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Sudden and dramatic developments today in the slaying of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo -- the first white woman to die in the American Civil Rights Movement.

In Birmingham, Alabama, agents of the FBI seizing four men in connection with the crime -- all members of the Ku Klux Klan. The arrests announced by President Johnson -- at a hastily-summoned news conference at the White House. At the same time, the President declaring an all-out war on the Ku Klux Klan.

His voice brimming with emotion -- the President calling the Klan "a hooded society of bigots" -- who feared the light of day. Asserting that Mrs. Liuzzo was murdered -- "by the enemies of justice -- who for decades have used the rope and the gun -- to terrorize their neighbors." Further stating that "no nation can long endure -- if hoodlums or bigots can defy the law and get away with it." And adding -- finally -- that this nation can no longer tolerate the Klan.

Toward its elimination -- the President ordering Attorney General Katzenbach to draft the necessary legislation. Legislation that would -- as he put it -- bring the Klan under "effective control of the law."

Chairman Celler of the House Judiciary Committee -- quickly announced that his committee will consider the proposed legislation -- "with all possible dispatch." Also, the House Un-American Activities Committee disclosed plans-- for a full-scale investigation into the Klan -- "as soon as possible."

Later, the President placed a telephone call to Detroit -- to Anthony Liuzzo -- husband of the slain Civil Rights worker. Mr. Johnson advising Liuzzo of his actions in the case -- and offering his deepest sympathy.

The grief-stricken Liuzzo -- flanked by two of his five children -- now motherless. But able to thank Mr. Johnson-- for the fast Federal action. And adding that he now believes his wife -- "did not die in vain."

KLAN FOLLOW RIGHTS

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In New York -- this [^]from Robert M. Shelton Junior --

Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan. The President -- said he--

"is a blankety-blank liar." As for Mrs. Liuzzo -- the ^{visiting} [^]Imperial

Wizard commented as follows: "If this woman was at home with

the children where she belonged -- she wouldn't have been in

jeopardy."

BIRMINGHAM FOLLOW KLAN

Back in Birmingham -- three of the Klansmen ~~were~~
arraigned late today on a Federal charge of -- conspiring to
violate the Civil Rights of the slain woman. The defendants
then remanded to jail -- in lieu of fifty thousand dollar ~~of~~ bail.
Incidentally -- their attorney the same man who represented
three ~~men~~ -- charged in the bombing of a Birmingham church.
The one ^{that} ~~which~~ claimed the lives -- of four young Negro girls.
As yet -- there have been no convictions -- in that case.

ASTRONAUTS

In a brief respite from tragedy -- a presidential "well-done" today -- for America's Gemini space twins. President Johnson heaping praise on astronauts Gus Grissom and John Young -- whom he called "brave, patriotic, gallant, and exceptional young Americans." Grissom, in particular, hailed by the President as the first American "or young man of any nationality" -- to soar through space twice.

For the two spacemen -- normally self-contained -- it was almost too much. Tough, serious Gus Grissom -- apparently flabbergasted by the reception. Finally managing a small smile -- only when his wife was invited to join the party. Young so awe-struck that he almost missed a chance to shake the President's hand. Until someone called out, "Well, shake it" -- and then he did.

Just one reference to that Soviet walk in space. The President observing that the U.S. space effort is "not concerned with stunts." But rather with a continuing program of space exploration -- assured of ultimate success.

SPACE FOLLOW ASTRONAUTS

Meanwhile, in Moscow, the latest Soviet space twins ^{were} ~~2~~ holding their own news conference.

Colonel Leonov -- the Russian spacewalker -- reporting that he experienced no "psychological barrier" -- during his free-flight in space. Noting, however, that when he pulled himself back toward the Russian space ship -- he had to ward it off -- because it seemed to be coming down ^{top of} on him.

Colonel Belyayev -- the pilot -- ~~further stating~~ ^{saying} that he was in complete control of the "spacewalker" -- at all times. Controlling even a special system for keeping him alive -- should anything go wrong with his pulse or breathing. Belyayev adding that the Soviet spacecraft was fully maneuverable -- and could have changed orbit in space like the American Gemini-Three. But that -- said he -- was not a part of the flight plan.

SOVIETS

The Soviet Union today demanded an end to the use of what it called -- "poison gases" -- against the population of Viet Nam. The official Soviet protest -- delivered to the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

The Russian note ignoring the fact that it was nauseous gas -- and not poisonous gas -- used in Viet Nam. Charging ahead with a declaration that the U.S. can not be permitted to do -- that which is prohibited to all other nations. So said the Soviet Union.

~~But~~ The U.S. Embassy quickly rejecting the note -- calling it "unacceptable" -- and returning it to the Kremlin. The Russian demand -- said the U.S. -- "based on a completely false allegation."

VIET NAM FOLLOW SOVIETS

Meantime, in the Far East, U.S. Navy jets today smashed a Communist early warning radar net--intheir deepest penetration yet into Communist North Viet Nam.

However, the American planes encountering fierce resistance. Three planes lost, according to our side--thirteen according to theirs.

LEONID

Another member of Nikita Khrushchev's one-time inner circle -- apparently consigned to ^{political} oblivion today in the Soviet Union. Leonid F. Ilyichev -- one of Khrushchev's top ~~political~~ lieutenants -- said to have been relieved of his post as Secretary of the Communist Party. He remains a deputy foreign minister -- but as for now -- that's all.

PARIS

Here's a travel tip tonight from Paris. American women who plan to visit France this year -- urged to leave their spike heels at home.

The French Ministry of Culture decreeing that spike heels -- will be banned from all museums and other state-owned tourist attractions -- after April first. Reason Dick -- they tear up the floors.

Said she: "I'm still looking for a fifth."

BARTOK FOLLOW SEDUCED

From London itself -- this follow-up item.

International glamor girl Eva Bartok -- offering a bit of romantic advice about the pitfalls of marriage.

Miss Bartok warning young girls that -- "it's better to be alone and not live with someone -- than to be with someone and still be alone."

The Hungarian film star noting that her advice --
-- *all ex-husbands now.*
was based on matrimonial experience with four husbands, Adding,
however, that though disillusioned -- she's not discouraged.
Said she: "I'm still looking for a fifth."

OREGON

The State of Oregon in an uproar tonight -- over a college questionnaire. Lawmakers and parents demanding more information on a code of conduct sponsored by the University of Oregon.

The code disclosed this week when parents of coeds received cards from the university. The parents supposed to mark "yes" or "no" -- ~~on~~^{to} whether their daughters ~~should~~^{may} be permitted to stay out overnight. Among the possible overnight lodgings listed were -- hotels, motels, men's apartments or simply "with men friends."

The uproar perhaps predictable -- but Oregon's Director of University relations seemingly surprised by it all. The university was not encouraging its coeds to stay out overnight with men -- said he. Just trying to make sure that "parents have a part in the decision."