

WHITE HOUSE

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In the midst of ^{more} national turmoil - the spotlight again turns tonight to the White House; where President Nixon will hold a broadcast press conference - at ten o'clock Washington time. The President facing his greatest crisis since taking office sixteen months ago.

Even in advance of his public appearance - though - the President taking a series of steps today clearly intended to calm anti-war dissent. These including the appointments of G Alexander Heard - the Chancellor of Vanderbilt University as a special adviser on students and campus unrest. The President also ordered top ~~an~~ administration officials - to make themselves available to meet with young anti-war protestors; those who are currently clogging the capital - getting ready for tomorrow's big anti-war rally. Finally, the President issuing a statement - recognizing, as he put it - "the profound ~~of~~ concerns that are rending many of our campuses." He added -

however, "this is a time for communication - and

above all, mutual understanding - rather than violence."

~~Be that as it may,~~ The threat of continued violence cast a ~~deadly~~ pall today - over hundreds of U S colleges and Universities, ^{with} ~~forcing a massive~~ ~~array of~~ police and national guardsmen & attempting to keep the lid on.

^{It} ~~Let there be any doubt though~~ ^{Was a formidable} ~~a powerful~~

anti-anti-war movement ~~was~~ also building today? ~~As~~ It seemed so - at any rate ~~as~~ reflected in New York & where a group of construction workers soundly thrashed a band of peace ~~and~~ demonstrators. ^{Also} As reflected in Columbus, Ohio - where State Police armed with shotguns effectively blocked the threatening peace march.

(When asked whether the police guns were loaded - one of the Ohio ~~off~~ officers saying: "You're damn right." Ohio's police superintendent adding: "We're not going to be punching bags for anybody.")

The so-called "silent majority" was also being heard from - ~~without softly~~ in places like Iowa City, Iowa

-- the scene of three straight nights of violence.

A service station operator saying: "It makes us

tax payers feel real good - to pay for those kids

college educations and then watch them do all this

damage." Another resident observing: "The hell

of it is - most of them are good kids. But that small

portion who don't even want an education"- ~~he~~ said he -

"they're wrecking the whole system."

HOOVER

Another story that perhaps has a bearing on all this - from the House Appropriations Committee; which released today ~~the~~ transcript of a recent hearing; including a scathing report from F B I director J. Edgar Hoover who thoroughly denounced the current anti-war movement.

J. Edgar noting that protest demonstrations last November in the U.S. were accompanied by simultaneous "anti-U S demonstrations" in other countries throughout the world. This "was neither by accident nor coincidence," said he; but rather a "massive propaganda" effort on a global scale ^{all} aimed ~~at~~ at forcing "a unilateral withdrawal of U S troops from Vietnam."

The F B I director adding that members of the socalled "new left" who spear head the peace movement - have "clearly established themselves as Marxist Leninist revolutionaries", people who are "dedicated to the violent

~~destruction~~ destruction of our society - and the principles
of free government" - said ^{J. Edgar;} ~~he~~ Adding, what's more ^{that}
they're being used by old line Communist groups -
"as a base for continuing attacks against U S foreign
policy." J Edgar Hoover also blasted the Black Panther
Party which he called "a black extremist organization -
consisting for the most part of hoodlum type
revolutionaries".

Summing up - the F B I director saying:
"An increasingly alarmed populace - fearful of the
safety of their streets, neighborhoods and homes -
rightly asks when will as much concern be afforded their
rights - as is ~~unusually~~ Maudlinly lavished upon the
repeating criminal offender" - the man "who has
openly declared war on society."

INDO CHINA

Meanwhile, the Vietnam war news was marked today - by another U S air lift into the "parrot's beak" section of Cambodia; with a fresh battalion of eight hundred men - joining thousands more ~~who~~ who earlier seized the biggest Communist arms cache yet found.

As for overall results - the ten day Cambodian campaign is now said to have claimed the lives - of at least four thousand enemy troops. The Allies have also taken - nearly nine hundred prisoners. While at the same time, capturing enemy ammunition - enough to stage an estimated seven hundred hit and run raids; also, enough rice - to feed four thousand men for nearly a year.

HOT SPRINGS

~~Reverse side~~ - An economic appraisal from the prestigious business council * in session ~~today~~ at Hot ~~Hot~~ Springs, Virginia, coming to the conclusion that unemployment will now "level off" staying at about the same figure for the remainder of the year; (with the situation then improving slightly < during the first half of next year.)

Nevertheless, the council itself ~~expressed~~ expressed grave concern - "that the current economic slowdown has seen no concurrent slow down in inflation." (but what, if anything can be done about it, [?] -) ~~it appears~~ ~~we'll just have to wait and see.~~

MOSCOW

Almost unnoticed here in our own land -
what with campus violence and all - the twenty-fifth
~~the~~ anniversary of V E Day. The Russians though having
no such preoccupation - were marking the occasion
~~today~~ with ~~a lot of~~ speeches, ^{and} ~~also~~, a lot of sabre rattling.

Number one in the latter category Marshal
Andrei Grechko - the Kremlin's Minister of Defense;
who charged that the U S has become since the end of
World War Two - "the main war base of the capitalist
world;" as evidenced - said he - by "by American
aggression in Southeast Asia" by developments in the
Middle East by increased activity in the Nato Bloc.

In the same ~~line~~ vein - an article published
today in the Russian Army newspaper "Red Star" Marshal
Ivan Yakubov'sky - Soviet commander of the Warsaw
Pact Armed Forces - asserting that Russia has an
~~arsenal~~ arsenal of intercontinental rockets - poised to

*deliver "a crushing blow at any aggressor in any
part of the world." Marshal Yakubovsky adding: "We
are not threatening anyone - we are only warning."*

CARIBBEAN FOLLOW MOSCOW

Coincidentally, six Soviet warships were steaming into the Caribbean today - just west of Puerto Rico. The Russian task force including a guided missile cruiser, a destroyer and two submarines - as well as two flagships. This marking the second time in less than a year - that Soviet warships have sailed the Caribbean. U S Navy officials saying they^{are} probably headed for Cuba - the same as before. In any event, U S planes and ships^{are} keeping a close check - also, ~~the~~ same as before.

INDEPENDENCE

Independence, Missouri - another salute to Harry S. Truman. The former President celebrating today - his eighty-sixth birthday; with greetings and well wishes pouring in - from across the land and around the globe.

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~~Perhaps the~~ *finest* tribute ~~of all~~ - from Clifton Daniel, a managing editor of the New York Times and also the former President's son-in-law. Unable to be present because of an assignment in the Far East, Daniel sending along a message saying:

"I was a Democrat before I was a son-in-law -- and I met President Truman before I ever met his daughter.

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Daniel adding; "He is not only one of our ~~grr~~ greatest Presidents -- but, ~~as I alone know and can testify~~ he is the nation's best father in law."

~~Happy birthday, Mr. President,~~

MONTREAL

Up north - in Canada - the Museum of Fine Arts was holding today its annual spring show. "Survey Seventy" - ~~as~~ it's called - dedicated to the theme of "realism" -- ~~that~~ ^{and} featuring a number of controversial displays, including one - a massive "objects d'art" consisting of a real live holstein cow weighing about thirteen hundred pounds.

This the work - or at least, the entry of a couple of Vancouver artists. And the title they have given their exhibit actually a question ~~to~~ to wit:

"Did you ever milk a cow?" *Conf A-8-4-May*