

PENTAGON

Tues, May 14 - '68.

For the first time in U.S. history -- four Medal of Honors were presented simultaneously today at the Pentagon. President Johnson decorating four ^{Vietnam} heroes -- one from each branch of the military service; ^{This} as part of dedication ceremonies -- inaugurating a new "Hall of Heroes."

At the same time -- the President noting that "other men in Paris are beginning the ~~very~~ hard negotiations -- ~~that~~ we hope will one day silence the guns in Vietnam."

"The world prays" -- he went on -- "that the way to peace can be found at that distant table; the peace with honor -- for which these men and their comrades have fought, ~~so~~ ~~long and so nobly.~~"

PARIS FOLLOW PENTAGON

Across the Atlantic -- in Paris -- U.S. Ambassador Averell Harriman conferred today with his peace delegation -- also with Washington, ~~Trying~~ trying to work out a method of procedure -- for tomorrow's second round talks with North Vietnam. Hanoi's Xuan Thuy -- apparently wrestling with the same problem.

Earlier, Harriman telling reporters: "I am still using my microscope -- on Thuy's opening statement." When asked whether he had yet found anything constructive -- ^{said} Harriman; ~~replying~~ "I won't tell you -- but I'll tell ^{Thuy} ~~Thuy~~ tomorrow."

MOSCOW FOLLOW PARIS

A related item -- from Moscow. Where the Soviets are said to have agreed at last -- to consider organizing with Britain a full-scale Vietnam peace conference. This -- within the framework of that Nineteen-Fifty-Four Geneva Conference. A possible device for getting the belligerents together again -- if the Paris talks should break down.

~~Here at home a beautiful day today. In Nebraska =~~

~~The voters~~ ^{today} ~~turned out~~ ^{and} ~~apparently~~ in record numbers.

~~With the chief lure~~ ^{at least} in Democratic precincts, ^{because of} ~~at least~~

that head-on clash between Senators Kennedy and McCarthy.

^{In a little while you'll hear them}
~~As for results they'll soon be in. And you can~~

~~get them first~~ ^{on your} here ~~= right on this~~ CBS radio station.

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WALTER REED

After two weeks of treatment at March Air Force Base in California -- former President Eisenhower ^{today} was transferred ~~today~~ to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington. ^{But his} ~~Ike flying~~

~~across the continent -- in one of LBJ's special mission jets.~~

^{is said to be} ~~His~~ condition ~~listed as~~ much improved -- since that recent heart attack. The seventy-seven-year-old soldier ~~statesman~~ ^{statesman}

~~now planning~~ to complete his convalescence ^{nearer} ~~closer to~~ home.

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THE WHALE

From time to time we read about what Man has been doing to the largest of all living creatures - the Blue Whale, "largest animal that ever did exist on this planet." How it may become extinct - as well as several other species of whale. Gordon Pike, a Canadian expert tells how whaling "factory ships" after killing off most of the whales in the Antarctic, these pelagic factories, headed north for Alaska - Kamchatka, and Siberia.

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the Atlantic solo. He now devotes much of his time
and talent to Conservation.

The International Whaling Commission meets in
Tokyo the third week in June. And the hope is they'll
establish a quota that will in reasonable time rebuild
the depleted numbers of these the largest of all living
creatures -- do it before it is too late.

BUCHAREST

~~Eisewhere in Europe --~~ It was Russia's turn today to endure Charles DeGaulle. The French President ~~arriving~~ in Bucharest -- ^{to promote} ~~in search of increased~~ trade with maverick Romania, ^{gave} ~~There promptly giving~~ his stamp of approval -- to Communist nations seeking more independence from the Soviet Union.

DeGaulle hailing what he called -- the "reestablishment of Europe through the independence of each of its nations". That is -- a Europe independent of both the United States and Russia. DeGaulle adding that ~~"Romania and France can and must work together -- to contribute to this grandeur of Europe, and by consequence -- the world."~~

GRANDEUR FOLLOW BUCHAREST

~~Be that as it may --~~ ^{Meanwhile} the "grandeur" of France ^e was somewhat tarnished today -- back in Paris. French students seizing the Sorbonne -- in a kind of hippie-style "cultural revolution;" While leftist deputies in Parliament -- were filing a censure motion against the Gaullist regime ^{in a near} ~~This~~ ~~in a~~ riotous session, ~~that was finally suspended -- when~~ ~~rival deputies almost came to blows.~~

WHITE HOUSE

President Johnson ~~is soon~~ to become a grandfather --
for ^{the} ~~the~~ second time. The White House ~~today~~ announcing that

Lynda Byrd Robb is expecting ~~her first child -- sometime~~ in

October. ~~Both Lynda and her husband --~~ ⁹ ~~Major~~ Marine Captain

~~Chuck Robb -- said to be "delighted about it." -- Also~~

~~"Grampa" -- no doubt.~~

MOUNT ETNA

Flaming Mount Etna on the Island of Sicily -- filled to the brim today with boiling lava, ~~The fiery volcano~~ sending up ^{display after display of} ~~an occasional fireworks display -- shooting into the sky.~~

~~However, volcanologists asserting there is no immediate danger to farms and villages dotting the eleven thousand foot peak.~~

^{is} The legendary Etna volcano ^{is said to have taken} ~~held responsible for more~~ ^{more} than a million ^{lives --} ~~deaths~~ -- over the last three thousand years,

^{Warren} ~~It has failed though~~ ^{But not} ~~to claim~~ a single life in this century. ~~Scientists calling its recent eruptions --~~ ~~little more than tourist attractions.~~

MEXICO CITY

From Mexico City -- site of the Nineteen-Sixty-Eight Summer Olympics -- comes a reminder today; a reminder that Mexicans trace their love of sports -- back to the early Aztecs of ancient Mexico.

The National Geographic further pointing out -- that one of the Aztecs' favorite games was "tlachtli." This a kind of primitive basketball -- with opponents permitted to use elbows, knees, hips -- everything but their hands; trying to get a rubber ball -- through a stone ring.

Merely surviving a game of "tlachtli" -- was difficult enough. Scoring a goal -- ~~thus considered~~ a supreme achievement. Entitling the winning player -- to claim the clothes and jewelry of ^{all} opponents and ^{all} ~~also~~ spectators.

^{Warren} ~~the losers~~
All of which made Aztec sportsmen ^{the} first in the New World -- to lose the ^{ir} shirts, ~~off their backs~~.