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OTTAWA

After four months of attempting to keep the peace in Vietnam - Canada calls it quit. The formal announcement coming today - from Canadian External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp.

Canada had earlier warned - said Sharp - that it would pull out - barring "substantial progress" in peace-keeping efforts. This progress has not been achieved - he continued. Adding that Canada will thus withdraw its two hundred-and-eighty-man observer force - "not later than July Thirty-One." Sharp concluding that "Canada's decision to withdraw - is firm and definite."

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW OTTAWA

Meanwhile, at the White House - President Nixon was meeting today - with Henry Kissinger, Secretary of State William Rogers and U.H. Ambassador John Scali. Dr. Kissinger later predicting a speedy agreement - on a new Vietnam cease-fire agreement. "We expect that when the discussions resume next week" - said he - "we will conclude them satisfactorily."

Dr. Kissinger adding that Canada's withdrawal - is regrettable but not fatal. "We hope" - said he - "that out of the negotiations going on in Paris - an agreement that can be implemented will emerge."

WASHINGTON

Court martial charges were lodged today against eight U.S. enlisted men - for "alleged misconduct" while held in a prisoner-of-war camp in Hanoi. Said charges filed by Air Force Colonel Theodore Guy - for five years the senior American POW ^{man} in Hanoi. The group in question including three Marines and five Army men.

The specifics of Guy's charges - not disclosed. He had said earlier, however, that some prisoners had informed camp officials - of attempts to set up a communications network. He also said that some men had accepted favors - such as extra rations and greater freedom of movement - in exchange for giving information.

WATERGATE

The White House again - a question today dealing with the possibility of a Presidential appearance - before the Watergate grand jury. Press Secretary Ron Ziegler replying, however: "No consideration is being given to that matter at all." Further saying: "It would be Constitutionally inappropriate."

Ziegler also called published leaks from the secret grand jury probe - both "irresponsible and shocking." Adding that Attorney General Elliot Richardson and Special Watergate Prosecutor Archibald Cox - have been told to "find out how this happened and make sure it does not happen again."

EARTH ORBIT

In the flight of America's Skylab-One - a secret talk today between Mission Commander Pete Conrad and top space officials at Houston. A spokesman later reporting that temperatures inside the Skylab - have begun to level off; now averaging about eighty-eight degrees - or eighteen degrees higher than expected.

This - leaving the Skylab liveable; but threatening to force the ~~conduct~~^{conduct} of physical tests - ~~designed to see~~^{Some} ~~whether man can live safely in space for prolonged periods.~~

SUPREME COURT

*The Supreme Court ruled today, seven to two, that
broadcasters are not required to accept paid advertising
- on public issues such as war or politics. The High Court
- thus reversing a Court of Appeals decision; with Chief
Justice Warren Burger - who wrote the majority opinion -
explaining why.*

*To permit broadcast advertising with no limitations -
said he - could lead to a monopolization of the air waves by
those with the most money. Justice Burger adding that such
a situation - would clearly lead to demands for greater
government control.*

BRUSSELS

From NATO headquarters at Brussels - an offer today to mediate the current "cod war" - between Iceland and Britain. Both sides - quickly agreeing. Iceland strongly suggested, however, if NATO cannot resolve the situation - it may be forced to withdraw from the alliance and go it alone.

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The U.S. index of leading economic indicators - was down last month; six-tenths of one per cent - according to government figures announced today; the first such decline - in more than two-and-a-half years.

TOKYO

Tokyo's Keio Plaza Hotel - the tallest building in all of Asia - was the scene of a seminar today backed by the U.S. government. The representatives of thirty-four American states and the Territory of Puerto Rico - urging Japanese financial leaders to "buy a share in America;" to do so by setting up factories on American soil - or else investing ⁱⁿ U.S. business and industry.

This - according to U.S. Ambassador Robert Ingersoll - "a way of bringing our international payments into ^I a more balanced position, especially in the short run." But more than that - we are told - Japanese overseas business investments over the next eight years - could well exceed Twenty Billion. Ingersoll ^{saying:} ~~saying:~~ "By Nineteen-Eighteen-Eighty - Japan will be the second largest investing nation in the world."

Red China's new "man-in-Washington" - arrived today in the nation's capital. Ambassador Huang Chen - reading a brief airport statement. "The objective of normalizing relations between China and the United States - can certainly be attained" - said he. - He also conveyed to the American people - quote, "the cordial greetings of the Chinese people on the other side of the Pacific Ocean."

GENEVA

Almost unnoticed here at home - Strategic Arms Limitations Talks were continuing today in Geneva. The thirtieth round of SALT-Two - lasting nearly two hours. The two sides withholding comment, as usual - except to say that they will meet again Friday. Observers noting, however, that the next major breakthrough, if any - may come during the visit of Leonid Brezhnev to the U.S. next month.

ADDIS ABABA

At Addis Ababa in Ethiopia - the final session of the tenth anniversary meeting of the Organization of African Unity; coming today a day later than originally scheduled - with only a handful of African leaders still present. But those who were there - quickly approving a watered-down Middle East resolution; also, voting to establish a special commission - to study a border conflict between Ethiopia and Somalia.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "TOMM MURSTAD"

And now - it's time again for Lowell Thomas.

TOMM MURSTAD

Long years ago - ~~before~~ before modern downhill skiing had really caught on on this side of the Atlantic, and even when it was comparatively new in Europe, a handsome young Norwegian came over to show us how they were doing it in Norway. His name was Tomm Murstad. In those days there was an annual winter sports show at the old Madison Square Garden. Tomm performed there - on a big indoor jump. But he also was a downhill man and made a host of friends in this country from coast to coast - even taking part in several motion pictures in Hollywood. Upon his return to Norway he took over the task of training the children of his home town, the capital city of Oslo. Among them were the children of the royal family and a host of others. I've just had a note from my old friend saying that over a hundred and ~~fifteen thousand~~ fourteen thousand

Norwegian children have gone through his famous ski school high up on the mountain above Oslo.

And in the summer time this most attractive norwegian and his son ~~amman~~ run a sea camp for youngsters and they even have a glorious area above Oslo where they look after real young children - between the ages of three and six.

Norway being the wonderful country that it is, and with a population made up of superior people, on the whole, I just thought there might be Americans who would like to hear about their old friend Tomm Murstad and what he is doing.

~~It is difficult to get in touch with him because~~
~~everybody in the city of Oslo knows Tomm~~
~~Murstad~~

SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "TOMM MURSTAD"

Thank you, Lowell. A final story - in a moment.

BUCKINGHAM

From Buckingham Palace - an announcement today telling of the betrothal of Britain's Princess Anne; with the lucky man - Lieutenant Mark Phillips of the Queen's Dragoon Guards. Officials adding it will probably be a Fall wedding - possibly in November.