

VIETNAM

Mon, Aug. 14 - '67.

For the second day in a row - American planes

today were ~~started today~~ ^{ing} pounded away at ~~into~~ a previously forbidden area of North

Vietnam, ~~Blasting~~ another key railroad bridge - barely

ten miles from Red China. ^{This the} closest American planes have

yet come - to the Chinese frontier.

Here at home - Senator Majority leader Mike

Mansfield quickly calling the intensified air activity -

"a very dangerous extension" of the war. One - said he -

that could lead rapidly to a major confrontation with Red

China. In Moscow - the Kremlin going even further; calling

the action - an "escalation of madness."

The White House insisting, however - there has

been no departure from previous policy. White House

Press Secretary George Christian - reiterating the

President's repeated stand; in ^{LBJ's} ~~his~~ own words - "that

bombing in the North - is an essential part of our commitment

in the south."

WALTER REED FOLLOW VIETNAM

The new strategy - if such it can be called - further endorsed by former President Eisenhower. At a brief news conference today -- on his release from ten days at Walter Reed General Hospital.

General Ike was asked if he thought bombing targets near the border - would risk bringing Red China into the war; to which he replied flatly -- "no!" - Ike adding: "If it is a military target - if it is necessary - it should be bombed." He went on to say: "If you're going to fight a war - you've got to use everything you've got as fast as you can - and get it over with."

At the same time - the General expressed his hope that "the actual combat of this war - will not become an election issue." Said he: "What do politicians know - about conducting a war!"

HOUSE

Treasury Secretary Henry Fowler ^{was the} ~~lead-off~~

witness today before the House Ways and Means Committee.

Spearheading the President's bid ~~for~~ for a ten percent tax increase, ~~and~~ driving home his testimony - with repeated reference to the fact that the United States is currently engaged in a shooting war. A war - as he put it - "with no clear prospect of an early ending."

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"In a wartime context" - said ~~Fowler~~ ^{Fowler} - fiscal responsibility must include the courage and willingness to raise the money that is necessary." As necessary - said he "as the guns, planes and material needs of our forces in southeast Asia."

Without a tax increase - he added - the U S budget deficit would soar to ~~twice~~ twenty-nine billion - the nation would face rampant inflation. And that - clearly ^{is} "unacceptable" - said he.

CLEVELAND

Another war-related story - comes today from Cleveland, ~~Telling~~ of a young wife who tape-recorded the birth of her first child - so her soldier-husband could hear all about it while serving in Vietnam,

With her doctor's permission - Mrs. Nick Palumbo taking a battery-powered tape recorder into the delivery room. There recording the baby's heartbeat - as amplified through a hospital device. Then the doctor's voice - announcing ^{the} birth of a son. The doctor finally adding: "somebody belt that kid hard enough - so his daddy can hear him all the way over in Vietnam." Followed by the sound - of the newborn infant's first cry.

Mrs. Palumbo later mailing the tape -- with a postscript of her own: ~~Telling~~ ^{to} her husband; ^{in these words:-} "Honey - I want another one."

GLACIER

A grim grizzly hunt is under way today - in Glacier National Park up in Montana. Heavily - armed rangers - stalking the majestic forest; in search of any and all bears - who may have been responsible for the deaths of two girl campers over the weekend.

Two of the great beasts - already shot and killed with big game rifles. An expert from Yellowstone National Park ^{has been} assigned to determine whether these are the same bears that turned killer; for the first time - in the park's fifty-seven year history.



~~Either way - park superintendent Keith Nelson~~

~~is so confident the menace will be eliminated. Asserting:~~

~~"If we can find all the bears immediately surrounding the~~

~~locations of the attack - then chances are we'll have the~~

~~right bear." In the meantime though - all tourists are~~

barred from the area.

HONG KONG

More bickering today - in Hong Kong. Red China lodging a formal protest -- charging the British with alleged "provocations" along the Hong Kong China border. Also presenting a new list of demands - including permission for Hong Kong residents to ~~freely~~ display portraits and quotations of Chairman Mao Tse Tung.

Be that as it may - the British today began permitting Communist Chinese farmers back into Hong Kong - to till their land, ^{with} ~~Tough~~ Gurka troops searching the Chinese - to make sure they ^{brought} ~~carried~~ no weapons across the border.

Earlier, police found ^{and disposed of} five homemade bombs - scattered ⁱⁿ ~~around~~ Hong Kong, including one - in front of the ~~Hong Kong~~ branch of a U S bank. ~~However, the bombs~~ ~~safely disposed of - with no injuries.~~

DAMASCUS

At Damascus - Yugoslav President Tito conferred for two-and-a-half hours today - with Syria's President Atassi. Later flying on to Baghdad - for additional talks with Iraqi leaders. ^{This} Amid mounting evidence that his self-appointed peace mission - is apparently getting nowhere.

Radio Damascus calling Tito - "a sincere friend of the Arabs." Adding however only that his visit to Damascus - and earlier to Cairo - had resulted in "joint discussions and exchange of free views." A diplomatic way of saying - no agreement.

~~Meanwhile,~~ ^{From} Amman, a report today that King Hussein of Jordan -- will undertake a trip ~~of his own later~~ this month, ^{to visit} ~~planning to stop at~~ Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, Iran, Turkey, Lebanon, Libya, Tunisia and Morocco; to explain Jordan's stand -- in the current Arab-Israeli impasse.

KINSHASA

The Congolese city of Kinshasa - formerly Leopoldville - again the scene of mob violence today. With an estimated crowd of about two thousand - ransacking the Belgian Embassy, ~~here. Later~~ burning furniture and files on a sidewalk outside ^{with} the flames shooting more than a hundred feet in the air.

Congolese police armed with rifles - on guard duty at the Embassy, ~~but they~~ made only a token effort to stop the riot. The mob venting its wrath on the building and its contents - until President Mobutu arrived ^{and} ~~personally~~ ~~at the scene.~~ ^{ed the mob} ~~ed the Congolese~~ to disperse. - ~~without~~ ~~any further violence.~~

~~Ludily, the Belgian Embassy staff had been forewarned of the attack - and the building was empty. We hear though that an American living next to the building - was accidentally mistaken for a Belgian national. Washington sources saying he was apparently seized and beaten by the mob - before he was able to establish his identity.~~

SWEENEY

In its long and exciting history, the Explorers Club, the only organization of its kind in the world, has had many distinguished presidents, from Peary^{on} down to Stefansson, Roy Chapman Andrews, and so on. And now, for the first time in its history an Explorers' President has died in office.

Edward Sweeney, a Washington lawyer, expert in aviation law, and member of expeditions to both the polar regions and the tropics, came to the end of his travels, this morning at his Coconut Grove estate in Florida.

During the war, Ed Sweeney was associated with Admiral Byrd, in the South Pacific, making surveys of some forty islands.

His most recent journey was on board the plane that made the first circumnavigation of this planet by way of both poles, two years ago.

He had been a President of the National
Aeronautical Association, A professor of law at
Northwestern University, ^{and} For three years a member
of the Hoover Commission for reorganization of the
federal government. However, just ^{about} ~~before~~ his most
important work was in the establishment of a new
headquarters for The Explorers in New York and ~~the~~
launching a ~~new~~ campaign to aid scientific exploration
and encourage young people to enter that field.

GENOA

~~This next - From Genoa - Italy, A story with a~~
~~moral of sorts. ^{we hear about} ~~English Beginning with~~ the arrival of a~~
Communist Chinese freighter - filled with cargo for Italian
buyers.

The ship no sooner in port - than its crew unfurled
Chinese ~~language~~ banners with English ~~translations~~ translations
~~attached. Banners~~ reading: "Long live the friendship of the
Chinese-Italian people," Also -- ^a "salute to the Italian
working peoples."

As a result - port authorities quickly barred dock
workers from the ship, Under an Italian law - that forbids
"foreigners" from espousing politics. Whereupon the
Chinese lowered their ~~original~~ banners - and ^{set} ~~replaced them~~
~~with identical sayings in Chinese and Italian. Later setting~~
up a loudspeaker, ~~and~~ blaring out the slogans of Chairman
Mao Tse Tung -- to the accompaniment of an accordion.

^{They still haven't been allowed ashore.}
~~The Chinese apparently ^{are} operating on the theory:~~

PARIS

From Paris - good news today for ^{some} ~~connoisseurs~~

~~of the bubbly.~~ Marcel Luga - France's leading wine expert - predicting that Nineteen Sixty-Seven will be a vintage year for French wines.

It's all in the weather - says Marcel. Noting that weather in France recently - has been almost identical

to that of 'forty-seven and 'fifty-nine; ^{great vintage} two other ^{years,} - in case you're interested Warren - & S. L. U. T. M. ~~especially memorable to wine-drinkers.~~

~~Therefore, the outlook - said he - for "strong wines which improve rapidly during the aging process."~~

~~In other words, "a great year" with "beaucoup" profits.~~