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A new form of universal service for American youth -- proposed today by Defense Secretary Robert McNamara. One that would let young people serve their country - either in military or peaceful projects - at home or abroad.

The plan outlined by Secretary McNamara - in a speech to the American society of Newspaper Editors - meeting at Montreal. The Secretary asserting that international security in the thermonuclear age - depends not on the multiplication of weapons; but rather on economic, social and political progress -- in backward nations.

The solution, therefore, said he "a community of effort" in which the "dedicated" youth of America - would perform two years service apiece - to help such nations.

Secretary McNamara adding that the proposal would effectively eliminate - the present "inequity" of the

*military draft, which now calls up only a minority
of eligible young men - said he.*

BOMB

The Canadian parliament at Ottawa - rocked
by a sex-and-security scandal for the past several weeks -
rocked anew today by a homemade bomb. The blast -
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occurring in a third floor washroom of the Parliament
close by the office of Prime Minister Lester Pearson.
building, Killing an elderly man- and forcing temporary
adjournment of the House of Commons. Security police,
~~for their part,~~ quickly, sealing off the area - pending an
~~an~~ investigation.

VIETNAM

A dramatic announcement today -- from South Vietnamese Premier Nguyen Cao Ky; in the face of political crisis -- bordering on Civil War. The Premier promising national elections -- on Sunday, September eleven; four days -- before his promised deadline. With the delegates so elected -- to write a new constitution to return South Vietnam -- to civilian rule.

News of the planned election -- following a maze of political developments; including the downing of an American observation plane -- by rebel troops at Da Nang. The anti-government soldiers firing from the sanctuary of a Buddhist pagoda -- and cheering as the craft fell to earth. Luckily though -- the two crewmen escaped injury.

PLAN

Europe for Europeans -- to the exclusion of America. This is part of a far-reaching Soviet plan put forward today by the Kremlin, in reply to a request from West Germany for improved relations with Russia.

To begin with -- the Soviets urge abandonment of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; along with its Communist counterpart -- the Warsaw Pact. Then -- a conference of European nations -- Europeans only -- to solve the problem of a divided Germany.

Both East and West Germany to be admitted eventually to the United Nations. With joint renunciation of nuclear weapons -- thereby establishing a nuclear-free zone in Central Europe. The status quo -- to be enforced by a strengthened U.N.

BRITAIN

That three-day old British shipping strike - rapidly ~~nearly~~ nearing the crisis stage. Prime Minister ~~Harold~~ Wilson today banning the ~~export~~ export of meat and livestock - in an effort to conserve food and control prices. At the same time - threatening ~~to~~ to use the Royal Navy, if necessary; to clear strike bound ships from British harbors - to make way for incoming vessels.

A counter-~~to~~ warning from the striking Seamen's Union - in quick reply; a warning that government intervention in the strike - could plunge Britain into a nationwide general strike. A strike - said the union - that would lead to "international disruptions and disaster."

MALAYSIA

The Malaysian Cabinet -- in session today at Kuala Lumpur -- called for immediate peace talks with Indonesia -- to take advantage of what it calls -- "the present favorable and hopeful atmosphere" in Jakarta.

Malaysian Deputy Premier Tun Abdul Razak -- instructed to make ready for a possible meeting with his Indonesian counterpart -- Foreign Minister Adam Malik. Peace talks probably at Bangkok

GEORGIA

A sudden shakeup in Georgia politics -- Former Governor Vandiver bowing out of the gubernatorial race. Vandiver -- who had been expected to win hands down -- the victim of a heart attack six years ago -- and another this past weekend.

A half-hour after the Atlanta news -- in Washington Senator Herman Talmadge of Georgia -- announced plans to return and run for Governor.-- "If the people of Georgia desire me," said he.

SNIPER

The bloody saga of Shade Gap, Pennsylvania -- has ended. The so-called "Mad Sniper" reportedly -- shot to death, ironically, by a fifteen-year old farm boy, after Hollenbaugh all but eluded a small army of local, state and federal law enforcement officials.

It was Larry Rubeck who fired a bullet into the neck of the crazed sniper -- William Hollenbaugh -- shortly after the sniper himself had shot and wounded a Deputy Sheriff not far from the murder yesterday -- of FBI man Terry Anderson.

Seventeen year old Peggy Ann Bradnick -- held captive for seven days by Hollenbaugh -- miraculously escaped unharmed. And at last report -- well on the road to recovery from her terrifying ordeal.

MRS. THOMAS

Warren, I have a suggestion for you. My wife often seems far more observing than I. And once again she has returned from a trip with some interesting information. Just in from a journey up the Hudson River in a converted submarine chaser here are two of the unusual things she uncovered.

Where the Hudson flows into the ocean the mouth of the river is actually below sea level. I suppose that's why the tide from the Atlantic actually goes all the way up to Albany, a distance of some one hundred and seventy-five miles.

But, here's ~~what~~⁹ what threw me: All of us who journey up and down the Hudson are familiar with Bannerman's Island. But, I didn't know that the comparatively new method of working out dates by the radio-carbon test has definitely established that the small island in the Hudson has been occupied by Man for four thousand five hundred years! Why that's since the days when the Egyptians were building the Pyramids.

So, Warren, if you're looking for a keen observer I suggest you give the assignment to your wife.

PLANE

Faster than a speeding bullet -- more powerful than a locomotive -- taller than a five story building. What is it? The supersonic transport. A plane that will be capable of flying from New York to Los Angeles in two hours -- with a payload of five hundred passengers.

Details on this were discussed for the first time today in Washington. The giant ship to have individual closed circuit television screens -- in place of windows. Also owns -- to serve up instant meals with the press of a button.

Among problems still to be solved -- how to overcome the effects of unexpected turbulence at top speed. An Air Force test pilot working on the project -- says it's like being in a bus going over a washboard road -- at two hundred miles an hour. But it won't be long now -- New York to London or Paris or California -- in two hours.