

WASHINGTON

Tues. Nov. 21st. '67,

The war in Vietnam is fast entering a "new phase" - where "the end begins to come into view." This - perhaps the most encouraging war appraisal to date; the more so coming today from ^{our veteran} ~~the~~ American Commander in Vietnam - General ~~William~~ Westmoreland.

In a Washington speech - the General declaring:

"I am absolutely certain that whereas in Nineteen sixty-five the enemy was winning - today he is certainly losing;" with "indications that the Viet Cong - and even Hanoi - know this" - he went on "if only for the fact they are having great trouble - finding new recruits in the South."

The one catch - said General Westmoreland: That ~~the~~ ^{leaders} enemy [^] may be "operating from the delusion that political pressure here" at home -- combined with an isolated ~~to~~ "tactical defeat" in the field - "might force the U S to ~~throw~~ throw in the towel" as he put it. If so - said the General - they're kidding nobody but themselves.

VIETNAM FOLLOW WASHINGTON

Be that as it may - it's still a dirty, foot-slogging war ^{over there,} ~~on the other side of the globe. And again~~ Especially so -- in that continuing battle for Dak To in the Central Highlands of Vietnam, marked today by a third American drive in as many days - on key ~~Mill~~ ^{High} Eighty-Seven-Five.

Foot-by-foot - yard-by-yard - American paratroopers battling their way toward the crest; against a ~~deadly~~ hail of machine gun and mortar fire ~~from~~ heavily fortified enemy bunkers; ~~With~~ American forces ~~finally~~ finally nearing the summit at Sundown -- ~~but~~ the going said to be painfully slow.

The same true - far below, ~~Where~~ U S wounded waited and waited - some as long as fifty hours - for ~~American~~ rescue helicopters - try as they might - unable to penetrate a devastating enemy barrage.

For thirty of the wounded - it didn't matter anyway. They were ~~already dead~~ victims of an errant American bomb.

MOSCOW FOLLOW WASHINGTON

Meanwhile, in Moscow ^{those} - four young American
sailors find themselves the center of a massive Communist
propaganda campaign. The four seamen - who jumped ship
recently in Japan ^{are now a} - focal point of a determined Soviet
effort to discredit U S policy in Vietnam.

First try - as you know - in a surprise ~~of~~ appearance
yesterday over Moscow television. Second effort early today
- in a long interview published ^{by} ~~the~~ Tass; the four accusing
American troops - of "mass murder" in Vietnam. Later
on, a special press conference - for Russian and East
European newsmen. Among other things - the four saying
that anti-Vietnam demonstrations in the United States --
had encouraged them to defect to the Soviet Union.

^{To this}
~~Most heart-felt~~ reaction - from Tulsa, Oklahoma;
from an insurance executive and reserve naval officer -
father of one of the sailors; who said - "it would appear
that I have lost a son." "Even more reason" - he went
on - "to dedicate my life and energies to fighting Communism!"

CINCINNATI

*Ohioans in general and air|officials in particular -
up in arms today over that tragic airliner crash last night
at Cincinnati airport; Demanding an ~~an~~ immediate federal
investigation - of so-called "excessive" air accidents,
at that busy field.*

*In all - four fatal plane crashes at Cincinnati airport
since Nineteen Sixty One. Including an accident two years
ago - that claimed the lives of the fifty-eight persons.
Now topped by this latest crash - killing sixty-seven.*

TOKYO

Japanese Premier Sato - who came to Washington last week -- back home today in Tokyo, carrying a promise that Japan will get back "within a year" -- the Bonin Islands, including Iwo Jima. Further telling the Japanese - in ~~an~~ a report to the nation - that he believes the United States will also soon return the Ryukyu Islands and Okinawa.

The exact date - said Sato - probably to be set "within a few years." The key - said he - when the Japanese themselves demonstrate ^{how} they are ready to assume "the defense of their own country. Against what - he didn't say.

WINDSOR

This next - from the University of Windsor - Ontario, Canada; where Dr. Otto Brudy - co-developer of a new cigarette filter - has hit upon a related solution to the problem of city air pollution.

The idea - says Dr. Brudy - to adapt the new cigarette filter to auto exhaust systems - at a cost of about a dollar-a-car. He adds that General Motors - has already started a study of the technique.

Will it work? Without a question - says Dr. Brudy. Asserting, in effect, that "a filter that beats the tar out of cigarettes - can easily kayo carbon monoxide."

MAGNETIC

Have you ever seen a stream - where the water seemed to run uphill? Have you ever had ~~that~~^a terrible feeling - you couldn't tell which end was up - or down?

If so - turns out you're in good company. The National Geographic today reporting discovery of dozens of so-called "magnetic" hills; mystery spots in New York, Georgia, Florida the Dakotas, even Canada - that seem to defy the natural laws of gravity.

Perhaps the most famous here in the States - the Oregon vortex - about thirty from Grants Pass in southern Oregon, where an old assay ~~office~~ office - has slipped some forty feet down a slope; giving the impression of - well, you might call it a "time warp". Drop a coin - and it seems to fall sideways; try to stand up "straight" - and you topple over.

This - they say - an optical illusion. Even more striking -- a "magnetic" hill at Moncton, New Brunswick,

~~is~~ in ^{eastern} Canada, where a stalled car will seem to roll up a hill - rather than down. A phenomenon - ~~that~~ no ~~one~~ one has yet fully explained.

The reverse true - at nearby Alma, New Brunswick, which is why they call it the "South Pole" to Moncton's "North Pole," Warren!

WACHTUNG HILLS

From Wachtung Hills, New Jersey, comes the story today - of a long distance runner perhaps unique in the annals of sport. - ~~One~~ win-Franklin, by name - who plans to commemorate his seventieth birthday tomorrow - by running, trotting and jogging exactly seventy miles.

Reason - says Win Franklin - "to celebrate the fact that I made it to seventy." The more so - said he - because "I can still do everything I did fifty years ago -- with no exceptions." Indeed, he now expects to make the birthday run an annual event - tacking on an extra mile for every passing year.

Win Franklin admitting, however - there may be pitfalls ahead. "It's birthday one hundred - that ^{has me} worried" _^
~~we~~ => said ~~the~~ Win Franklin,