

123. Music of Viet-Nam. 1967. 1 page.
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QUERY

I would appreciate receiving scraps of folkloristic knowledge on the following:

(1) Folklore in underground newspapers. Even here in the stable Midwest (land of the silent majority) an occasional publication such as Grove Press's Dear Dr. Hip . . . rises to the surface, indicating that there is indeed a stream of oral tradition being printed in underground sources. If any readers (especially you out there in wild, daring California) are aware of studies involving such sources, I would very much appreciate hearing from you.

(2) Variants of a "black syphilis" legend. According to students at the Indianapolis campus of Indiana University, soldiers stricken with this incurable disease are sent from Viet Nam to an island (location unknown). Victims may request that they be listed as "missing in action," or may wait until they succumb (as all do) to the fatal disease, at which time they are listed as killed in action. Variants?

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It is comparatively easy for a man to disguise himself as a bull or a swan.

-- Fitzroy Richard Somerset