

PROTEST

Wed. May 6-70

At colleges and universities ~~clear across~~
~~the land~~ a mounting storm of protest today, a
growing clamor against the Vietnam war in general -
and the killing of ² ~~these~~ four Kent State students in
particular. In the process - closing scores of
prestigious schools; some for the day - some for the
rest of the week - and a few for the rest of the
academic year.

For the most part - the student demonstrations
remaining peaceful. There were exceptions though -
including a rock throwing battle with State police at the
University of Illinois; also a series of fires destroying
class rooms and buildings - at the University of
Kentucky, ^{DePauw} ~~the~~ University ^{in Indiana,} ~~of DePauw~~ and the State
University of New York at Stony Brook, Long Island.
The Texas State Capitol at Austin was further evacuated
in the face of another threatened student assault.

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW PROTEST

While all this was going on - President Nixon was meeting for more than an hour today - with a delegation of six students from Kent State. According to a later White House announcement - discussing "in great detail" the factors that led to the Kent ~~xxx~~ tragedy.

In the wake of this - the President assigning a key aide - to compile a complete report on the Kent situation. The main purpose - we are told - to find ways and means of avoiding "similar incidents with the same tragic outcome." On another front - the White House attempted to smooth the way for a student anti-war demonstration - scheduled for this Saturday in Washington. However, a federal ~~bx~~ judge later ~~upx~~ upheld an Administration request - that the rally not be held directly in front of the White House as planned. ~~kfx~~ This perhaps setting the stage - for still another confrontation.

PARIS

Boycott in Paris. The Communist side refusing to attend ~~today~~ a scheduled sixty-sixth session of Vietnam peace talks. Instead, the North Vietnamese calling a press conference - all their own. Attempting to explain the walkout - as an expression of "firm protest against extremely grave acts;" namely, alleged efforts by the U S - to "extend the war to the whole of Indo-China by invading Cambodia."

The North Vietnamese then went on to call for a resumption of peace talks - next Thursday. Adding, however, a warning that "the Nixon administration" must bear full responsibility for all the serious consequences arising from its acts."

Next up - Philip Habib for the U S. Asserting that "Hanoi has taken upon itself - the responsibility for refusing to meet today ^{as had been} ~~as~~ agreed." And he added = as to the resumption of ~~the~~ talks if and when - "the ~~burden~~ burden rests squarely on them."

VIETNAM

Meanwhile the American led operation in Cambodia - was fast becoming ^{one of the major} ~~the biggest~~ allied offensives of the ~~entire~~ war. With fresh U S and South Vietnamese troops - crossing the Cambodian border at three additional points today. The ground forces further bolstered by ^{an} ~~veritable~~ ⁱⁿ ~~veritable~~ armada of U S Navy patrol boats - sweeping up the Kham Spean River into ~~the~~ Cambodian waters.

All this raising to an estimated ~~fifty thousand~~ fifty thousand the number of U S and South Vietnamese service men now operating ~~out~~ inside Cambodia. These spear-heading seven different drives - ranging from the central highlands of Vietnam all the way to the Upper Mekong delta.

~~Reverse side~~ ^{The} ~~an~~ ^{made an} enemy attack today back across the border. The Viet Cong hitting hard at a U S fire support base in Quang Tri Province - just

sixteen miles from that demilitarized zone - so called.

The attackers killing at least twenty-nine - wounding
some twenty more. This marking the heaviest loss by
a U S unit in a single action - in nearly two years.

PENTAGON

Here at home - at the Pentagon - Defense

Secretary Melvin Laird called an impromptu press

conference today ^{to} ~~there~~ denying published reports -

that he had opposed the present U S operation in

Cambodia. Denying even that he had had any strong

reservations about the ~~mission~~ mission. Laird asserting

in fact ~~he~~ -- he "supported fully" the President's decision.

Adding, what's more, it was he himself who first

"presented the plan for the operation - to the President

and to the National Security Council."



ADD PENTAGON

A spokesman for Secretary of State William Rogers later asserting - that he, too, "fully supports" the Cambodian action; reports to the contrary - not withstanding.

CAPITOL HILL

Washington again - a report today that President Nixon will decide - very soon - on whether to resume the sale of U S jets to Israel. This according to congressional sources - who add that the President's decision will probably hinge on two factors; first, the outcome of current Big Four talks - aimed at achieving a new mid-East peace formula; and second - a final determination on the extent of recent Soviet activities - as they affect the balance of ~~the~~ power in the fighting zone.

CAIRO FOLLOW CAPITOL HILL

~~A related item~~ ^{From} Cairo ^{ward comes} ~~reporting today~~ that

Soviet instructors ~~are~~ are working with all branches of the Egyptian armed forces. At the same time though - denying charges that Soviet pilots are currently flying operational missions over Egypt.

In the meantime - Israeli pilots ^{are carrying} ~~making~~

^{on} ~~do~~ with what they already have. Israeli jets silencing a number of long range Egyptian gun ~~batteries~~ batteries - across the northern end of the Suez Canal.

STATE

This next from the U S State Department in Washington - sometimes called Foggy Bottom; where we hear today - the Doves are proliferating.

The Doves - in this case - real live birds.

A pair of doves who have been nesting - on a balcony outside the State Department's ~~Department~~ Diplomatic Lobby; today becoming the ~~parents~~ parents of two ~~little~~ baby doves. Causing one official to observe: "~~Well, I'll be darned~~" "I didn't think anything would ever hatch in this place."

If one ~~was~~ were to believe in omens though -
could these ^{Warren, the} ~~be~~ - "the doves of peace?" ^{Weal} I hope so.

BROWN

For the ~~first~~ third time in ten years - the F B I has been forced to expand its most wanted list - from ten to eleven. Adding today the name of fugitive black power militant H. Rap Brown; who is being sought ~~- as you know~~ in connection with charges stemming from a nineteen Sixty-Seven riot at Cambridge, Maryland.

Incidentally, the last time the F B I's most wanted list was so expanded ^{was} back in Nineteen Sixty Eight following the assassination of Martin Luther King. This leading to the speedy arrest of James Earl Ray - who is now serving a life ~~time~~ term in Tennessee.