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SAIGON, JULY 22—An American real-life legend in Asia has returned to the United States. But, discreet predictions are being made that he will return to Vietnam when his friend is elected the new American President this year. The name: Edward G. ~~Land~~ Lansdale. He was the model for the famed Colonel Hillandale, the fa legendary rag-time kid in the "Urg "Ugly American" as well as the model for the college-graduate-turned-diplomat in Graham Greene's "The Quiet American." Lansdale was known as the kingmaker of Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay during the pro-Communist Huk insurrection there after World War II. Then, he moved to South Vietnam to advise President Ngo Dinh Diem, since deposed. After a long absence, Lansdale returned to Vietnam in 1965 as a special ~~liao~~ liaison officer for the American Ambassador. His advise was largely ignored in American circles. Known as a hawk, he nonetheless disagreed with the predominantly military emphasis of American strategy. He left Vietnam last month, but informed sources predict he will be assigned an important post—possibly even Ambassador—in Vietnam following the American elections. He is a close friend of both leading Presidential candidates—HH Humphrey and Richard Nixon.

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Last spring, the Thai government scheduled in Bangkok a surprise conference of American Peace Corps volunteers, some of whom speak the language of tribal minorities better than Thai officials and are more closely involved with the ~~minor~~ minority groups than any other American agency. While absent from their areas of work in north and northeast Thailand, the Thai government reportedly made extensive napalm and bombing raids in the ~~so-~~ so-called "insurgency areas" north and northeast of Bangkok. The Peace Corps volunteers were ~~flg~~ flabbergasted when they returned from their conference. And when Thai officials surveyed the results on the ground, they were reportedly "shocked" at the minimal damage done to the "insurgents" and the terrible ^{VE} destruction ~~done~~ done to its own territory. Now, much to the relief of American officials, the Thai government has "moved away" from this ~~destruction~~ destructive policy, informed sources report.

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The Communists in general and North Vietnam specifically are considered to be trying to exploit the American Negro issue both in American politics and among American G.I.'s serving in Vietnam. The nomination of an American Negress to represent the American Communist Party on the ballot for the U. S. Presidency is considered designed to fulfill this objective. Some American Negro troops in Vietnam have privately voiced disagreement with American policy here, arguing the war budget should be diverted to American ghettos—and a small number of American Negroes are known to have defected to the Communist side here. Recently, outside Saigon, the Communists distributed ~~a pro~~ ^{near American perimeters} printed propaganda leaflet showing a photo of an American Negro trooper (born in Oakland; living in Texas) named McKinley Nolan ~~(no address)~~, who had deserted from the U. S. First Infantry Division. The propaganda leaflet also contained his hand-written letter to "his dear colored friends of U. S. troops in South Vietnam." He wrote, "We are the first in line, but the last one to receive the bread.... Refuse to go to field, refuse to fight. Maybe you will be y called chickens. I rather to be chicken than dead. ~~me~~ How many of your friends have live ^(S.C) through this war. How many been sent home in a rubber bag...." Radio Hanoi also carried long broadcasts following the assassination of Martin Luther King and has since hailed the "black people's struggle now surging in the United States."

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