

VIETNAM

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War in Vietnam - marked today by a new Red rocket attack on Da Nang. With allied and Viet Cong troops still battling in the streets of Saigon, As the Communists' spring offensive - now pounds into its fifth straight day.

In Saigon, at ~~ka~~ least -- the Viet Cong claiming an "outstanding victory". Distributing leaflets saying that twenty percent of allied troops in the capital area - have been "destroyed". ~~Just the reverse~~ <sup>What</sup> from the U S <sup>Just the reverse,</sup> command? Setting enemy losses at more than two thousand -- in Saigon alone. General Winant Sidle adding that the Red offensive - "appears to be withering on the vine."

WHITE HOUSE

*Prime Minister Thanom Kittikachorn of Thailand*

*- a visitor today at the White House. President Johnson taking advantage of the occasion - to observe that "a fresh breeze of hope is circulating around the world." A hope - said he - that "an honorable peace will come" - that the need for a U S military presence in Vietnam - will eventually "diminish and disappear."*

*Lest there be any doubt though - the President reassuring Kittikachorn<sup>ly</sup> asserting that the United States will remain ever-committed - to the pursuit of human freedom in Southeast Asia.*

PARIS

Across the Atlantic - ~~in Paris~~<sup>those</sup> - preliminary  
peace talks <sup>in Paris</sup> are still set to begin Friday. U S officials  
-- already <sup>are</sup> on hand, Awaiting only the arrival of <sup>the</sup> North  
Vietnamese delegates - who are making a brief stopover  
tonight in Moscow.

In the meantime - DeGaulle is said to be keeping  
in close touch - with both Hanoi and Washington. Lending  
additional weight to a statement today & by DeGaulle's  
chief cabinet spokesman - Information Minister Georges  
Gorse; who said that if the preliminary talks "are  
successful - they will be expanded immediately into  
full-scale peace talks."



INDIANAPOLIS

Turning to politics - all sides are claiming

victory today in Indiana. - <sup>Does that</sup> ~~which seems to~~ mean

~~that~~ all sides - may have been losers as well? <sup>If so</sup>  
Who lost the most? <sup>Of the Democrats or</sup>  
~~now~~ Senator Robert Kennedy picking <sup>ed</sup> up the most

votes - but, ~~he~~ failed to <sup>As for</sup> kayo Senator McCarthy. <sup>As for</sup> Governor

<sup>he's</sup> Branigin still in control of the Indiana delegation -

<sup>the primary, some say was a</sup>  
but ~~there's no denying the~~ blow to his prestige. ~~and~~

Senator McCarthy <sup>did</sup> scoring <sup>g</sup> way ahead of predictions -

but, he did finish third.

All of which makes Nebraska - the next "crucial"

state.

LINCOLN FOLLOW INDIANAPOLIS

As for Richard Nixon - the only clear winner  
in Indiana - ~~he was~~ <sup>he was</sup> already in Nebraska. <sup>Today</sup> At Lincoln -  
the former Vice President lashing <sup>ed</sup> out ~~today~~ at campus  
demonstrations. Accusing professors, teachers and others  
-- of giving "their blessing to public lawlessness"  
which is "far more reprehensible" - said he - "than  
the disgraceful actions of the ~~students~~ students they  
encouraged."

Result - said Nixon; "they are selling America's  
future - down the road." A situation - said he -  
calling for all "public men - and especially presidential  
candidates - to stand up and speak out - for the  
restoration of the rule of law in America."

ADD LINCOLN FOLLOW INDIANAPOLIS

Later - in New York - Nixon issued a white paper;  
charging that the United States has become a Lawless  
Society - under the Johnson administration. To cure this  
"ill" - Nixon urging a concerted attack on crime; <sup>including use of</sup> ~~using~~  
legalized wiretaps - <sup>and</sup> ~~along with~~ fewer restrictions on  
criminal confessions.



ATLANTIC CITY FOLLOW LINCOLN

Elsewhere on the campaign trail - Vice President Hubert Humphrey addressed a United Auto Workers ~~No~~ Convention today at Atlantic City. Urging adoption of a new system of "income maintenance" - as an alternative to the present welfare system; which he said - "mocks justice."

This apparently ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Humphrey's answer - to growing demands for a guaranteed income or a "negative income tax;" Demands already embraced in part - by both his democratic opponents.

## VATICAN

*Pope Paul is coming again to the new world.*

*Announcement today - from the Vatican. The Pontiff saying he will fly to Colombia in August - to attend a world eucharistic Congress at Bogota; also ~~to~~ to open a general conference of Latin American Bishops - immediately following.*

*This the Pontiff's sixth trip abroad - also his longest; with the full journey - expected to cover more than eleven thousand miles. It will also mark the first time ~~that~~<sup>far</sup> a Pope ~~has~~ ever <sup>to</sup> visited South America.*



## CHICAGO

Here's one from Chicago - specially for "leg men." A glossary of legs - as ~~ampk~~ compiled by British-born researcher Elizabeth Cooper; who - after years of study in the Windy City - qualifies as something of a "legsicographer."

For example, Miss Cooper reporting that thin, well-shaped legs - are a sign of confidence; a sign that a woman "knows what it's all about." While, fat, well-shaped legs - are a sign of conceit, also laziness. Similarly - bowed legs are said to be ~~ax~~ a sign of arrogance; knock-knees - the sign of a warm heart. Also, "piano legs" a sign of efficiency; long legs -- a sign of sexiness; and short legs - the sign of a girl who likes to snuggle.

As for rating intelligence - Miss Cooper offers the following rule of thigh: "The better the brains - the better the legs." What do you rate for, Warren-knock knees and a warm heart?

## HOUSTON

*Sorrow and disappointment today - at Houston.*

*One of three patients who received new hearts in the past five days - suddenly passing away. James Cobb of Alexandria, Louisiana - apparently the victim of so-called "immunosuppressive drugs." <sup>That is</sup> Drugs administered to the patient - to prevent rejection of his new heart; which functioned perfectly - ironically - right to the end. Indeed, doctors briefly considered ~~to~~ transplanting the heart - into still another patient.*

*Meanwhile, Cobb's fellow heart transplant patients -- Everett Thomas and John Stuckwish - both remain in "satisfactory" condition.*