PRESIDENT

Fri. June 20-69

Reaction to President Nixon's latest news conference:- general support today of his position statements on taxes, inflation, campus violence, law and order, South America. In short, general support on practically everything, it seems - but Vietnam. And there are as usual, a sharp dividing line - between those who support official US policy in that country and those who don't.

Among the former - the President's remarks raising a glow of optimism. A hope that his planned timetable for withdrawal of all U S troops - will lead soon to a just and honorable peace. However, Senate Doves again quick to challenge the President. Senator's Mansfield, Kennedy and Hughes - all urging a first commitment to U S withdrawal - now - come what may in Vietnam.

## CAPITOL HILL

Elsewhere on Capitol Hill Army Personnal Chief General A. O. Connor from Attempting to explain - a growing desertion rate. And The main reason said he "we are getting more kooks in the army - more young men who are coming in in undisciplined - the product of a specific society that trains them to resist authority."

Reverse oids General Connor noting that the present desertion rate - is far less than that of World War Two. Adding that more than a hundred ninety thousand men - have actually <u>volunteered</u> for duty in Vietnam; as compared with only five hundred who have fled the country. On balance said he - "the vast majority" of young people "doing their job and doing it beautifully." VIETNAM

Heanwhile the enemy suffers another

in Viet Nam. defeat, Losing at least ninety men in a futile

attack today on a U.S. artillery base. This near the provincial capital of Tay Ninh - scene of a disastrous enemy attack earlier this week. Maising to more than

five hundred the number of Viet Cong dead in just three days of fighting in that area; as against US and South Vietnamese losses - set at twenty-five.

## MONTIVIDEO-ASUNCION

Fronte-In Uruguay Leftist terrorists today burn down a million dollar General Motors plant;-in of Montivideo. Kiso attacking branch offices of US banks and business houses - as well as the homes of private Americans, This in protest against the scheduled antix arrival today of US fact-finder Governor Rockefeller of New Yorkand his party. nenddoor hile, at Asuncion in meighboring Paraguay ident to stay over an extra day. o visit ictory, to Uruguay -- for tomorrow. Resc A meet with government leaders - at Punta del Este rather than Montivideo.

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## ATHENS

a Republican.

Here at home again - a giant among giants dead today at his native Athens, Texas. The fabled Clint Murchison - victim of a lengthy illness, and One of the wealthiest men in the world leaving a personal fortune estimated at half a billion. Clint the Williams Murchison - the son of an Textes Athens, banker. Making his first fortune in oil - retiring at age thirty - only to discover he didn't like it. Returning to the world of finance - to build an compare empire embracing not only oil and gas - but also railroads, book publishing, a grofery chain, theaters, taxi-cabs, a newspaper, candy manufacturing and so on and so on. He was also active in politics. At one time a heavy contributor to the late Senator Joseph McCarthy. Later urging General Eisenhower to run for President and as a Democrat, when that file failed - supporting Ike as

Clint Murchison - age seventy-four.

## PHILADELPHIA

William H. Brown the third - chairman of the President's Equal Opportunity Commission - scheduled to meet this week with a group of Arizona newspaper publishers. But he never made it. Instead taking time out to address graduating seniors - at his old elementary school in the black section of Philadelphia.

A negro himself - Brown recalling that thirty years ago "there were no negro judges, stewardesses, airline pilots - not even cab drivers or trolley car operators." "This is a different era/" he went on. Asserting that today's negro youth - can espire to become doctors, lawyers, astronauts; also, trained craftsmen such as plumbers "getting twenty thousand a year".

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At Cape Kennedy - the three Apollo Eleven astronauts we re rehearsing today - Moon-take-off and and - with chief of rendezvous procedures. Astronauts Deke Slayton giving the space men an almost certain "go" for July sixteenth - assuming their Moon flight simulators continue to hold out. That in-XED, "If everything keeps working - we can be ready comfortably" said he. Adding, "if we're not ready -we won't go. " We all hope they do! and s.l. Mon.