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WHITE HOUSE

For President Johnson -- a fighting new stance today -- in his first formal news conference in months. Unencumbered by props or bulky microphones -- the President prowling the East Room of the White House like the dynamic ^{LBJ}~~Johnson~~ of Senate fame. Waving his arms -- pounding his fist to make a point; at times pleading -- at times funny -- at times deadly serious. All of it adding up to a dramatic demonstration -- of U.S. strength and determination in Vietnam.

There will be no bombing halt -- said the President -- because Hanoi offers nothing in return. And the "hopes and dream" of "idealistic people" seeking peace through a bombing pause -- serve only to "mislead and confuse and weaken our position" -- said he.

As for "constructive dissent" -- we can live with it -- said President. Appealing to critics, nevertheless, to "please count ten -- before saying something that hurts instead of

helps" American fighting men. Further blasting those he called "storm troopers" -- guilty of "bullying, howling and taking the law into their own hands" in protesting the war.

What of the possibility that Hanoi is hoping for the election of a new President next year -- one who might "give in" for peace? Said the President: If the North Vietnamese permit themselves "to believe that Uncle Sam -- whoever may be President -- is going to pull out and it will be easier for them to make an inside deal -- then they will make a serious misjudgment."

The President concluding: "We keep our commitments." And American forces in Vietnam -- "are going to bring us an honorable peace" -- said he.

VIETNAM

Meanwhile ~~while on the other side of the globe --~~ *our* U.S. fighting men were underscoring the President's words -- with deeds.

In the air war ^{over North Vietnam} ~~to the North~~ -- American jets today were dive-bombing a previously spared airfield; barely a mile -- from the center of Hanoi. Second raid in as many days -- ~~again~~ against targets earlier "off-limits" to American bombers.

To the South -- U.S. planes again pounding ^{them} ~~the~~ ridgeline -- overlooking the American position at [?] Dak To. Followed by a savage ground fight -- for control of key ~~the~~ Hill Thirteen-Thirty-Eight. Some three hundred American G.I.'s finally seizing the crest -- under orders stating, in effect, "no retreat."

PRINCETON

At Princeton, New Jersey -- final ceremonies today for one of the greatest men in newspaper history. Bernard Kilgore -- chairman of Dow Jones and Company -- who passed away this week after a long illness.

Barney Kilgore -- the man who built the Wall Street Journal into a towering publication -- the nation's only national daily. He also founded The National Observer -- America's first national weekly newspaper; ^{He also} spurred the growth of Barron's -- a leading financial weekly; at the same time turning Dow Jones News Service -- into the world's foremost supplier of business and financial information.

Barney Kilgore only thirty-six -- when he took command of the ~~then failing~~ ^{Wall Street} Journal. Determined to succeed where others had failed -- he "drove everybody nuts" -- according to one old-timer. One of his major campaigns -- to get rid of business jargon. He was always demanding: "Why

can't we say this in plain English?" Along the way -- the Journal picking up four Pulitzer Prizes under his direction. With nationwide circulation climbing to more than a million -- second only to the New York Daily News.

All of which prompted a special award from Columbia University in Nineteen-Sixty-One -- perhaps a fitting epitaph. Mr. Kilgore has demonstrated -- said Columbia -- "that intelligent effort can find new fields for the daily newspaper -- when many despair of its future."

Barney Kilgore -- he was fifty-nine.

CAMIRI

French Marxist Regis Debray -- an alleged guerilla leader -- found guilty as charged today at Camiri, Bolovia. A co-defendant -- painter Ciro Bustos of Argentina -- also convicted ~~of~~ the same charge; with both men -- sentenced to thirty years in prison.

It was DeBray -- you may recall -- who ~~first~~ tipped police to the Bolivian rebel operation of the late Ernesto "Che" Guevara. Ironically, a number of entries in Guevara's captured diary -- playing a major role in today's convictions.

BOSTON FOLLOW CAMIRI

Just the reverse -- up at Boston. Where a man and a woman were acquitted today -- in that Million-and-a-Half dollar Plymouth mail robbery -- way back in Nineteen-Sixty-Two.

Mrs. Patricia Diaferio and co-defendant John Kelley -- quickly freed by the jury ^{IN A LITTLE OVER AN HOUR;} ~~hearing the case,~~ after a charge from the judge -- asserting that "five incredible witnesses do not make a credible case."

BOISE CITY

This next -- a story of -- well, would you call it justice? Anyway -- here it is: In Boise City, Oklahoma, a fourteen-year-old boy who shot his mother ten times -- found not guilty of a charge of murder.

Reason -- said the judge -- because the boy was not advised of his legal rights -- before he confessed to his father and two policemen. The jurist contending he thus had "no alternative" but to turn the boy loose -- in view of recent Supreme Court rulings.

Not so -- says the prosecutor. Further calling the verdict -- "the worst miscarriage of justice" he had ever seen. "It means" -- said he -- "you can't even question your own child if he broke a window -- without getting a lawyer first."

The prosecutor going on to say -- he will challenge the verdict to the highest possible authority. Otherwise -- said he -- it might as well be "open season on mothers around here."

HAMPSHIRE FOLLOW MADRID

Meanwhile, congratulations from around the world -- are pouring in today to a little cottage in Hampshire, England. On the eightieth birthday of another old soldier -- who refuses to fade away: British Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery -- hero of El Alamein and so many other key battles of World War Two.

It's a pleasure, therefore, to report that Monty ~~like Franco~~ is also still going strong. In between trips this year to Egypt -- to South Africa -- to the Far East -- winding up work on a giant volume called "The History of Warfare." Including a section on the politics of war -- where Monty is quoted as saying: "I have spent much of my life fighting the Germans and fighting the politicians." And believe me -- it is much easier fighting the Germans.

His one remaining goal -- says Monty -- to live a useful life till age one hundred. The son of a Bishop -- a devout man himself -- Monty expressing this goal in a parody

on a well-known Anglican hymn. It goes:

"O Paradise, O Paradise, I have a little ~~step~~ ^{shop.}

"And just as long as the profits last, here I
mean to stop."

So wrote ~~Monty - Warren~~ ^{Monty - Warren}.
~~Field Marshal Montgomery at eighty still a~~
~~plus ^{the} company, praise be.~~

MADRID

In Madrid -- a momentous event today; first session -- of the first elected Parliament in Franco Spain. Billed in advance -- as a giant step toward Spanish democracy.

Even so -- it was Franco himself who held center stage. The seventy-four-year-old Generalissimo opening Parliament -- with a speech pledging ten more years of one-man rule, ^{and} ~~dashing the hopes of Spaniards and others -- who thought he might have mellowed in his later years.~~

~~Instead, Franco~~ citing with obvious pride -- the accomplishments of his nearly thirty-year reign. With another decade essential -- said he -- "If we are to perfect and complete what we have done."

Franco adding -- there "must be established authority and an ultimate supreme power;" or else -- said he -- "there is no peace -- no⁹ order -- no⁹ law."