

*Monday, August 19, 1968*

**WALTER REED**

*At Walter Reed in Washington - former President Eisenhower remains in "extremely critical" condition tonight. Doctors reporting a recurrence of heart-beat irregularities - said to be "evidence of a gradual worsening of the General's condition." Indicating there's little left now - but to wait - and hope - and pray for the best.*

## DEMOCRATS

*In Washington - also Chicago - the battle was officially joined today. Democrat versus Democrat - in the first of a series of clashes - building toward that Democratic national convention next week.*

*Sitting in Washington - the party's platform committee. Hearing from opposing forces - on two of the major issues of our time: Civil unrest - and Vietnam.*

*Sitting in Chicago - the party's credentials committee, Where McCarthy supporters were outvoted today / in a key test of candidate strength, / Raising the possibility that scores of would-be McCarthy delegates - will be barred from taking their seats.*

## CHICAGO FOLLOW DEMOCRATS

*Elsewhere in Chicago - Hubert Humphrey came down hard today - on the side of law and order. Telling a labor audience: "We cannot condone violence and looting and crime - we cannot condone the rule of the jungle." Adding that as President: "I will mobilize the resources of the nation - to put down the forces of violence, looting and crime. "*

*In a second Chicago address today - ~~Hubert~~ Humphrey also declaring: "It is the first responsibility of government - to provide safety of life and property -*  
*said he,*  
*"we shall do it."*  
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SPRINGFIELD FOLLOW CHICAGO

*On the Republican side - Richard Nixon  
was off and running today in the Land of Lincoln.  
Launching his bid for the Presidency - from the steps  
of the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield. Telling a  
crowd of about three thousand - "we must fight those  
~~things~~ things that divide us" we must cure the ills of  
America - division between the races, disrespect for  
the flag, inflation.*

*Nixon adding that his goal - is not only "to  
win in November; but also to make the next eight years -  
the greatest in the history of America."*

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TEXAS WHITE HOUSE

*More on politics - from the Texas White House, ~~Where~~ the administration said "yes" to Georgia Governor Maddox's request for a foreign policy briefing - same as all the other candidates.*

*White House Press Secretary George Christian saying Maddox will meet with State Department officials - either Wednesday or Thursday in Washington. Adding, however, that the possibility of a personal talk with the President will depend on whether L B J has returned to the capital by then.*

ATLANTA FOLLOW TEXAS WHITE HOUSE

*Earlier, in Atlanta - Maddox calling himself an "extremist" in the same sense as Paul Revere, Nathan Hale, John Adams. Adding that he agreed with Barry Goldwater's statement - that "extremism in the pursuit of liberty is not a vice."*

*What about his chances at Chicago? They're "very, very slim" - admitted Maddox. But just about "as good" -- said he "as they were in the Georgia Governor's election in Nineteen Sixty-Six."*

## VIETNAM

On the war front - in Vietnam - allied troops today smashed the biggest enemy offensive of the summer. Killing more than five hundred Viet Cong -- driving hundreds more back toward the Cambodian border; finishing up a bloody battle that began this past weekend; in the village of Tay Ninh about fifty-five miles northwest of Saigon.

At the same time - to the South - another major engagement in the Mekong Delta, ~~With~~ troops of the U S Ninth Infantry - tracking down an estimated three hundred Viet Cong. Killing more than seventy - in the battle that followed. The "take" also including twenty P O W's == as well as twenty Viet Cong ~~for~~ defectors.

PARIS FOLLOW VIETNAM

*Meanwhile, in Paris - North Vietnam today demanded a complete withdrawal of U S troops - from that so-called demilitarized zone. Hanoi's Nguyen Than Le calling U S forays into the buffer zone - a violation of the Nineteen Fifty Four Geneva accords.*

*What about the rumor - that North Vietnam will soon propose mutual withdrawal from the D M Z? "I have heard nothing like that" - said Le.*



## DETROIT FOLLOW PARIS

Here at home - the future role of the returning Vietnam veteran - a subject of recent speculation.

Also - some concern. However, a concern which is apparently not shared - by the nation's foremost veteran of Vietnam.

In Detroit - General Westmoreland asserting today that the returning G I "will make the finest citizen the country has ever known." Reason - said he: because the Vietnam veteran "has made a great sacrifice of time and effort and blood - in a cause in which he believes; and he will not want to see his efforts - go down the drain."

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PEKING

Latest from Red China - an indication that  
Chairman Mao's fanatical Red Guards - have apparently  
outlived their usefulness. This the interpretation ~~is~~  
<sup>given</sup> ~~least - put~~ on a broadcast today from Radio Peking.  
Quoting Chairman Mao ~~as~~ as saying: "Our young  
intellectuals and students - must go among the ~~workers~~  
workers and peasants, without whom - we cannot win the  
fight against imperialism and feudalism."

According to China-watchers -- Mao thus ~~told~~  
telling the Red Guards, in effect, "the revolution  
is over; now go home and grow up -- and don't come  
back until you can handle a man's job."

Warren, let's hear from you!

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## VATICAN BOGOTA

*At the Vatican ~~ix~~ in Rome - a doctor's okay today for Pope Paul. The seventy-year old Pontiff declared fit and ready - for his planned trip to the Thirty-Ninth International Eucharistic Congress later this week.*

*Meanwhile, at Bogota, Colombia - the Congress was getting down to work today - under the tightest possible security precautions. Police barring from the premises - any and all who failed to present the proper credentials.*

*Indeed, the police taking their job so seriously - that first-day turnaways included - Soviet Ambassador Nicolas Beilus - also William Cardinal Conway of Ireland; not to mention Columbia<sup>LA</sup> Interior Minister Misael Pastrana Borrero - the country's top police administrator.*