

## Beefing Up Armed Forces

The ever-increasing tenor of American "assistance" in the war in South Viet Nam is quite likely to demand more American manpower in the future.

We can envision no difficulty in meeting any demands which the armed services may feel must be met in South Viet Nam. These manpower pools are already in existence, and have proved their combativeness on more than one occasion.

Were we in charge of supplying the new muscle for the armed services, we would start first to look for our combat soldiers in the ranks of the Ku Klux Klan, the Deacons of Defense, the Black Muslims, the Minutemen and other groups of white and Negro extremists.

The willingness of these groups to mix it already has been demonstrated in civil rights clashes from New York to Mississippi. In South Viet Nam, it seems to us, these groups could exercise their full potential as trouble-makers, without having to account for their actions to the cops.

There would be a side benefit, too. With the gun-toters busy with the real war, perhaps sensible-minded citizens might make more headway in settling grievances at the local level, both in the North and in the South.

In case these groups would be unable to fill the quota, our next step would be to look into the possibility of utilizing the particular talents of the growing number of sadists who are making many American cities and towns unsafe.

The knife-carriers, muggers, purse-snatchers, vandals and others of that stripe who infest many cities the size of Lake Charles and larger would, it seems to us, make ideal combatants in South Viet Nam, where their particular talent for sneak attack could be put to good use against the Viet Cong.

They should understand the Viet Cong very well, since the Cong uses the same kind of tactics.

Another potentially large pool of military manpower is to be found in that segment of the youthful population which periodically erupts into full-scale rioting on Florida and California beaches, and at so-called musical shows in other sections of the nation.

A closely-allied group is made up of those teenagers who are so bored with unlimited allowances and fast cars that they turn neighborhood parties into free-for-all battles.

Since all of these groups have demonstrated their desire for violence, they should find themselves right at home in South Viet Nam.

Best of all, they would not be maiming innocent citizens with such crude weapons as chains, baseball bats, broken bottles and brass knuckles.

We do not know how people of this breed would react if confronted by a Viet Cong attack, but there is at least a possibility that they might bring about a difference in the war effort.

We do not know, either, what the Viet Cong might do if confronted by a battalion of hooded Klansmen, robbed Muslims or howling teenage hoodlums, but it would be an experiment that ought to be worth watching.

Maybe the Viet Cong might decide that peaceful coexistence is not such a bad idea after all.

This is purely a tongue-in-cheek proposal, of course, but we expect that there are a large number of people scattered about the nation who would welcome it heartily.

They would probably agree with us that leaving the fighting to those who enjoy it would have the beneficial effect of permitting the peace-loving citizen (who usually winds up doing this country's fighting) to stay at home for a change.

And we imagine there are also a lot of people who would feel that the nation would be better off with these groups in South Viet Nam, rather than here at home.

We're not sure how South Viet Nam would feel about it — The Lake Charles American Press.

## NEWS BRIEFS

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Viet Cong Raiders Hit Mekong Delta Posts

SAIGON—The Viet Cong struck again in the Mekong Delta Wednesday night, raiding two government outposts while U. S. war planes ranged over Communist Viet Nam bombing boats and bridges.

The Communist guerrillas inflicted light casualties in the raids on the outposts, a U. S. military spokesman said.

There was no estimate of Viet Cong losses in the night fighting in Kien Tuong Province, 50 miles west of Saigon, and in Kien Giang Province, 130 miles southwest of the capital.

Pilots of 16 U. S. Navy planes from the 7th Fleet carrier Midway reported they destroyed two boats and heavily damaged several bridges in North Viet Nam. The pilots said they met with heavy ground fire but all planes reportedly returned safely.

Radio Hanoi claimed North Viet Nam shot down two U. S. AD6 fighters Wednesday, bringing the total of downed American aircraft to 592.

Another Radio Hanoi broadcast said more than 200 U. S. troops were put out of action during the fierce fighting at An Khe, South Viet Nam, last Saturday.

### India, Pakistan Agree To UN Truce Terms

NEW DELHI—After 22 days of bloody conflict, an uneasy peace settled today over the 590 million people of India and Pakistan.

The guns were silenced on the India-Pakistan front before dawn as scheduled in a cease-fire both sides accepted under U.N. auspices.

On the mountainous northern frontier, Communist China failed to break the peace as India expected—and the Reds appeared to be building a Himalayan version of the Berlin wall.

Cement and stone were reported being used to put up a wall near Jelep Pass, one of the contested 12,000-foot high routes connecting the Indian protectorate of Sikkim with Chinese ruled Tibet.

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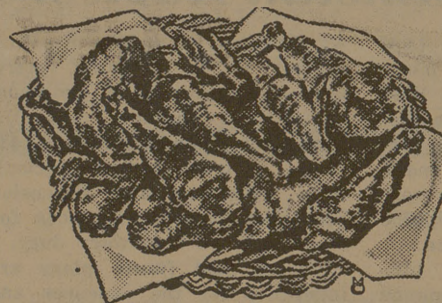
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