PRISONERS - (tape)

The North Vietnamese tonight are reported considering the possible release of some American war prisoners in the near future. This comes via Senator Kennedy's office: Now more on it from Bernard Shaw in Washington.

silence on Vietnam - charging the Americans with indulging in sheer day dreaming - if they think the current heavy air and naval bombardment will force Hanoi and the Viet Cong to stop fighting. Mao also reassured North Vietnam's leaders that "the chinese people will give all out support in the struggle against US imperialism. His statement, issued on North Vietnam's Independence Day - a twenty-seventh anniversary.

on a holiday observance in Cairo - said "the United States has become so powerful it imposes its will right or wrong - on weaker nations and therefore is a threat to world peace, so says

Egyptian President Sadat. And he added: "The world is owned by the strong - therefore we have to be strong."

President Nixon and Japanese premier Tanaka
issued a joint statement in Honolulu today on concluding
two days of talks on Japanese American relations - and how
to improve them. Among other things they agreed that
Japan's current move toward reapproachment with China
will help further reduce tensions in Asia without affecting
the status of U.S. bases in Japan. The communique also
carried a pledge by Japan to boost its purchases of American
goods by more than a billion dollars during the next two
years to help cut down the current U.S. trade deficit.

years ago this month.

The State Department says American officials hope over the weekend - to take into custody Auguste Ricord who is wanted in connection with a narcotics smuggling
operation in Latin America. The US is asking Paraguay to
extradite Ricord - a renegade Frenchman - to face the
charges in New York where he was indicted. I heard much
about this man and his record several months ago when
in Paraguay.

In Uruguay, security forces captured the leader of the country's Tupamaro terrorist guerrillas - wounding him in a gun battle in Montevideo. The left wing chieftain - forty-five year old Raul Sendic - is in critical condition with his wounds. He has been head of the Tupamaros for some nine years - and was their leader at the time of their various political kidnappings, assassinations and bank robberies. One victim was an American, Dan Mitrione, from Richmond, Indiana, who was kidnapped and murdered two

the United States as the world's leading maker of automobiles. A report issued in Brussels says the six market nations combined - Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg - produced more than eight million de cars in Nineteen Seventy, by contrast, American production was six and a half million.eara.

Lawrence O'Brien will remain in a key role in his presidential campaign despite O'Brien's publicly stated dissatisfaction with the way the campaign is going. McGovern meeting at his home in Washington with running mate Sargent Shriver told newsmen they are trying to tie down some loose ends in a campaign in which current poles show President Nixon far ahead.

Bobby Fischer today became monarch of all he surveys -- the sixty-four square chess board. At age twenty-nine, he is the first America ever officially recognized as chess champion of the world. Defending champion Boris Spassky - faced with an apparent hopeless situation after last night's adjournment of the twenty-first game - decided not to resume play at all and telephoned his resignation to arbiter Lothar Schmid. It was all over in Reykjavik. Officials appeared at the Loftleider, raced to Fischer's hotel to tell him he was the new champion - and Fischer replied: "Get Spassky to put that in writing." Minutes later at the playing hall when Fischer arrived, a crowd of several hundred burst into wild applause, shouting "Bobby, Bobby.!" He's a kero in Iceland. Standing in their es seats, cheering, shouting, stomping For the first time, Fischer seemed almost shy as he

toyed with a fountain pen and then signed his score

and majestic game of chess is now an international Bill-wonder what next for Spassky—auf, what next for Bobby Fischer?

Santa Cruz, California - has a beach called Twin Lakes - a haven of refuge for girls who enjoy topless sunbathing. It all started last summer when a specially gifted young woman named Rikki Chalet removed her bathing top - saying - "if men go topless on the beach, why not women?" She was actually arrested for disturbing the peace! But the charges were dismissed. The girls say they enjoy their new freedom and the young men who drop by the beach frequently seem pleased too - although one willowy coed has her doubts. "The men do ogle a lot," says she, and then - and then they go back to listening to the ball game!