

The Romney withdrawal from the campaign still the chief topic of discussion, as the nation's governors gathered today at the White House for an annual meeting. Democrats and Republicans alike - wondering - "What next?"

But President Johnson stuck closely to his prepared text in his welcoming remarks; urging the Governors to join with him in a nationwide campaign to win enactment of key domestic programs dealing with crime, health and welfare.

All the while - the President probably wondering along with his audience - wondering who he will face in November.

MANCHESTER FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

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MEANWHILE, RICHARD NIXON WAS ADDRESSING HIMSELF TO THE SAME TOPIC TODAY. IN A NEWS CONFERENCE AT MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE - NIXON ALL BUT CHALLENGING NEW YORK'S GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER TO COME OUT FIGHTING.

SAID NIXON: "I TAKE NO PLEASURE IN GOVERNOR ROMNEY'S DECISION TO WITHDRAW." I ADMIRE MEN WHO GET INTO THE ARENA", HE WENT ON. ADDING THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THE NATION" - IF ROCKEFELLER WOULD LIKEWISE JOIN THE FRAY.

NIXON'S SUDDEN PROBLEM, - ~~REVEREND TO BE~~
POLITICAL PUNDITS ~~SAID THAT~~ THAT HE'S TRYING TO SHAKE A "LOSER IMAGE" THROUGH A SERIES OF PRIMARIES IN WHICH HE NOW HAS NO REAL OPPONENT.

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AS FOR ROCKEFELLER - BACK IN WASHINGTON - NO CHANGE. ^{New York} THE GOVERNOR SAYING AGAIN TODAY - HE WOULD ACCEPT ONLY "A GENUINE DRAFT."

PENTAGON

AT THE PENTAGON - A FAREWELL TO ARMS TODAY FOR
DEPARTING DEFENSE SECRETARY ROBERT MCNAMARA. MILITARY HONORS
INCLUDING A NINETEEN GUN SALUTE - ALSO A DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
AWARD FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

FOR ALL THE POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE TROUGH -
THE CEREMONY WAS NOT WITHOUT A TOUCH OF IRONY. IT WAS RAINING
- HARD - AND THE SKY WAS HEAVILY OVERCAST FORCING CANCELLATION
OF A SCHEDULED FLY-BY INCLUDING A FLIGHT OF F-ONE ELEVEN;
BETTER KNOWN AS THE CONTROVERSIAL - T F X AIRCRAFT. THERE
WERE TIMES - TOO - WHEN THE P A SYSTEM FAILED TO WORK.

PERHAPS WORST OF ALL - A STALLED ELEVATOR -
NUMBER THIRTEEN TRAPPING THE PRESIDENT AND MCNAMARA BETWEEN
FLOORS - ENROUTE TO THE CEREMONY. BEFORE THEY ~~climbed~~^{climbed}
OUT THROUGH AN OVERHEAD HATCH - L B J REMARKING: "I NEVER
KNEW IT TOOK SO LONG TO GET TO THE TOP IN THE PENTAGON."

COMMISSION

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL COMMISSION ON
CIVIL DISORDERS - A CALL TODAY FOR MASSIVE AND COSTLY CURES
TO BIG CITY ILLS. CURES NEEDED AT ONCE - SAID THE COMMISSION
- LEST RACISM AND RIOTS SPLIT THE NATION INTO "TWO SOCIETIES -
ONE BLACK - ONE WHITE- SEPARATE AND UNEQUAL."

~~EXCEEDED~~ THE BI-PARTISAN REPORT ADDING THAT
NEW TAXES MUST BE LEVIED, IF NECESSARY - TO MEET "UNPRECEDENTED
LEVELS OF FUNDING;" SLUMS HOUSING - EDUCATION - JOB TRAINING -
WELLFARE AND SOON.

ESTIMATED COST - ABOUT TWO ~~EXCEEDED~~ BILLION
A MONTH. A FIGURE ROUGHLY COMPARABLE - TO THE CURRENT COST
OF THE WAR IN VIETNAM.

HOUSE

IS WILBUR MILLS WEAKENING? THE ANSWER - A
TENTATIVE "YES" TODAY. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE WAYS AND
MEANS COMMITTEE ADMITTING FOR THE FIRST TIME - THAT PRESIDENT
JOHNSON'S REQUESTED TAX INCREASE MAY BE INEVITABLE IN THE
MONTHS AHEAD.

THOUGH LONG AN OPPONENT OF THE TAX HIKE - ^{Congressman} MILLS
SAYING CONGRESS WOULD BE FORCED TO ACT; ONE - IF THE VIETNAM
WAR IS STEPPED UP; OR, TWO - IF INFLATIONARY PRESSURE CONTINUES
TO BUILD.

BUDAPEST

WALKOUT AT BUDAPEST. ROMANIA QUITTING COLD
TODAY - ON THAT MUCH BALLY-HOOED WORLD COMMENIST CONFERENCE.
ROMANIAN DELEGATES ACCUSING THEIR FELLOW ~~HE~~ COMRADES - ~~HE~~
OF STALINIST STEAM ROLLER TACTICS IN A SUPPOSED EFFORT TO
FORCE BLIND COMPLIANCE WITH PRE_ARRANGED SOVIET POLICY.

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ADD VIETNAM

~~THIS LATEST:~~ ANOTHER VIETCONG ROCKET ATTACK

TONIGHT - ON THE VITAL TAN SON NHUT AIR BASE COMPLEX JUST

OUTSIDE SAIGON.



VIETNAM

~~WAR NEWS FROM VIETNAM - MARKED TODAY BY A~~
~~COMPARATIVE LULL IN GROUND FIGHTING. IN THE AIR TROUGH~~
~~- JUST THE OPPOSITE,~~ *While* AMERICAN JETS *were* BLASTING THE NERVE CENTER
OF HANOI'S ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENSE SYSTEM, POUNDING AN ARMY
BARRACKS NEVER TOUCHED BEFORE; - ALSO BOMBING AIRCRAFT
INSTALATIONS AROUND VINH IN NORTH VIETNAM'S SOUTHERN PAN-
HANDLE REGION.

THIS LAST, AN AREA WHERE THE ENEMY IS SAID
TO BE ~~SEEKING~~ BUILDING A NUMBER OF NEW MIG BASES - FOR
POSSIBLE AIR STRIKES AGAINST SOUTH VIETNAM.

AT THE SAME TIME - IN NEIGHBORING PINOM PENH
- A WARNING TODAY FROM CAMBODIAN PRINCE SIHANOUK. A WARNING
THAT CAMBODIA WILL ~~SEEK~~ SEEK AMERICAN AID - IF THE
CHINESE COMMUNISTS CONTINUE TO SUPPORT GROWING GUERRILLA
FIGHTING IN THAT COUNTRY.

RENO

A DECADE OR SO AGO OUT WEST - THE NAME OF CHARLES STEEN WAS SYNONYMOUS WITH SUDDEN FAME AND FORTUNE. THE YOUNG GEOLOGIST - ONE OF THE FIRST TO STRIKE IT RICH IN UTAH'S POST WAR URANIUM BOOM.

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WHERE IS HE NOW? IN RENO, NEVADA - AND ALSO IN THE SOUP TODAY. THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE FILING LIENS AGAINST STEEN - FOR NEARLY TWO MILLION BUCKS ~~IN~~ BACK INCOME TAXES; MONEY THE GOVERNMENT SAYS HE STILL OWES - FROM NINETEEN-FIFTY-EIGHT THROUGH NINETEEN SIXTY.

STEEN'S ATTORNEY STILL INSISTING- THE MATTER WILL BE CLEARED UP IN A FEW DAYS. IN THE MEANTIME, THOUGH - HIS AVIATION FIRM, HIS OFFICE BUILDING, HIS ARABIAN HORSE BREEDING RANCH AND HIS FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR HOME - ALL ATTACHED BY ~~THE GOVERNMENT~~ Uncle Sam.

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MOSCOW

FOR YEARS NOW- A NUMBER OF TOP SOVIET SCIENTISTS
HAVE SPEAR-HEADED A SO-CALLED "FLYING SAUCER CULT." CONVINCED
IN THEIR OWN MINDS - THAT CERTAIN U F O'S WERE CLEARLY VISITORS
FROM OUTER SPACE. ~~They~~^{They} TO THE POINT WHERE THEY RECENTLY BANDED
TOGETHER TO BEGIN A SYSTEMATIC STUDY OF SAUCER SIGHTINGS.

RESULT: AN OFFICIAL BULLETIN TODAY FROM THE
SOVIET UNION'S POWERFUL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, ASSERTING THAT
"FLYING SAUCER'S ARE A MYTH," AND THEREFORE CONDEMNING ANY
FURTHER STUDY OF U F O'S AS "ANTI-SCIENTIFIC;" ALSO - A COMPLETE
WASTE OF TIME. ^{Warren,} *Would you*

call that ~~is correct~~ A MORTAL BLOW TO THE SAUCER CULT?[?]

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COLUMBUS

From Columbus, Ohio, an item about a go-go dancer who may have gone a little too far. Lady in question arrested as disorderly - after her performance in a local lounge.

Guilty or not guilty? Not guilty - replied the go-go girl. Adding: "My strap just stripped." Whereupon the judge cited law - stating that a charge of disorderly conduct must involve - the word quote "annoyance to citizens." "Was anyone annoyed?" Hard to tell - replied the officers. Adding that all they heard - were some "ohs and ahs."

Said the judge: "Case dismissed."