

WHITE HOUSE

Mon. October 13, 1969
Mike Wallace

Wednesday - as you know - a nationwide Vietnam
Moratorium Day; billed by its organizers - as the biggest
anti-war protest ever planned. But back in Washing - a
"moratorium backlash" is already beginning to build.

President Nixon himself gave impetus to the movement - in a
statement today he reaffirmed his stand on the war - further
underlining his refusal to be swayed by demonstrations.

Said the President: "Whatever the issue - to allow
government policy to be made in the streets - would destroy
the democratic process." "For this" - he warned - "would
give the decision not to the majority and not to those with
the strongest arguments - but to those with the loudest
voices; it would reduce statecraft to slogans - it would
invite anarchy; it would allow every group to test its
strength not at the ballot box - but through confrontation in
the streets."

The President then went on to say that ~~present U.S.~~
policy - reflects "our best judgment on how to achieve that

goal" we all seek; namely - peace in Vietnam. As for the possibility of a unilateral withdrawal - now - he added that "history would rightly condemn any President who took such a course."

ADDRESS

The late this afternoon - the White House announced that President Nixon will address the nation about Vietnam on November Third. News Secretary Ronald Ziegler would give no details except to say that the President will report fully on the Vietnam situation "as it exists at that time." That terse announcement, as President Nixon met with Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, recalled for consultations form the Paris peace talks. No immediate word on that, either.

CAPITOL HILL FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Across town - meantime. In the Senate - a parade of pro-Administration speakers; headed by Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott - who demanded of the protesters at one point: "Who's side are you on?" He also urged that the anti-war people - "direct some of their energies to the enemy;" suggesting as a possible slogan - "hurry up Hanoi." Along the way - more than a third of the Senate jointly sponsored a resolution - calling on North Vietnam to withdraw its forces and undertake serious negotiations.

HOUSE FOLLOW CAPITOL HILL

Meantime, in the House - Congressman Hays of Ohio is spearheading the anti-war movement. He wants ^{to} thwart a planned talkathon there - in his words - to "break up the designs of a few self-appointed emissaries of Hanoi - to make it appear the House is on the side of Hanoi."

This drew a protest, of course - and then a retraction of sorts. Hayes told an anti-war colleague - that he was not really an emissary of Hanoi - but merely "an unwitting tool" of the enemy.

VIETNAM FOLLOW HOUSE

While all this was going on here at home - U.S. troops in Vietnam today discovered a huge underground arsenal near Saigon. A cache said to contain enough weapons - to equip an enemy force of about three thousand men. Apparently part of the build-up for another Viet Cong offensive - now expected around mid-November.

(SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED
"BULLET TRAIN")

*Next - Lowell Thomas; with another special report -
tonight from Japan. Lowell...*

Hello Everybody:

*L. J. Tapp inset-
uncredited*

Nearly all Americans have heard of, and many of them have travelled on Japan's now famous Bullet Train the one that runs at such high speed between Tokyo, Kyoto and Osaka. Being a railroad buff, I always have been, one of those bemoaning the passing of our glorious trains, in North America, ever since the Japanese started their Bullet train, I have wanted to make that trip to see how far they have jumped ahead of us in rail transportation.

On my way through the Far East in recent years I just haven't had the time. But, my wife is with me on this one, and some friends, Joanne and Bob Kuck from Ohio, and they too wanted to ride the Bullet.

Does it live up to expectations? No. But, it is better than our present-day American trains. And, it does whiz along at around a hundred and twenty five miles an hour over a smooth road bed. That's something. However, it doesn't have the luxury of our great trains of the past, The Super

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Chief, The Broadway, ~~The Broadway~~, The Century, The Congressional Limited, and the trains that used to run between Denver and Chicago and points West on the Burlington, the Union Pacific, the Milwaukee, the Great Northern and so on. The Bullet here in Japan is just another train.

Anyhow, it's a thrill to gaze out of the car windows at the Japanese landscape. So, if you come this way by all means book the Bullet and stop off in old Japan, Kyoto, Nikko, Nara, and so on, where I had a Cinerama crew doing some spectacular filming for the Seven Wonders of the World, seventeen years ago.

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Thank you, Lowell. More - in a moment.

MINORITIES

Turning to domestic affairs - President Nixon met for the first time today - with his new Advisory Council for Minority Enterprise. He told its members - successful black and white businessmen - that "every individual in America" must "have an opportunity to become an owner or a manager - to have a piece of the action." And he added, "That's your job - to help us make it come true."

SPACE

On the space front - round and round they go tonight; those three - Soviet spaceships. Soyuz Six, Soyuz Seven and Soyuz Eight - making up the first triplespace spectacular in history. According to Soviet sources - it is a tentative first step in clearing the way for eventual construction of a permanent space station.

Perhaps of equal significance here below - the Soviets for the first time permitted almost American-style television coverage of the event. They showed tapes of the three launches - as soon as the spaceships were safely aloft. And that is a radical departure - from strict secrecy of the past.