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From his sick bed at Bethesda Naval Hospital -

President Johnson today ~~don~~ condemned the nationwide protests against American policy in Viet Nam. These demonstrations - said the President ^{are} in no way "consistent with the national interest." The ~~more~~so - said he -- in that they could "give our adversaries - a false picture of what the people actually feel in this country."

The President's fears - apparently borne out by comment from Red China. The official Peking people's Daily calling the weekend protest movement "a sign of rapid growth of the political consciousness of the American ~~peak~~ people." A clear indication - ~~that~~ the report went on - "of the American people's struggles against their administration's aggression abroad."

Nevertheless, leaders of the protest movement - ^{are} reported pleased with their results, ^{with} ~~and to have included~~ demonstrations in sixty cities - attended by more than a

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hundred thousand people. So pleased, in fact, that they've scheduled a march on Washington - for November twenty-seventh. A march ostensibly "for peace in Viet Nam".

But at least one member of the movement - may have difficulty attending. Twenty-two year old David J. Miller -- arrested today at Hooksett, New Hampshire, for burning his draft card - at a protest rally Friday in New York.

The first ~~person~~ charged under a new federal law.

And ~~too~~ he could get up to five years in ~~prison~~ prison.

VIET NAM FOLLOW DEMONSTRATIONS

Meanwhile, a sharp flare-up of fighting today - in the Mekong Delta in Viet Nam. Communist guerrillas ~~are~~ attacking at least twelve government outposts - along a thirty mile front, ^{with} ~~and~~ reports that the Viet Cong - are moving more and more veteran troops into the area.

There are - at present - no American forces stationed there.

Just the opposite - in the air. A fleet of forty American jets virtually unopposed today - in a sweep across the face of North Viet Nam. The main body of planes - ~~smash~~ smashing a railway yard about ninety-five miles northeast of ~~Nan~~ Hanoi. The rest blasting bridges and tunnels - wherever they could find them.

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CUBA

That "freedom shuttle" from Cuba - ~~again~~ in full swing today. The Coast Guard picking up five more small boats - as they attempted to cross the choppy Florida Straits.

Today's ~~the~~ tiny flotilla - bearing more than a hundred Cuban refugees, including so many youngsters that the fantail of one Coast Guard cutter ^{reported looking} ~~later cut a long~~ like a giant baby carriage.

In the meantime, a report from Radio Havana - that twenty-four more boats have arrived at the embarkation port of Camarioca. Making a total of about seventy small craft - that are now being readied to bring additional refugees to the United States.

COMET

An extra added assignment was disclosed today in Washington, for the history-making flight of the Gemini-Six -- set for next week.

Astronauts Wally Shirra and Tom Stafford -- will try to photograph the so-called "Sun-grazing" Ikeya-Seki Comet, considered by many astronomers -- the most exciting solar event of the century.

The comet is expected to reach peak visibility this Wednesday -- when it passes within about three hundred thousand miles of the sun. With a tail more than four million miles long -- it will be nearly as bright as a full moon.

But it will continue to be brighter than the planet Venus -- for perhaps another week. Time enough for Shirra and Stafford -- to get an unprecedented pictorial account of the phenomenon they hope.


RHODESIA

Premier Ian Smith of Rhodesia today rejected another British move - to find a compromise solution to the colony's bid for independence.

Smith rejecting the intercession of a committee of Commonwealth nations - to settle the dispute, Asserting that its prospective members were too far removed from the situation - to make any ~~meaningful~~^{worthy} contribution.

The rejection apparently bringing the Rhodesian government closer than ever - to a unilateral declaration of independence, ^{that would be} The first by a British colony - since the American Declaration of Independence in Seventeen-Seveny Six.

In any case, a final decision ^{will} be made - said Ian Smith - "in the next few days."



WILSON FOLLOW RHODESIA

Later - ~~the~~ an eleventh hour cable - from
British Prime Minister Harold Wilson in London urging ^{Prime Minister} Ian
Smith "for the sake of Rhodesia and for the sake of Africa
not to seize independence unilaterally." ^{Prime Minister} Wilson adding
that "at this grave hour - Britain is open to any ideas"
that might solve the independence issue.

INDONESIA

A new military crackdown on Communists today in Indonesia -- in apparent defiance of President Sukarno.

The military commander of Jakarta -- ordering a temporary suspension of the Indonesian Communist party and -- a ban on all presumably pro-Communist organizations -- in the Jakarta area.

The announcement by Radio Jakarta raising once again -- a question as to Sukarno's present position in Indonesia. Sukarno himself angrily denying over the weekend -- that he had lost control of the government.

Today's action does seem like a reply to his request last week, that the army -- stay out of politics, which its leaders are not doing. So where does that leave Sukarno?

MINERS

A tragic end today - to a thirty-hour rescue effort at Clarksburg, West Virginia. Rescue workers recovering the final four bodies - from a weekend mine disaster. Seven dead in all - as the result of fire caused by an electrical short-circuit.

TURNCOAT

From Hong Kong - news today of another American
turncoat - thoroughly disenchanted with Red China.

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Morris Wills of Fort Ann, New York - said to be
homeward bound with his Chinese wife and daughter; After
thirteen years - behind the Bamboo Curtain.

^{there were}
In all, twenty-one Americans prisoners of war -
who elected to remain with their Communist captors under
terms of the Korean armistice, ^{and now} ~~but~~ with Wills departure -
only three ^{remain} ~~will stay~~ in China.

FLYER

This next -- from Pennington Gap, Virginia. Where America's oldest pilot -- oldest in age -- was chosen to inaugurate a new airport. The plan calling for Dr. A. M. Wallace -- to be the first to land a plane.

Well, sir, the touchdown -- perfect. Only one flaw -- the brakes failed. Dr. Wallace's plane hurtled off the end of the runway -- into a stand of trees.

At that -- a successful landing -- by early standards. Dr. Wallace at least able -- to walk away from it.

Oh yes -- his age? Ninety-one.

And now that CBS veteran, Stewart Metz.

BOY

Sixteen year old Lee Graham of Honolulu -- was reported two weeks overdue today. In a solo voyage from Hawaii - to Canton Island in the South Pacific. Second leg of an attempt to sail solo around the world - in a twenty-four foot fiberglass boat.

Be that as it may, the boy's mother - apparently unconcerned. Mrs. Lyle Graham noting that her son ~~was~~ an expert sailor - who had sailed from California to Hawaii this summer - without incident.

Lee has plenty of food and ~~was~~ water - said Mrs. Graham. So he probably decided to by-pass Canton Island - said she - ~~to~~ ^{right} sail on to Pago Pago in American Samoa.