon's weekend visit  
to that country. At the same time <sup>it also</sup> reaffirm<sup>S</sup>~~ing~~ its  
loyalty to Soviet led Communism.

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Meanwhile, the Kremlin was serving notice -  
it is still put out about the Nixon visit. Sending to  
Bucharest today - a second string delegation to R<sup>u</sup>mania's  
tenth Communist Party Congress, ~~the~~ in place of Russia's  
Chairman Brezhnev and Premier Kosygin - who had  
earlier been expected to attend.



BALI

For Secretary of State ~~William~~ Rogers -

an attempt today to combine business with rest and  
pleasure. Enroute from Hong Kong to Australia - the  
Secretary stopping off at the island paradise of Bali;  
~~there~~ to confer ~~inform~~ informally - with Indonesian  
Foreign Minister Adam Malik. His itinerary also  
including two free days for swimming and sight-seeing

and a look at the famous local dancers.

*Bali* As John  
Shafer here with me ~~knows Bali~~ ~~of course~~ has long been  
~~The island of Bali - as you know - birthplace~~  
12 known as the  
~~of the~~ ~~the~~ topless tropic isle.

SAN FRANCISCO

*As you know*

~~Reverse side - this next from~~ San Francisco -

*is the city*

*where the topless has become almost common place, and*  
*now comes a*

^ story telling of the first obscenity arrest in years -

in that city's swinging North Beach area. Police picking

up a topless go-go girl -- one of several who have

switched recently to bottomless, too. This expected to

result in a test case - to see just how far public

entertainment can go.

All of which calls to mind - the immortal

words of Edna St. Vincent Millay - who wrote: "My

candle burns at both ends - it will not last the night;

but, ah, my foes and, oh, my friends, it gives a lovely

light" - or does it?