

Mostly about People

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Viet Nam War Vs. Life At Home

There are some ironical aspects of the Viet Nam war and life in these United States.

Friday afternoon I called the Associated Press in San Francisco and asked them to check

their Pentagon Bureau in Washington on the cost of the war and the casualty count since the first of the year.

Four hours later these figures were phoned to me: From January 1 to March 29, 442 Americans have been killed, four are missing and four captured.

The Pentagon says that the daily cost of the Viet Nam war is about \$2 million.

Next I called Capt. Hartley Calhoun, of the local California Highway patrol, and asked him how many Americans were killed on California highways since January 1.

He checked and said: "Under our jurisdiction on the highways, not including the incorporated cities in California, between January 1 and March 28, 1034 people have been killed in automobile accidents."

"Over the years," he said, "the cities maintain about the same statistics."

He estimated the highway accident wounded to be far in excess of 10,000 for this three month period.

Last year, California's (CHPs) statistics ran 2877 dead and 81,156 wounded in auto accidents.

The war on the highways and streets continues to be more lethal than war.

It also is interesting to compare the various types of freedoms we Americans pursue.

On one hand we have the Americans in Viet Nam defying the Communists who would like to destroy our way of life—A high plane of freedom fighting.

On the lowest plane we have a small group of gutter-minded freedom fighters who are seeking freedom to use obscenity where they wish; freedom to encourage us all to wallow in it.

A few students and non-students at University of California and San Jose State college are reducing the word "freedom" to the scum level.

What they should know is that one can find four-letter words in any public library, in paperbacks at liquor stores and book stores. One is free to seek out his own level and use four-letter words until he is blue in the face.

If they bother the public with their filth, however, there are laws that will let them have the freedom of their city jail cell.

Instead of the week-kneed UC style of disciplinarianism, in the case of these obscenity seekers, it would be interesting to turn the case over to a top marine sergeant, fresh from Viet Nam.

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The war over there is costing the U.S. \$2 million a day.

I wonder what \$2 million a day would accomplish in economic aid—food, factories, hospitals, health education programs.

One correspondent said the other night that 50 per cent of the infants never reach the age of five years in the country.

A better way of life, is the reason the south and north Vietnamese are fighting their dirty little unwelcome war.

If the fighting was to stop, divided at the 17th parallel, would the Communists and the Americans pour the financial costs of their respective military operations into the country to increase its standard of living?

This would free a covey of generals, which could be put to good use on our own highway war.



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● **LEOLA RHOADES . . . HAWAII, THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT . . .** Leola Rhoades, one of Santa Cruz' popular beauticians, "Leola's Beauty Shop," North Pacific Avenue, is leaving for a two-weeks vacation in Hawaii's grand adventure. "Bon Voyage" . . . and "Happy Landings!"

● **T-E-R-I-Y-A-K-I . . .** The word Teriyaki, good eating, is an exciting word to many that have traveled! Teriyaki, Japanese style, meaning to broil.

● **MALIO J. STAGNARO AND ED PHILIPPET . . .** Not long ago, Malio announced that Teriyaki Beef Steak and Teriyaki Ground Beef was being served, for what was known to be the first time in an eating establishment in Santa Cruz. To date it has been much in demand at the establishment and it is most wonderful to learn, now, Ed Philippet, of the world famous, SHADOWBROOK . . . On the River, Capitola, by the Sea — Santa Cruz County — is also bringing to you Brochette of Beef, Teriyaki, (blended wild rice), Lobster Tails Thermidor and Broiled Squab on Toast, (Rasher Bacon) for the first time along with other fine food.

● **SHADOWBROOK's** growth from a small summer home into one of the most unique dining places in the West is a story that may interest you.

● **AN ORIGINAL LOG CABIN** was enlarged by a family from England adding what is now known as the "Fireside Room" of Shadowbrook, with its hanging balcony and Swiss Chalet decor. This beautiful home was later purchased by another person, and a few years later, due to unknown circumstances, the property was vacated. After five years of vacancy it was in the state of ruin. The only approach was by boat when Shadowbrook's partners discovered it and saw the potentialities of the rustic site if restored.

● **TWO YEARS OF WEEKEND LABOR** preceded a full year of work to remodel what had become known locally as the "Haunted House — up the river" . . . again into a charming home. It was then the idea of converting Shadowbrook into a restaurant was born. The landscaped path down the hillside was hacked out of tangled underbrush. Every piece of furniture and equipment was carried in by back breaking effort. A three-quarter ton refrigerator required days to be moved into place by means of cables strung across the river (heavy supplies are now lowered by an ingenious freight elevator). In 1947, it was redesigned, and re-decorated with a dining capacity