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DRUG ADDICTION

Drug addiction among school children - increasing at alarming rate. So said President Nixon - this afternoon as he announced an increase - of thirty-million dollars in Federal programs - to deal with the drug problem - through research and education.

SAIGON

From Saigon - a preview of weekly casualty figures today; purporting to show - increased "Vietnamization" of the war. This - according to so-called "informed sources;" who report that the number of American combat deaths - will show a decrease this past week; whereas South Vietnamese losses are said to be up sharply - to more than triple the number of Americans.

The same trend was further reflected in battlefield reports today - from South Vietnam's Central Coast; where enemy troops reportedly inflicted heavy casualties - on two companies of South Vietnamese militamen. U.S. commanders asserting it is this type of action- that will eventually make or break the Vietnamization program.

PHNOM PENH

At Phnom Penh in neighboring Cambodia - the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong Embassies came under attack today - from a mob of Cambodians estimated at some twenty thousand. The demonstrators carrying banners saying - "go home, dirty Viet Cong." ^{They} ^{ed} Sacking five villas, in all - burning at least ten embassy vehicles. Forcing embassy personnel to take refuge - in a nearby municipal police station.

Cambodia's Prince Norodom Sihanouk - who was in Paris when he heard about all this - promptly cancelled scheduled visits to Moscow and Peking. ^{He} Flying home "as fast as possible" - to deal with what he called these "splatterings" from the war in Vietnam.

VIENTIANE FOLLOW PHNOM PENH

Turning north of Laos - Premier Prince Souvanna

Phouma said today at Vientiane - he welcomes the Pathet
Lao's latest request for new peace talks. Provided - said
he - provided the Communist overture ^{is} was not a "diversionary
measure" - aimed at cloaking "future military operations."

Another development - in Paris. France today
demanding an end to all foreign intervention - in the Laotian
civil war; also, pledging an all-out diplomatic effort -
to restore that country once again to its former neutral
status.

ITALY

More political troubles for Italy - and the governmental crisis in that country grows even deeper. For nine days - former Premier Aldo Moro has been trying to persuade four principal political parties to work together again - in a center-left coalition such as he headed for five years in the sixties. But he wasn't successful - deadlocked over such diverse issues - as divorce - and relations with the communist party. Now - President Saragat has called in another former Premier - Amintore Fanfani - urging him to see what HE can do - to put together a government to run the country.

BARRANQUILLA

Two more planes were hijacked today - destination Cuba. The first - a U.S. airliner, bound from Cleveland to West Palm Beach - when it was taken over by a single gunman. After refueling at Atlanta - flying on to Havana with all ninety-nine aboard.

The second plane - a Colombian airliner bound from Bogota to Barranquilla. Four men taking over that one - though it appeared for a time they might be stymied by "mechanical problems."

VIENNA

A related item - from Vienna; where two young Poles today were convicted of three charges - stemming from the recent hijacking of a Polish airliner. Twenty-year-old Wieslaw Szymankiewicz - promptly sentenced to two years and three months in jail; his accomplice - eighteen-year-old Romoult Zoltucho - getting two years. It was also provided that the two Poles must leave Austria - after serving their sentences.

SENATE

Here at home - Secret Service Director James Rowley testified before a Senate subcommittee today; asking Congress for additional authority to tighten security precautions -/ at President Nixon's Florida and California residences. Rowley disclosing that a number of persons have managed to sneak ^{CATO THE PROPERTY} ~~in~~ while the President was staying at Key Biscayne and also San Clemente. None of them armed, fortunately. However, the Secret Service chief expressed concern - that this might give ideas to some group "with violent intentions."

At the same time, the White House announced today that President Nixon has also decided ^{to} ask for a new law - to provide more protection for visiting foreign dignitaries. White House ^{News} Press Secretary Ron Ziegler observing that French President Pompidou's recent trouble-plagued visit - was "one of the factors involved."

LONDON

Next up - Dame Annis Gillie - a former president of the Royal College of General Practitioners; in London today - addressing a meeting of the British Chest and Heart Association. Dame Gillie observed that women have normally enjoyed a greater immunity from heart attacks - because of certain uniquely feminine hormones. She warns, however, that the oral contraceptive may take away this natural protection - making the average woman a greater heart risk - especially at the onset of middle age.

Why then? Because - said Dame Gillie - a middle-aged woman discovers - she is suddenly "bored by sex;" whereupon she begins to worry about keeping her husband - which, in turn, makes her "suspicious, jealous and rather self-pitying." With the end result - we are told - she begins to "nibble" constantly - getting a bit stout - making a bad situation worse.

Dame Gillie offers a simple solution though - urging

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*the middle-aged woman who thinks she is so afflicted - to
rush right out and get a new hair-do. Warren, Dame Gillie
asserting: "This is one of the best tonics I know."*

LAS VEGAS

They call it - The Strip Strike - but it has nothing to do with strippers - it's a srike of bartenders, cooks, waitresses - and maids - at establishments along the glittering Las Vegas, Nevada gambling strip - of hotels, casinoes and restaurants.

Hotel owners - slipped notes under the doors of their rooms - advising guests to go home - informing them that food and clean linen could no longer be assured - and - furthermore - the guests will probably have to make their own beds.

Has there been a mass exodus of visitors from Las Vegas? Not yet - only a few extra airline reservations have been made - and most of the town's visitors seem to be of a mind with a fellow from Los Angeles - who says - "No strike is going to cause me to leave - as long as I can eat - I will stay." What is this fellow's name - Herbert Faithfull - of course.

Now - for Lowell so long until tomorrow.