

INDOCHINA

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From Laos ^{came} a report ~~tonight~~ that Allied forces
have now cut by ^{half} ~~fifty percent~~ - the flow of enemy supplies
along that vital Ho Chi Minh trail; ^{and} in the process ~~we are~~
~~not~~ inflicting "extremely heavy" casualties. ~~And~~ This -
^{plus} ~~coupled with~~ recent Allied success in Cambodia ^{is} said to
have wrecked ^{Viet Cong} ~~Communist~~ plans for ~~an~~ ^{an} offensive.
U.S. sources adding - that this will also speed the withdrawal
of American troops from Vietnam. In short, the Laos drive -
apparently proving another big success.

PENTAGON FOLLOW INDOCHINA

Here at home--the Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff--today praising^{ed} the mettle and courage of^{the} South Vietnamese forces. Admiral Thomas Moorer saying the Saigon troops--"have fought well and have stayed in there under very tough circumstances." And he added: "They are not going to win every battle--but in practically every circumstance to date they've gotten the best of it."

MEDAL

Speaking of courage
~~Here at home~~

- President Nixon today presented the

Medal of Honor - the nation's highest award - ~~to six Army~~

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men and one Marine; ~~for deeds~~ *for deeds* in the fighting in Vietnam. The

group including: Captain Harold Fritz of Chicago;- Captain

Robert Howard of Temple, Texas;- Sergeant Finnis McCleery

of San Angelo, Texas;- Sergeant Don Jenkins of Quality,

Kentucky;- Sergeant Gordon Roberts of Middletown, Ohio;-

Specialist-Four George Lang of Queens, New York;- and Marine

Captain Wesley Fox of Herndon, Virginia.

WHITE HOUSE

again!
The White House - President Nixon today spelled out in detail - the first of his six promised "special revenue-sharing" programs. This one calling for Half-a-Billion in Federal aid - in the field of law enforcement. The money to go to state and local governments - with "no strings attached;" to permit, hopefully - the development of new crime prevention techniques.

The President telling reporters - this is "the most effective proposal yet for getting at street crime." And he added that it was needed urgently - "for the protection of both lives and property."

BOMB

On Capitol Hill - a Senate subcommittee opened

hearings today ^{may} attempt ~~ing~~ to get to the bottom of ~~the~~ ^{the} bomb
blast yesterday ^{and} that rocked ~~the whole of~~ Washington ~~and~~
~~shocked the~~ ^{shocked the} ~~the whole~~ nation.

~~However~~ ^{Said} the first witness, - an Army bomb expert,
~~forced to admit~~ "we really do not know yet" what kind of
explosive was used, ~~And~~ how it was planted - who did it."
~~that also remains a mystery. The FBI is~~
~~puruing "several leads" but as yet nothing concrete.~~

CAPITOL HILL

~~Meanwhile~~ ^{There was} a third attempt today - to force passage of a new Senate anti-filibuster measure. This by cutting short a month-long talkathon - on the part of Southern Senators. ~~Except~~ ^{It} didn't work. The final tally ~~coming out~~ forty-nine to thirty-six; failing by eight votes ~~to~~ to achieve the necessary two-thirds margin under existing rules. The Senate's anti-anti-filibuster-filibuster continuing on tonight - and on and on and on, ad infinitum.

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BUFFALO

~~Elsewhere on the domestic front~~ Vice President ~~Spive~~ Agnew discusses his political future. ~~His~~ In an interview ~~appearing today~~ in the Buffalo Evening News, ~~The~~ Vice President saying it is "premature" - to speculate on whether he will run again in Nineteen-Seveny-Two. Adding that President Nixon would also be "very uncircumspect" - if he were to "make a determination now as to who should be his running mate."

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CAIRO

From Cairo ^{comes} a report ~~today~~ that Gunnar Jarring's

U.N. peace mission - has now reached a "dead end," ~~and~~

~~is now at a standstill~~ in so far as Egypt is concerned. And

what with the present Mideast truce scheduled to expire as of

Sunday - Cairo ^{is saying it's} ~~is saying it's~~ up to the Big Four

powers to "intervene directly;" to do so now - before it's

too late.

ALIGARH CITY

In the second day of Parliamentary elections in India - the casualty count began to take wing today; due mainly to a clash between Hindus and Moslems - at Aligarh City about a hundred and twenty miles southeast of New Delhi. The battle there - leaving eight dead and forty-five injured; raising the toll - nationwide - to ¹⁵fourteen dead and a hundred or so injured, at last report, ~~and~~ ^{with} eight more days of balloting - still to go.

BOYLE

**Washington again - a Federal indictment was
returned today - against the President of the United Mine
Workers of America. W. A. "Tough Tony" Boyle - accused
of embezzling nearly Fifty Thousand in union funds, ~~50,000~~
money \nearrow allegedly used in making illegal political contributions,
most of which ended up - we are told - in the ^{Hubert} Humphrey
Presidential campaign in Nineteen-Sixty-Eight.**

PANMUNJOM

For U.S. Army guards assigned to that Panmunjom truce village in Korea - a new look today in military headgear. In place of their regular soft caps - the G.I.'s getting padded plastic helmets similar to those worn by many state highway police; the better to protect themselves - in the event of any future clashes with Communist truce guards.

You may recall - an American private recently suffering a fractured skull in one such engagement. Ah, but now with their new "hard hats" - ~~with~~ the odds at least are a little better.

CHICAGO

~~here one~~ ^{by} Chicago 4 a protest march today by an
estimated fifteen hundred ~~youths. Those comprising the~~
~~entire~~ student body ~~of~~ at all-male Lane Technical High.
~~school. And~~ what were they protesting? ~~the~~ ^{Oh,} plans to admit
girls next year - ~~to~~ turn the school coed.

They say they don't want dear old
~~in short, the same old story of Lane Tech - the boys~~
~~turned into a~~ ~~against the girls. But give it a year or so and they~~

"Lovers' Lane?"

SEATTLE

Plans for an attempt to scale the world's highest unclimbed mountain - announced today at Seattle. University of Washington climbing instructor Warren Blesser - setting his sights on West Pakistan's ^{formidable 26,000 foot} ~~magnificent~~ Khinyang Chhish, ^{Yang} ~~nearly twenty six thousand feet tall~~. Blesser saying he has already recruited an experienced crew - and expects to have ~~shortly~~ both the funds ~~is needs~~ and Pakistani approval.

~~Warren Blesser adding, what's more~~ ^{He also says} he intends to try a "more direct and more difficult ^{route than used on} ~~time than~~ any previous attempt. Why not the easiest route for a ~~climb?~~ ^{first climb?} The important thing is not just getting to the top first climb? Mountain climbers often ~~would be~~ ^{like to do things the hard way. And s-l-} "the important thing is to make a good climb."