

The top story today - clear across the country:

Vietnam Moratorium, pro and con.

On the one hand - hundreds of anti-war demonstrations from coast to coast. According to Senator Eugene McCarthy, for one - a "clear indication of the intellectual and moral commitment of the American people" - to stop the fighting now. Senator Mike Mansfield added that it proves "this country is, indeed, united" - not with but rather "behind the President; not in order to prolong the war for face or fancy - but to end the war without prolonged delay."

The Reverse side? Many Americans displayed American flags today at full staff; also, many turned their auto lights on - to demonstrate their support of present U.S. policy. Perhaps they were typified by Senator Barry Goldwater - who asserted that the anti-war movement would only hinder the cause of peace. That it would do this - by giving the Communists "more phony evidence that the people of the United States are opposed ^{to} The war."

In the end though - it was former Defense Secretary Clark Clifford - who probably came closest to mirroring the views of the vast majority of silent Americans. "I don't know of anyone - who wants to get out of Vietnam more than I do" - said he. He added, however, that sudden unilateral withdrawal - would be "both unrealistic and impractical;" for it would result - he said - in a "bloodbath that would be on our consciences for a long time."

SAIGON

Meantime, in Saigon - General Creighton Abrams

*was asked today - whether the anti-war demonstrations would
in any way affect the U.S. war effort. His answer - not at
all. "We have a job to do" - he said. And "all of us here"
- he added - already "have enough work to do - enough
problems to handle."*

MIDDLE EAST

In the tense Middle East - Israeli jets struck twice today at Egyptian targets across the Suez Canal. They also bombed a number of Arab guerilla bases - on the East Bank of the Jordan.

At the same time - in Beirut - a series of explosions today rocked the headquarters of the militant Palestine Liberation Organization. An Arab guerilla leader - later called it the work of an Israeli saboteur; while Tel Aviv, in turn - was blaming it on a rival Arab group.

FLEET FOLLOW MIDDLE EAST

A related item - from London. British sources report that the Soviet Navy - has quietly dispersed that huge fleet it recently assembled in the Eastern Mediterranean. Cutting it down from an estimated sixty warships at one time - to a mere token presence at the moment. On the theory - apparently - that there is no immediate danger of another Mideast explosion.

VATICAN

At the Vatican's World Synod of Bishops - American churchmen were heard from for the first time today.

Cardinal Cooke of New York - urging an accomodation between the Pope and his chief lieutenants; because - said he - the world is "tired of division and discord" in the Roman Catholic Church. Cardinal Wright - formerly of Pittsburgh but now assigned to the Vatican - warned, for his part, against a growing nationalism in church affairs.

By the way - the Pope himself was not present today. However, the Synod was much on his mind - as he demonstrated at his weekly general audience. The Pontiff urged Catholics not to view the Synod as if they were sports fans - cheering for one side and then the other. And he added of the parley: "It must not divide souls - it must unite them."

ROCHESTER FOLLOW VATICAN

Here at home - something of a surprise. Bishop Fulton Sheen announced today - his resignation as head of the Catholic Diocese at Rochester, New York. Giving as the reason - his age - now seventy-four. Bishop Sheen - as you know, of course - is one of the most famous priests of modern times; addressing millions by means of radio and later television - where he even picked up an Emmy a few years ~~ago~~ back.

OTTAWA

Up at Ottawa - the government of Canada today banned the hunting of so-called "whitecoat" baby seals. This in response to widespread protests - from humane societies in the U.S. and Europe; especially incensed at the common practice - of clubbing the young animals to death.

The Canadians also imposed a number of new regulations - to govern the hunting of so-called "beater" pups - which are slightly older. They, ^{ruled} ~~that~~ hunters will have to use rifles now - instead of clubs. The use of airplanes - also banned, henceforth.

LONDON

From London - a story today that tells of something new - at this year's London Motor Show. Specifically, a new look for the girl models - who dress up the various displays.

First to set it off - we are told - an automaker wanted to stress his new independent suspension system; so he hired a local stripper who now poses beside his car - in a topless bikini. Not to be outdone - ~~both in black and~~ a second automaker struck back with two models - both in black net see through cat-suits. And then a third manufacturer - came up with a pair of hula dancers in Hawaiian grass skirts.

One viewer was heard to remark: "Really, it has ~~not~~ nothing to do with the show - ^I but it does make things more interesting."

SERIES

At Shea Stadium this afternoon - a freakish play put the New York Mets - over the top - in the bottom of the tenth inning, giving them a two-one victory over the Baltimore Orioles, and a three to one game edge in the Nineteen-Sixty-Nine World Series. With the score tied One-One going into the Mets half of the tenth, the Mets put runners on first and second with a double and a walk. Then J.C. Martin pinch-hit for the Mets ace right-hander Tom Seaver. Martin bunted. Oriole relief pitcher Pete Richert picked up the ball and threw to first. The throw - hit base-runner J.C. Martin - the ball went wild - and a Met runner raced home - to victory. The Mets led the ballgame for nine innings on Donn Clendenon's homer, but the Orioles tied it up in the Ninth. Then came that tenth inning. The Mets could take it all - in tomorrow's fifth game, at Shea Stadium.