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in Africa)

PRESIDENT. President Johnson today proposed a sweeping national war on disease and the problems of old age -- at a cost that would run into billions of dollars. The President's Health Message to Congress called for a broad expansion of eight existing medical programs, plus eleven new spending proposals -- these designed, he said, to provide "the best health care for all Americans".

Mr. Johnson gave top priority to Medicare -- a far-reaching program of hospital care for the elderly, financed through Social Security. Said the President: "I consider this measure of utmost urgency" Second major point in the health package was a proposal for a series of regional health centers -- to combat heart disease, cancer and stroke.

Among the other new programs proposed by the President was one to pay for the health care of poor or handicapped children. A second to provide vast government funds for health education and research, And a third to finance rehabilitation of

the disabled, along with improved care for the retarded and the mentally ill.

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SPY

In New York today, a former Air Force enlisted man was arrested by the FBI on charges of spying for Soviet Russia. The alleged Red agent was identified as Robert Glenn Thompson, twenty-nine, of Bay Shore, New York.

According to FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover, Thompson was recruited by the Soviets in 1957, while assigned to the Air Force Office of Special Investigations in Berlin. It was said that Thompson later furnished Russia with top secret information on U.S. military installations, missile sites, code books and Air Force intelligence operations. His Russian contact, according to the FBI, was a Russian national named Fedor Kudashin - once a U.M. interpreter, but now back in Russia. Another Soviet official said to be implicated in this affair was ordered today to leave the United States. He is Boris Kappovich, information counsellor of the Soviet Embassy in Washington.

**Lowell Thomas - flying somewhere close to earth -- tells us
about efforts being made in space**

Lowell

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President Howard Jefferson of Clark University tells me that this year Clark has been paying homage to its late professor. The new Clark Library to be named for- Robert H. Goddard. The most important collection - the papers of Robert H. Goddard, who at long last is getting the acclaim he so richly deserved when he was still alive.

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INDONESIA

If there remained any doubt about Indonesia's intent to putt out of the U.M., it was dispelled today - by President Sukarno himself.

While U.N. officials were still awaiting formal notification, President Sukarno went before a political rally in Jakarta and reaffirmed flatly - his New Year's Eve decision to quit the U.N.

Sukarno recalled first his previous promise to leave the world body if neighboring Malaysia were elcted to the U.N.'s powerful Security Council. Since that has happened, said Sukarno, "I now declare that Indonesia has withdrawn from the United Nations."

Indonesia thus apparently becomes the first nation in the twenty-year history of the United Nations - to quit it outright.

VIET NAM

Reports from Viet Nam tell tonight of another massive build-up of Communist forces - within forty miles of the capital of Saigon. The rebel force is said to be centered in a jungle near the village of Binh Gia. That's the Catholic refugee center where government forces suffered a stunning defeat last week.

A. U. S. military spokesman in Saigon said the Viet Cong guerilla force was believed to number as many as two thousand men. If so, it would mark one of the heaviest concentrations of Communist forces so far in the war in Viet Nam. In any case, the rebels are already under heavy air attack from fighter-bombers based in the capital.

On the ^{other hand} ~~brighter side~~, the situation in Saigon itself shows some signs at last of a possible break in the ~~South Viet Nam's~~ twenty-day-old government crisis.

U. S. Ambassador Maxwell Taylor met again today with

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Prime Minister Tran Van Huong. And at the same time, there were growing reports that South Viet Nam's insurgent generals may soon accede to U.S. demands and permit restoration of civilian rule - at least on a provisional basis.

MALAYSIA FOLLOW INDONESIA

In Malaysia, the Sukarno statement was seen as a grave new threat to the continued security of that British Commonwealth nation, long-threatened by Indonesia. In a letter to the U.N. Security Council, Malaysia said that Sukarno now "presumably feels freed from the moral and legal restraints imposed by the U.N. charter". In the event of an Indonesian attack, the letter continued, Malaysia would be forced to seek the military assistance of both the U.N. and Great Britain, its Commonwealth ally.

And this word tonight from London: "We are hoping President Sukarno will have more sense than to increase the pressure of confrontation. But we stand firmly behind our commitments to Malaysia". That from the British Minister of Defence.

ITALY

Nuclear scientists combined forces with Italian police today in an attempt to solve a murder. The case involves Dr. Carlo Nigrisoli, a respected Bologna physician, charged with the slaying of his ~~sports~~ pretty, young wife so that he might marry his/mistress.

According to police, Dr. Nigrisoli killed his wife with an injection of a rare drug containing curare. That's the deadly substance used by South American Indians to coat the tips of their poison arrows. So today, a specimen taken from the victim's kidneys was placed in a nuclear reactor at the Casaccia Nuclear Center near Rome.

Here's why. A major component of the curare drug is iodine. And if the specimen contains iodine, say the scientists, nuclear bombardment will make it radioactive - and easily traceable. And that, say police, would make the case against Dr. Nigrisoli virtually air-tight.

BRUSSELS

In Brussels today, Mrs. Magdalena Beeckman was sentenced to six months in jail for stealing a watch from a downtown department store.

She was caught when she came back to complain that the watch - didn't run.

Now a word from J. K. Noel

KHRUSHCHEV

Nikita Khrushchev is back in the news tonight.

Not the man - just the name.

A New York autograph dealer named Charles Hamilton disclosed that he's obtained a seventeen-page letter to former Bolivian President Victor Paz Estenssoro- the letter signed by the former Soviet Premier. Mr. Hamilton said he will auction off the Khrushchev letter next week - at a starting price of seven hundred fifty dollars.

Said Hamilton: "It's a vile signature, but one doesn't get a Khrushchev very often."