

VIET NAM *L. J. Bush, Fisher. Tues. Mar. 30 - 65,*

In the Far East -- U.S. and South Vietnamese bombers today blasted a Communist jet air-base in North Viet Nam.

The Vietnamese government later announcing that the air-base was "completely destroyed and can no longer be used."

The air strike -- the first ever directed against a Communist air-base. Coming only a few hours after a Communist bomb -- shattered the U.S. Embassy in Saigon. Vietnamese officials emphasizing, however, that the raid had been planned beforehand -- and was not in direct retaliation for the bombing.

The death toll in ~~that~~ terrorist attack -- now set at thirteen dead and one hundred and eighty-three injured.

Among the dead -- two Americans -- ~~as well as~~ ^{and} fifty-four ^{Americans} ~~of the~~ injured. ~~The~~ blast ~~was~~ the bloodiest attack on U.S. citizens -- since the start of the war.

In North Viet Nam -- the Communists tensed tonight for an expected counter-blow. North Viet Nam's official news agency reporting that the U.S. retaliatory target --

"may even be Hanoi."

But in Washington -- administration officials cautioned against speculation that there might be -- any extreme reaction to the bombing -- as bloody and tragic as it was. As for the possibility of an air strike against Hanoi -- that was almost completely ruled out, ~~on~~ the grounds that it would almost certainly ~~escalate~~ ^{step up} the whole war -- already a long and dirty one.

Instead, [^] President Johnson later announcing that he will send an immediate request to Congress -- for funds to rebuild the Embassy as soon as possible. The President declaring that -- "this will be one more symbol of our solidarity with the people of Viet Nam. For it is they -- who are the real targets of the Communist aggressor," ^{said} ~~that from~~ the President.

CAPE

At Cape Kennedy -- all major space construction still at a standstill today -- in ~~the~~^a dispute over the use of non-union plumbers. Nevertheless, it was business as usual -- for the Cape's facilities already in operation. And for the Air Force today -- business included the launching of a half-pound miniature space lab -- on a ten thousand mile trip into space and back.

The space probe to measure the variations in radiation -- trapped in the earth's magnetic field. Another attempt to chart the best course -- for future manned space flight to the moon and beyond.

ASTRONAUTS

Meantime, in Chicago--another royal welcome today for America's Gemini space twins. Another ticker tape parade and another mass reception for Gus Grissom and John Young--similarly honored yesterday in New York.

Just one major difference. In New York-- it was cold and rainy. In the Windy City--it was cold but clear--and just fine for a parade. Over a million Chicagoans-- turning out to thunder a roaring welcome--for America's newest space heroes.

RIGHTS

The House Committee on Un-American Activities - today voted unanimously to investigate the Ku Klux Klan. Four Klansmen already have been charged in the death of Mrs. Liuzzo.

This decision is a sharp departure from past committee investigations - which have centered heretofore on left-wing activities. Chairman Willis of Louisiana commenting that "the South and the entire nation will be much better off - if all Klan influence is ended, once and for all".

Meanwhile, at the funeral services in Detroit today - for Mrs. Viola Liuzzo, first white woman to die in the American Civil Rights movement, Father James Sheehan - Director of Human Relations for the Catholic Church in Detroit, asserted that - "far too many of us have a share in Mrs. Liuzzo's death". Adding that "the voice of the church" in racial matters - "has been

but a whisper".

This sidelight to the bitter Civil Rights controversy. Senate Republican Leader Everett Dirksen - clashing angrily with Leander H. Perez, long-time Louisiana political boss - in hearings today before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Perez charging that the proposed bill to guarantee Negro voting rights - was part of a Communist conspiracy to take over the Deep South. That - said Dirksen - was "about as stupid a statement as I've ever heard". Dirksen suggesting further that it might be a good idea for Perez to withdraw the charge; - which he did.

For the first time since he took office - Governor Wallace of Alabama met today with a delegation of Civil Rights demonstrators. The Governor conferring for eighty minutes - with essentially the same delegation

he refused to see last week at the conclusion of that massive march from Selma to Montgomery.

The Civil Rights advocates - black and white - demanding removal of the state poll tax - an end to police brutality - a liberalization of voter registration practices - and appointment of Negroes to the state highway patrol - as well as to various state commissions. Governor Wallace reported "cordial and courteous" - but nothing more.

DUKE

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor today announced plans -- to attend public memorial services Thursday at Westminster Abbey. Services for the Duke's only sister -- the Princess Royal -- who died Sunday. The occasion to mark the first public appearance of the Duke and Duchess together in England -- since the Duke's abdication from the throne -- nearly thirty years ago.

The rest of the royal family to attend private funeral services -- at the Princess' home in Yorkshire. However, the Duke still recuperating from three recent eye operations -- and under a doctor's orders not to make that trip.

PROBLEMS

The problems of youth compounded by the problems of marriage -- today in Milwaukee.

The mother of a fifteen-year-old schoolgirl -- hauled into court for permitting her daughter to play hookey from classes. Mr. Soris Lewis asserting that her daughter didn't attend school -- because her husband didn't want her to. Not the mother's husband -- the daughter's husband.

The daughter -- Mrs. Ralph Roby -- confirming the fact that her twenty-one-year-old husband -- just didn't want her to continue her studies. The fifteen-year-old-girl explaining that her homework -- interferes with her housework.

However, the marriage arranged in Mississippi last August is not valid in Wisconsin. And the mother was ordered to spend a day in jail -- Dick -- for every day her daughter stays home from school -- starting today.

INDIANS

A complaint familiar to many Americans -- voiced today by Toshiro Shimanouchi -- Japanese Consul General at Los Angeles.

The Japanese Consul and his wife visiting an American Indian reservation -- to scout out some Indian handicrafts as gifts for the folks back home.

Mrs. Shimanouchi finally deciding on an ^{American} Indian doll -- delicately made and beautifully colored. But when she picked up the doll -- she found that all-too-familiar stamp. You guessed it -- the ^{American} "Indian" doll was "made in Japan."