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President Lyndon Johnson settled down today - to the routine of the Presidency. Until today, our new Chief Executive had to act in the midst of - the furor surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy, and then - the Thanksgiving lull.

This morning, President Johnson found - a full time table on his desk. He conferred with many of his top advisors.

And kept special appointments, like one with Roy Wilkins -- who emerged from the White House to tell newsmen he is enthusiastic about the President as a supporter of Civil Rights.

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~~The President's attitude is understandable - in
the light of today's events on Capitol Hill. Goodell of New
York asked his colleagues in the House - not to begin an
investigation before comparing notes with the other
investigators. Wax Whereupon, Boggs of Louisiana disclosed
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By the way, Life Magazine, just out, has remarkable pictorial coverage of the tragedy.

VIET NAM OR LODGE

The return of the American ambassador - is being greeted with relief in Saigon. Henry Cabot Lodge left for Honolulu and Washington - before the funeral. Lodge returned - after conferring with President Johnson. Hence the relief of the Vietnamese when Cabot Lodge told them today - that American policy toward South Viet Nam has not changed.

Meanwhile, that military shakeup in South Viet Nam - is centered on the city of Hue, where the biggest demonstrations occurred during the Diem regime, when Diem's men invaded the Buddhist temple at Hue. Then the local commander came under fire - General Do Cao Tri. But he stayed on, until today.

Now reassigned - by the junta in Saigon. The military men who overthrew Diem - capitulating to the Buddhists of Hue. Transferring General Do Cao Tri - to a new command in the mountains, where there are few Buddhists - but a lot of Red guerrillas.

WEST BERLIN

The first military exercise in West Berlin - the first of the Johnson administration - involved all three allied armies, British, French - and American. Ten thousand men, falling out - at the alert signal. Ready for action - with everything from tanks to walkie-talkies. Boarding the trucks that would carry them to strategic points around West Berlin - in case of a Communist attack. And returned to barracks an hour later - after their officers reported all units accounted for.

The main reasons for this alert - to show that the three allies can act promptly under a single command. Which point they believe they proved today.

VENEZUELA

If the people of Caracas are tense tonight - it's over the threat of being shot if they appear on the streets of the city after midnight. Who's - threatening them? The pro-Castro rebels - of Venezuela. The underground, attempting to enforce a curfew - at the point of a gun, vowing to kill anyone who refuses to stay indoors - until Monday morning.

Purpose of the Castroites - to disrupt Sunday's election. Are the followers of the bearded dictator too few to do this to that large Venezuelan city? At any rate they can do some shooting - so - Caracas is tense.

Castro has been backing the Venezuelan underground with arms, hand grenades, pistols, automatic rifles, machine guns - all were in the cache of weapons discovered on Venezuela's Paraguana Peninsula. They had been run across the Caribbean - from Cuba, for the Castroite rebels. But Venezuelan intelligence - got there first.

ADD VENEZUELA

President Betancourt again today was urging the organisation of American States - to move against Castro. Do it - now. The petty tyrant in Havana having been proven guilty - of indirect aggression against Venezuela.

MISSILE

The latest success of the Nike-Zeus - does ^{not} mean ~~that~~ we have an anti-missile system. But it does mean - that we can knock down a single rocket flashing through the stratosphere. Our missile men have now done it- ten times.

This time, a Titan missile was fired across the Pacific, from Vandenberg Air Force base, California. It thundered five thousand miles through the sky - and then the Nike-Zeus came flashing up from Kwajalein Island. The Nike-Zeus, picking up the trail of the intruder - whizzing directly across its path. Close enough for a "kill" - if the anti -missile missile had been armed with a warhead.

ROCKET FOLLOW MISSILE

And our attack arsenal of rocketry - is becoming more proficient. The twenty second minuteman - successfully spanning the Pacific. Roaring - up from its underground silo - at Vandenberg Air Force Base. Arching - into the sky. Flashing - five thousand miles. ~~Landing in the target area near the Marianas.~~

At Vandenberg - the Air Force won't reveal the details about this Minuteman. But quite a few officers seem rather pleased with themselves - tonight.

MAHARAJAH

The Maharajah of Sikkim - is consulting his doctor from New York. Also his astrologers - from high Himalayas. Whether the doctor or the soothsayers are the more surprised by this turn of events - well, the dispatch doesn't say.

The doctor - William Foley, often consulted by the Kennedy family. Personal physician to Joseph P. Kennedy - the late President's father.

Doctor Foley flew eight thousand miles - to Calcutta. But he couldn't see his patient - for another twenty four hours. The Sikkimese astrologers insisted - that the conjunction of the planets was too unfavorable an - evil omen.

The soothsayers were with the Maharajah - while the American doctor colled his heels in his hotel room. Then - word came from the Calcutta hospital. The planets - favorable. The star-charts - okay. The astrologers, allowing the medical man from the West -

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to examine his patient. Dick, the Maharajah of Sikkim -
he's the father of the Maharajah Kumar, who married the
American girl.

PARIS

The Latin Quarter of Paris - the Left Bank - has had many a riot since students began congregating there in the middle Ages. But this one - was a real street battle.

The cause, according to the students - crowded ~~causé~~ conditions at the Sorbonne. They claim that too many of them have to stand - at lectures. Too many of them can't see the experiments - in the laboratories. Or find books - in the libraries.

Today, ten thousand students clashed with -five thousand police. A wild melee - until the gendarmes brought up water cannons. The toll - fifty injured. Almost two hundred arrested.

I wonder what the Bohemians of the Latin Quarter think of that.