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Richard Nixon's first White House press conference - a twenty-seven minute tour de force; touching virtually every phase of U.S. policy - both at home and abroad.

On Vietnam - the President citing "a new sense of urgency" in ^{the} Paris peace talks. Nevertheless, refusing to speculate on an end to the war - because that, said he, might impede negotiations.

On the Middle East - the President promising "new initiatives and new leadership" toward peace ^{-- apart from the C.N., if necessary.} Warning that "the next explosion in the Middle East - could involve a confrontation between the nuclear powers."

On Red China - the President voicing continued opposition to U.N. membership. At least - said he - at least until China shows "a change of attitude - on substantive issues."

On nuclear disarmament - the President promising to work for strategic arms reductions; but only as part of a

wider effort - to reach joint political solutions to world problems.

Turning to the domestic front - ^{Nixon} the President promised to present shortly a "major legislative program;" with compensating cuts in the budget he inherited - to make way for his own new programs. He also said he intended to control inflation - without a substantial increase in unemployment. Further pledging development of a specific program - to deal with crime in the District of Columbia.

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When it was all over - reporters in attendance ^{were} giving ^{our new} the President straight A's for a job well done. Noting: - it was clear - he had done his home work. Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield - also praising the "tone, tenor and frankness" of the President's remarks. Especially impressive - said the Senator - for a man who "has been on the job only a week."

PEKING

While Richard Nixon was voicing his views on Communist China - Peking was returning the compliment. Broadcasting today its first commentary - on the change of Administrations. ^{is} Coming to the conclusion that President Nixon offers no better hope for the future - than did Lyndon Johnson.

Main reason - said Peking - because the new President is penned in - by the same "insurmountable obstacles" as his predecessor, both at home and abroad; obstacles that point toward continued "collaboration" with the Soviet Union - in an effort to contain Red China. Peking ^{adding} ~~asserting~~, ~~however~~, there can never be world peace - until the U.S. withdraws completely from Vietnam, from Taiwan, from all overseas bases.

PARIS

Meanwhile, in Paris - U.S. peace negotiator Henry Cabot Lodge - was conferring today with South Vietnamese Vice President Ky. Mapping future strategy for obtaining prisoner exchanges - mutual withdrawal of U.S. and North Vietnamese troops - also, re-establishment of a demilitarized zone.

Later, Ky hinting at the possibility of separate meetings - between South Vietnamese representatives and their Communist adversaries. Still "too soon" to tell - said he. Adding, however, that he would favor such "private contacts" - if it would speed progress toward peace.

DAK TO FOLLOW PARIS

Meanwhile

~~Half a world away~~ - the biggest U.S. amphibious

operation since the Korean War - was rapidly drawing to a close. U.S. troops and tanks beginning a "final push" - across the Batangan Peninsula near Da Nang. With ^aU.S. ~~spokesman~~ ~~officer~~ predicting it will take three days, tops, to complete a sweep of this longtime Communist sanctuary.

To the south - another major troop transfer today. South Vietnamese Rangers assuming the defense of Dak To in the Central Highlands - scene of a bloody battle last year. Freeing some three thousand American G.I.'s - for duty elsewhere. Also, an important step - toward eventual U.S. withdrawal from all of Vietnam.

BAGHDAD-JERUSALEM

At Baghdad, Iraq - fourteen men were hanged today as Israeli spies - nine of them Jews. At Jerusalem - the mass execution ^{was} quickly branded "murder." Calling forth an angry session of the Israeli Parliament - where Premier Eshkol promised swift retaliation.

Quoting the Scriptures - Eshkol declaring: "O daughter of Babylon, that art to be destroyed - happy shall he be, that repayeth thee as thou has served us; the Lord shall avenge their blood." The Premier adding that retribution - must come "from the outside." This - said he - because "the State of Israel stands alone - between the design of genocide and its perpetration."

Reaction in Baghdad - an order placing the Iraqi Army on full alert. Baghdad further pledging to "deal strongly" - with anyone who attempts to interfere with Iraqi interests.

LAHORE

The flame of student unrest in East Pakistan - on the verge of a major holocaust today; with a mob of about fifty thousand - rampaging through the streets of Lahore. Burning cars - routing police - attacking government buildings.

When Federal troops arrived on the scene - ^{the mob breaking} ~~ducking away to~~ _{only to} continue ~~the~~ demonstrations elsewhere.

As night fell on the city - a huge bonfire was still burning near the Supreme Court building. The demonstrators flouting a dusk-to-dawn curfew ^{that had been} ~~ordered~~ personally by President Ayub Khan.

NEWARK

From Newark, New Jersey, comes the story today - of a new medical affliction. Doctors calling the ailment - "Joe Namath knee." And its chief victims - we are told - go-go dancers.

As one physician explained it - go-go dancers put the same kind of strain on their knees - as broken-field runners in football. ~~He adds that~~ ^{And though} "the average girl's legs may look nice" - ~~but~~ ^{they} they're not really strong enough. With resulting strain ^{said to be} causing a number of torn cartilages - 'a la Joe Namath.

Be that as it may - the girls who go-go for a living are unconvinced. One veteran go-goer asserting: "I feel better when I'm dancing - than when ^{lim} not." ^{Said another} ~~Another adding:~~ ^{Go-go girl Warren!}
"Anyway, if I threw anything out of joint - it wouldn't be my knees."

CORONADO

Here's a switch: Commander Lloyd Bucher defends the Navy. This in a statement issued today at Coronado, California - where the Navy is currently conducting a Court of Inquiry into the Pueblo affair. Commander Bucher saying he feared an "over-reaction" - to published reports of the hearing. Noting that he had received hundreds of letters - from people who thought he was being made a scapegoat by the Navy; When in reality - said he - his treatment "has been completely ~~a~~ fair."

The skipper's civilian attorney adding that when this is all over - Commander Bucher "definitely wants - and would be delighted - to get another command."