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On the political front - in rapid succession today - a growing sense of shock - shame and outrage, following in the ~~and~~ wake of that rock-throwing attack on the President -- out at San Jose California.

The Democratic National Chairman Lawrence O'Brien, for one, asserting that "all Americans - regardless of party or political philosophy - must deplore and ~~and~~ condemn the treatment accorded the President. And he added - that the President "was correct - when he described these violent dissenters as "extreme anti-democratic elements of our society." O'Brien declaring: "The ~~office~~ office of the President of the United ~~States~~ States commands and deserves respect and dignity."

Meanwhile, at San Clemente, the President himself issued ^{ed} a statement - urging the nation ~~to~~ to cleanse its political process of violence, and terrorism.'

The President saying: "Freedom of speech and freedom of assembly cannot exist - when people who peacefully attend rallies are attacked with flying rocks." And he added: "The time has come to take the gloves off - and speak to this kind of behavior in a forthright way." The President further pledging that he would do just that - in a speech scheduled for later tonight at Anaheim, California.

BELLEVILLE

As for Vice President Agnew - in a speech today at Belleville, Illinois - he bitterly denounced those who would attack the President; also, blasting away at a noisy band of hecklers who attempted to prevent him from speaking. Mr. Agnew telling the rest of the cheering throng - it's time to "squeeze that kind of garbage out of our society."

DETROIT

Here at home ~~again - no word news news~~

~~good news~~
better news

today, in Detroit. Negotiators for strike

bound General Motors and the United Auto Workers

declaring a news blackout on future contract talks. *ed*

of which is

~~the~~ taken as an indication that the hard bargaining

is about to begin. After seven weeks of deadlock -

a welcome sign indeed.

INDO CHINA

Communist troops today were attacking U S and South Vietnamese units at a base near Pleiku in the Central Highlands of South Vietnam. The battle raging five hours - mostly at long range. Viet Cong losing five men- as against U S losses set at three.

Meanwhile the U S command in Saigon was firming up plans for withdrawal of an additional forty thousand Americans - by Christmas. A U.S. spokesman saying these will be front line combat troops - rather than support elements. This we are told as a part of our plan to turn over to the South Vietnamese - more and more responsibility for the actual fighting.

MOSCOW

Moscow - the Kremlin bends a little. In response to a protest from Washington - finally arranging passage to Soviet Armenia for two U S Consular officials who will now be permitted to confer once again - with those three American Army officers still held captive by the Soviets. ~~You'll recall,~~ ~~that~~ ^{who} the three ~~having~~ landed in Soviet Armenia last week- when their light plane accidentally strayed across the Turkish frontier.

At the same time though - the Kremlin is ^{putting on} ~~mounting~~ a massive propaganda campaign for ~~the~~ home consumption, ^{saying} ~~asserting that~~ "world attention" has "again" ^{been} ~~being~~ drawn - "to the serious and permanent threat created by American bases on foreign territory."

OTTAWA

At Ottawa - a meeting of the Nato Nuclear Planning group, heard from U S Defense Secretary Laird who accused the Soviets of a recent speed-up in the construction and deployment of strategic nuclear weapons. Laird adding that the Nato allies must contribute more - in technological, financial and military resources - if Nato is to counter this new threat.

Laird's remarks coming on the eve of a resumption of Soviet American strategic arms limitations talks; the new round set to begin next week in Helsinki.

UNITED NATIONS

At the United Nations - in New York = it was Jordan's turn today in the great mid-East debate.

Jordanian Ambassador Muhammad El-Farra - accusing the U S of attempting to "freeze" the present mid-East situation; and thus prevent the U N from passing judgment on what he called - Israel's continued occupation and violations of Arab territory.

This following a U N visit - from Israeli Premier Golda Meir - who conferred briefly - with General Assembly President Edward Hambro. Madame Meir saying her government is "prepared today" to negotiate a peace with Jordan. But, "there is no sense in negotiating new agreements said she - "when all agreements are broken almost as soon as they are negotiated."

SKI BALL

Skiers last nite converged on the Waldorf to raise money to support our winter Olympic team. Among the one thousand guests listed by co-hosts lovely Dina Merrill, and Cliff Robertson, were Gregory Peck, James Stewart, Joey Heatherton, Dick Cavett, Candice Bergen, Peter Fonda, that still young man Robert Montgomery, Jill St. John, Robert Redford, Andy Williams, Diana Carroll, Zaza Gabor, Lauren Becall, Liza Minelli, William F. Buckley Jr. and a Who's Who of Ambassadors, Governors, Senators, Congressman, Mayors and so on and so on.

The Ball was sponsored by various companies that made contributions: General Motors, Eastman, Head Ski Company, Hart, IBM, Sterling Drug, White Stag and so on and so on.

Committee members Ed Beineke, J. N. Cooke Jr. and John Clair tell me nearly a Hundred Thousand was raised for our winter Olympic Team - and much

more will be needed. Every skier should contribute to this!

POLL

Public opinion polls are again much in the news, with people asking "how big was the poll?" How were the questions presented? How were the results interpreted?

One nationwide poll made public today attempts to gauge public opinion - with regard to Mr. Agnew as a potential President. The study showing that twenty-six percent of those polled - thought he would make a good to excellent President; twenty-five percent - saying "fair", thirty-seven percent - not so good. Twelve percent no opinion.

As for interpretation, this poll is widely heralded as an indication - that the majority of Americans believe Vice President Agnew "might do," maybe, with fully fifty-one percent voting the Vice President "fair" to "excellent" as a prospective President; as against

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a scant-thirty-seven percent - who gave a negative rating.

But what does it all prove?

KUALA LUMPUR

From Kuala Lumpur - would you call this "a profile in courage?" Malaysia's new Prime Minister - Tun Abdul Razak is clearly a man among men! But when it comes to women? The Prime Minister cancelled out on a scheduled luncheon address at a meeting of Malaysia's girl guides association. Tun Abdul Razak - sending his wife instead. By way of explanation - Madame Tun Abdul Razak telling the Girl Guides - that her husband becomes shy and nervous when surrounded by women.

Warren do you sympathize with Tun Abdul Razak of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia?

BRISBANE

The story of an epic voyage is reported from Brisbane, Australia where a ham radio operator has just received a message - from a balsa wood raft which left Guayaquil, Ecuador, way back last May. The raft named LaBalsa and its crew of four - reaching a point less than two hundred miles from the Australian coast, after drifting across the Pacific^{for} some seven thousand miles. This, we hear is the longest such voyage ever. How would you like to drift seven thousand miles on a balsa raft?