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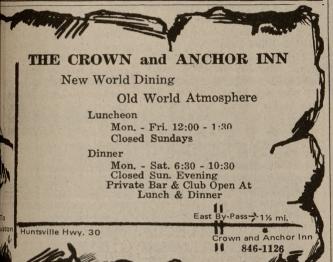
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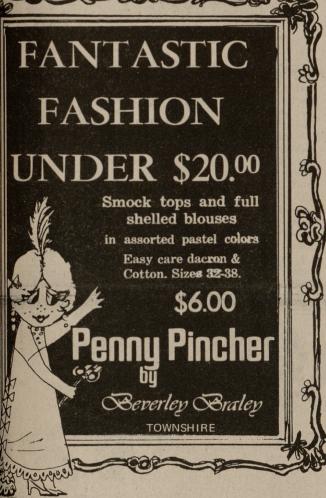
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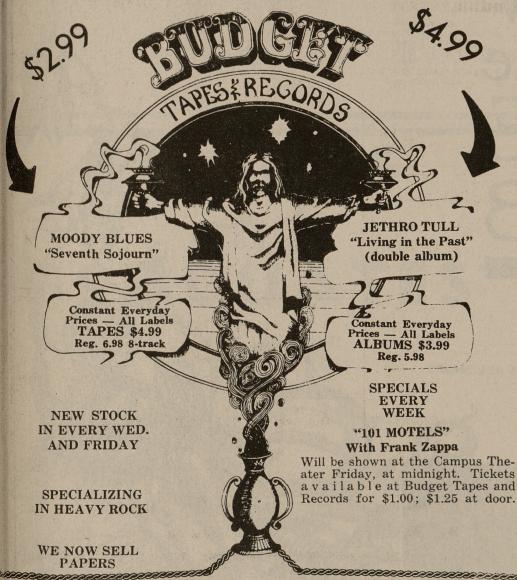
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Hanoi Continues Fighting Despite Peace Efforts

ened hopes of peace, North Vietnam still is pushing fresh war materiel into the South and the U.S. Command announced Thursday that American planes kept up a heavy pounding of the enemy's main supply routes.

"There is no sign that the Communists are withdrawing troops from South Vietnam prior to any possible peace agreement," said Saigon command spokesman.

"On the contrary, they are miles south of Hanoi and about DMZ included trucks, warehouses, sending in fresh supplies which have enabled them to step up artillery attacks against our

Monday, for the second day since Oct. 22, when bombing was restricted to below the 20th Parallel because of peace talks, U.S. warplanes mounted more than 220 tactical strikes against targets in North Vietnam, the U.S. Command said. The parallel is 75

240 miles north of the demilitarized zone separating the Viet-

The strikes are designed to blunt the enemy buildup.

Another 171 missions were flown by Air Force, Navy and Marine fighter-bombers Monday just south of the demilitarized zone in Quang Tri Province.

Targets reported destroyed or damaged north and south of the

river boats, railroad cars, a locomotive and rail and road bridges.

B52 Stratofortresses bombed enemy supply caches and troop concentrations in all four countries of Indochina. The bombers struck deeper into North Vietnam than at any time since last April, attacking stockpiles 58 miles below the 20th Parallel.

The U.S. Command announced about 30 B52s hammered the North Vietnam, dropping up to 1,000 tons of bombs on routes leading from the ports of Thanh Hoa, Vinh and Dong Hoi. There were similar B52 strikes in the same region Sunday.

In a protest against what it called "savage U.S. air attacks," Hanoi's Vietnam news agency claimed a number of civilians were killed and wounded and close to 100 homes destroyed as a result of "carpet bombing."

The Viet Cong radio claimed a U. S. F4 was shot down east of Quang Tri on Monday.

U.S. Attempts To Break Stalemate

By RICHARD PYLE

SAIGON (AP) - The United States is trying to break a stalemate on the Indochina peace agreement by convincing President Nguyen Van Thieu that he has nothing to fear from Communist forces in South Vietnam after a cease-fire.

It was on the strength of this belief, informed political sources here say, that U.S. negotiators conceded to Hanoi the point that its troops could be withdrawn under a private, unwritten under-

But Thieu is balking at any arrangement that would leave the status of North Vietnamese forces in the South unclear. He demands that a provision for a total enemy troop pullout be written into any final accord.

From conversations with Western and South Vietnamese senior

officials and political informants, plus other indicators, it is evident that this is the central issue facing the U.S. and North Vietnamese negotiators when they return to Paris for another round of private talks.

If the question of withdrawal can be resolved, some of these sources say, no other obstacle of equal importance stands in the way of a peace agreement.

The issue's significance for Saigon is underscored by recent official attacks on President Nixon and his chief negotiator, Henry A. Kissinger, for going over Saigon's head to forge a deal with Hanoi that includes no written provision for a Communist pull-

Foreign Minister Tran Van Lam made it apparent in talking with newsmen Tuesday that the narrowing of differences achieved in the most recent meetings here with Kissinger's deputy, Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr., concerned a clearer U.S. understanding of Saigon's objections rather than an agreement between the allies on withdrawal itself.

The U.S. effort to convince Thieu that no major peril to South Vietnam would result from enemy forces remaining in the South is based on two key arguments, both arising from the official American view of existing battlefield realities.

One is that the North Vietnamese, estimated at 125,000 to 150,000 by the Americans and twice that number by Thieu, could pose no further organized military threat after an internationally guaranteed truce, nor could they magically transform themselves into bogus Southerners to contain the struggle.

Faced with these realities, the Americans say, the North Vietnamese would simply "fade away" of their own volition and return to the North.

The other key to the U.S. argument is the widely accepted view in U.S. official circles that as a result of severe manpower losses and erosion of their political base, the Southern Viet Cong insurgents are no longer a force to contend with.

About 50,000-60,000 Viet Cong are said to be operating in the South, but senior Americans say with confidence that they are effectively neutralized and that they could not suddenly rise up in unexpected strength.

However, Americans studying Thieu's position see justification for it from his standpoint, especially his contention that since the North Vietnamese invaded the South, they ought to be made to go home.

Hierth Voted To **Teacher Council**

Dr. Harrison E. Hierth of A&M has been elected to the executive council of the Conference of College Teachers of English in Texas.

The English Department head was chosen for the three-year term at the recent SCMLA meeting in Tulsa. Eight TAMU faculty members attended.

Dr. Richard Costa was elected secretary of the contemporary literature section for next year's SCMLA meeting and three papers were presented by Costa, John Van Domelen and Frank Peirce.

Hierth was the outgoing president, and presided over a panel discussion for departments of English. He was succeeded in the presidency by Roy Cain of Stephen F. Austin University.

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exemption and credit in English Thursday and Friday.

Representatives of approximately 30 Texas colleges and universities have been invited to attend the session sponsored by TAMU's English Department and Counseling and Testing Center, noted Dr. Forrest D. Burt, conference director. Dr. Burt is associate professor and chairman of the freshman English program.

The meeting, first of its type in the nation, is designed to provide an exchange of information among officials charged with formation and implementation of placement, exemption and credit policies in English at their insti-

"By bringing together representatives of test-making organizations and the teachers who utilize the tests for placement, exemption and advanced credit, we hope to derive procedures which will benefit the individual college student," Dr. Burt explained.

President Jack K. Williams will welcome conference participants.

Keynote speaker will be Dr.

conference topics involves the need for increased communication between the makers of tests and teachers who utilize them, to insure that the devices actually measure the aptitudes and skills the professors wish to have meas-

Another key topic centers on the need for increased communication regarding transfer stu-

"There is "grey area' in twoyear and four-year school intercommunication," Dr. Burt pointed out. "The 'feeder' institutions need to know the level of competency required at the four-year school in order to reduce academic casualties after transfers."

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