

Westmoreland Quits Vietnam For Top Army Post

WASHINGTON -- Gen. William C. Westmoreland, commander of forces in Vietnam, was named Army Chief of Staff as of July 2 by President Johnson. Some observers will interpret the President's move as one of disenchantment with the General's conducting of the war. Westmoreland commented after the announcement was made, "I regret to leave this warzone land before the battle is over and before peace is restored."

Westmoreland will replace retiring Gen. Harold K. Johnson.
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 NEW YORK -- Jackie Gleason, television star, is contemplating a divorce under a new New York statute that will allow a divorce of mates who have been separated for more than two years. Gleason has been apart from his wife, Genevieve Gleason, since 1955. If granted

the divorce a spokesman for Gleason said he may marry Mrs. Honey Merrill, his private secretary for the past 14 years. At the time he separated from his wife, Gleason claimed he would never remarry because he was a Catholic and the church would not allow divorces and remarriages.
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 BOSTON -- Edwin O'Connor, who wrote "The Last Hurrah"

and won lasting literary fame for that and other novels capturing the hilarity and heartbreak of the Boston Irish, died Saturday in New England Baptist Hospital at the age of 49. He was stricken at his Boston home on Friday and taken to the hospital where he fell victim to a massive stroke.

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shouted to one woman, "Keep the faith, sweetheart."

NEW YORK -- Harlem's best known itinerant Baptist preacher, Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, came home over the weekend, returning to a city he has avoided for the past year and a half. He returned to face the legal music he had been running from when he refused to come back from the island of Birminid in the Bahamas. He was promptly arrested on contempt of court charges issued in December 1966 and then released on parole by New Jersey State Supreme Court Justice Arthur Newark. As he neared the crowd of supporters who were greeting him, Powell

MEMPHIS -- Magnolia trees in the South bowed under the weight of ice and snow Saturday in the aftermath of a storm that gave 15 states a white Spring. The ferocious spring-time storm left a trail of white from Louisiana to Michigan and buried Memphis in 15 inches of fluff.

WASHINGTON -- Everett Sawyer, National Park Service horticulturist, predicts that Washington will have continued warm weather which would mean that cherry blossoms will reach peak color by the time the annual Cherry Blossom Festival begins April 2.

SALT LAKE CITY -- It is "now fairly established" that U.S. Army nerve gas tests caused the deaths of 6,400 sheep near western Utah's top-secret Dugway Proving Grounds, the head of a Utah special investigating team said last week.



RAYMOND FOULKRED JR. of 24170 Farmington Rd., Farmington, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Michigan Air National Guard. The 44-year-old man is a senior systems analyst for the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. Foulkred earned the promotion after being named commander of the 127th Combat Support Squadron at the Detroit Air National Guard Base.

was dropped. Roy Harvey, one of 22 persons, out of 107 who showed up at the court, drove from his home, a total of 30 miles, over snow slick roads. "If you have enough gumption to come out in this weather, I'm not going to charge you for it," Judge George Hutzler told him.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- When Gov. Ronald Reagan signed into law a liberalized abortion law last spring, there were warnings that California would become an abortion haven and mill. But, so far, two months after the law went into effect a legislative report showed that 234 women, all but four from California, had obtained legal abortions. Principal reasons that birth of the baby would severely threaten the mother's mental health.

DETROIT -- The auto industry's Big Three are calling back 117,000 cars and trucks to repair shops to be checked for possible dangerous defects. Biggest recall was by Ford, which sent certified letters to owners of 32,000 trucks and buses and 314 Econoline vans in the U.S. and 28,000 other owners in Canada and overseas.

OAKLAND, Calif. -- Utility companies are using aircraft observers and beed up patrols following a series of outages that have damaged power lines. Pacific Telephone said it would institute a 24-hour security program-air patrol and armed guards--at all strategic loca-

tions in the San Francisco Bay area. The FBI and local authorities declined comment on their investigations of the blasts.

LEE, Mass. -- An earthen dam creating a man-made lake

way Sunday, letting loose a wall of water that knocked two houses off their foundations, severely damaged a paper-mill manufacturing plant, and killed one person. The loss of the plant was put at about \$8 million.

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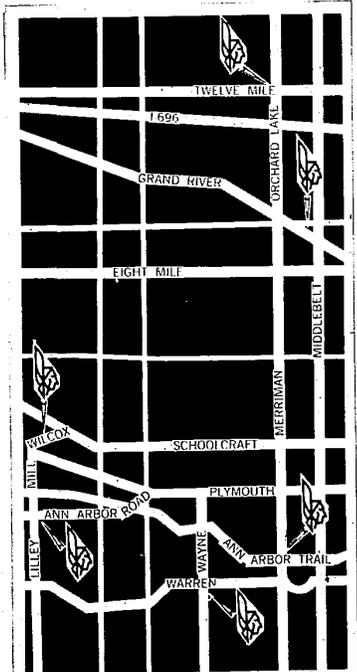
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