

WHITE HOUSE

Wed, Jan. 17 - '67,

At the White House -- a preview today of President Johnson's first major election-year speech. The President briefing members of his cabinet - on the contents of his annual State of the Union message, scheduled for delivery to a joint session of Congress - at nine tonight, Washington-time.


Details, of course - still ~~as a closely guarded~~ secret. However, <sup>the</sup> chief topics <sup>are</sup> expected to include - a broad restatement of U S goals in Vietnam; also a ~~map~~ number of proposals for solving domestic problems - such as taxes, crime in the streets and the war on poverty.

With Republican response set to begin an hour later - at ten tonight, Eastern Time.

## LONDON

*The decline and fall of the British Empire -*  
*subject for heated debate today in the House of Commons.*  
*With Conservative Party opposition - quickly calling for*  
*a vote of no confidence in the Labor Government. Charging*  
*Prime Minister Harold Wilson with gross "mismanagement*  
*of the British economy" - leading to the present sorry state*  
*of affairs.*

*Burden of the defense - falling to chancellor*  
*of the Exchequer Roy Jenkins - who said: "it does not*  
*make sense - to go on trying to play a role beyond our*  
*economic strength. From here forward - he added -*  
*"our part in world affairs must be underpinned by*  
*economic strength - and not undermined by economic*  
*weakness."*



CANBERRA FOLLOW LONDON

However 12,000 ~~But~~ away at  
~~Halfway round the world~~ at Canberra, Australia,

no such debate. Australia moving quickly today to fill

at least a part of the vacuum - expected to result from

British withdrawal "east of Suez". Defense Minister

Alan Fairhall indicating that Australia will deal first

with defense needs - in Malaysia and Singapore, <sup>and</sup> after

that -- ~~we'll~~ we'll have to wait and see.

## VIETNAM

War news from Vietnam tells today of an American sweep - through war zone "C" near the Cambodian border. U.S. air cavalrymen - uncovering ~~an~~ a hastily-evacuated Viet Cong supply base. Spoils of war including sugar, rice, noodles, sardines and tobacco - grand fare for the Viet Cong; also a number secret documents - plus an unexpected bonus: New Year's greetings -- from North Vietnamese President ~~and~~ <sup>Ho</sup> Chi Minh.

Back at Saigon - a report today that a controversial general has been replaced at last - as commander of South Vietnam's twenty-fifth Army Division. Brigadier General Phan Trong Chinh perhaps best known for losing more men in one month to ~~auto~~ automobile accidents - than he did to enemy action.

## SASEBO

*Sasebo, Japan -- a day-long series of street clashes today. Riot police battling thousands of anti-American demonstrators -- protesting a scheduled visit from the nuclear-powered U.S. aircraft carrier Enterprise.*

*Also More of the same - in Tokyo. Police of the two cities - later reporting more than a hundred-and-fifty casualties; even as scattered skirmishes continued on - late into the night.*

*This latest: The leaders of five main Japanese opposition parties -- arriving in Sasebo tonight to join the demonstrations. These including top officers of the Japanese Communist party - the ~~xxxx~~ Japan Socialist party - also the political arm of the Soka Gakkai Religious sect. The latter - participating in a demonstration for the first time.*

PHNOM PENH

President Tito of Yugoslavia - on the receiving end of a giant welcome today - at Phnom Penh in Cambodia. Prince Sihanouk <sup>as promised,</sup> letting out all the stops; - ~~as promised,~~ affording his Communist guest a royal reception - easily matching that for French President DeGaulle a year-and-a-half ago.

At the same time - the Prince attempting to cast Cambodia in the same independent mold as Yugoslavia. Calling the two nations "two friends who both have refused prefabricated decisions - following an original path -- responding to their own requirements." In reply- Tito asserting that Cambodia "deserves full international support" - for attempting to pursue a neutralist policy.

Ambassadors from North Vietnam and Red China - where Tito has been branded "the greatest <sup>→ were</sup> revisionist" <sup>^</sup>officially boycotting today's ceremony.

Be that as it may - expected Communist demonstrations ~~fail~~ <sup>ed</sup> to materialize.

## HAMPSTEAD

*The U S Supreme Court - Prime target today  
for Michigan's Governor Romney; in the wind-up of his  
first foray ~~for~~ into the New Hampshire presidential campaign.*

*In a speech at Hampstead, <sup>New Hampshire,</sup> Romney ~~is~~ charging  
the high court has abandoned its judicial tradition - to  
become, in effect, a "legislative" body. Its members -  
"using the court to reflect their own social viewpoints"  
said he.*

*Romney adding - there's only one solution:*

*"We should get better men - on the court."*

## ATHLIT

*From Athlit, Israel - news today of a kind of "farewell dinner." Israel's defense minister - General Moshe Dayan - playing host to four Egyptian Generals; prisoners of war - soon to return home.*

*General Dayan telling the Egyptians - Israelis and Arabs "can live in common peace and honor" a fact proven time and again - said he - in the periods between their three wars of the last twenty years. (~~"But you must understand" - he went on - "that the Jewish State exists within the Arab world" and has a right to do so. The only alternative~~" - said he - ~~"another war."~~)*

*Looking ~~far~~ to the future - General Dayan concluding: "You are Generals - you will obey orders; and if commanded - fight - and we will fight back. But it is my hope" said he - "that this was the last war."*



## JAMAICA PLAIN

From Jamaica Plain - near Boston - comes the profile today of a modern priest. The reverend Bob White "Father Bob" for short. A young Roman Catholic clergyman - son of a Massachusetts beer salesman - currently making a name for himself in show business. ~~of all places.~~

Father Bob getting his start - when he took over from a rock-and-roll entertainer in a local ~~kxx~~ lounge.

"I just thought I could do better" he <sup>l</sup>xplained later.

And apparently he did - soon cutting his first record album -- then another - both selling well in the Boston area. Leading to frequent appearances - on radio and television "talk" shows.

(~~once with the subject~~  
~~Father Bob once heard to remark: "Adultery~~  
~~is sin - or is it?"~~ On the subject of hippies - he suggests  
~~that "maybe religion felt flat on its face."~~ ~~At any rate~~ ~~Most important~~  
~~-- the people listen~~ <sup>to him</sup>) says Father Bob. ~~Adding:~~ "The  
Warren -  
priesthood is security and all that - yet ~~is~~ I feel I must  
accomplish something on my own, too."

## DOLNY KUBIN

*Skiing tragedy - behind the Iron Curtain.*

*The story today - from Dolny Kubin in Czechoslovakia,*

*Telling of a terrible avalanche - in the <sup>wild</sup> Carpathian*

*Mountains. With a towering wall of ice and snow about*

*five hundred feet wide -- hurtling more than a mile down*

*the slopes of a ~~ap~~ popular ski area. First reports*

*indicating at least six dead -- eleven seriously injured -*

*and some thirty more ~~wounded~~ enough to require*

*hospitalization. In the Carpathians - the*

*country of Dracula. ~~Warren~~, And. S. L. H. T. M.*