

President Nixon met the press today at noon - in a broadcast news conference. His first in three months. And a wide range of subjects was covered: For instance:

On school desegregation - the President defended his present "middle course" between the two extremes; asserting that it is not "a victory for civil rights" but rather "a defeat for education - when the government cuts off funds for a school district." On his appointment of Clement Haynsworth to the Supreme Court - the President reaffirmed his confidence in the judge's "qualifications and integrity". Adding: "The Senate should confirm him - and I believe it will confirm him."

On the government's fight against inflation - the President declared it's beginning to take effect. And "anybody who bets on a continuing inflation - will lose that bet" - said he.

First and foremost though - the Press and the President concentrated on Vietnam. He called Senator Goodell's bid for a total U.S. troop withdrawal by December of Nineteen-Seventy - a clearly "defeatist" proposal; if adopted, one that would destroy and incentive for a negotiated peace - so that the Communists could merely wait us out. The President added, however - "the enemy is not going to win its objective by waiting us out;" and once the enemy "recognizes this" - said he - it will negotiate and "we will end this war before the end of Nineteen-Seventy."

Later on - he also stressed the importance of U.S. public opinion. Observing that Administration Vietnam policy - has "a lot of support;" but that it needs "even more support" - to ensure a speedy peace.

PARIS FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Underscoring the President's remarks // a story today from Paris; tell~~s~~ of the return of Viet Cong Foreign Minister Madame Nguyen Thi Binh - after consultations in Hanoi. The lady quoted as saying that recent U.S. troop withdrawals - have caused absolutely no change in Communist policy. And she added the war will go on - until the complete withdrawal of American troops - until the fall of the present Saigon government.

CONFERENCE FOLLOW PARIS

Getting back to the President's press conference -

it was enlivened by at least one touch of humor, when a woman reporter prefaced her question - with a tirade against wasteful, dishonest and otherwise disreputable Washington bureaucrats. Finally asking the President what he intended to do about such people in general - and one certain Pentagon official in particular.

To which ~~the~~ President's replied: "I don't know the gentleman -- but after that question I'm going to find out who he is very shortly."

TRIAL

Abbie Hoffman blew a kiss at the jury, Tom Hayden raised his fist at them - and opening statements for prosecution and defense were made today at the Chicago conspiracy trial of eight anti-war demonstrators.

The prosecution told the jury the government would prove the eight conspired "to incite to riot" thousands who came to Chicago during last summer's Democratic Convention.

The defense said it would show that the defendants came to Chicago "only to protest in the finest American tradition" - and found themselves "in a riot engineered by the Chicago police."

(SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED "ISTANBUL")

And now - here again Lowell Thomas - with another
special report. Taking a fresh look at economic conditions -
East versus West. Lowell...

Hello Everybody: L. T. Tape Insert - unedited

The place this time - Istanbul - a meeting of some eighteen hundred delegates to the International Chamber of Commerce - a convention of Americans, Europeans, Asians from all sides of the Iron Curtain. And the speaker - Arthur Watson - chairman of the IBM World Trade Corporation. In a departure from accepted protocol - Arthur Watson flatly stated that the present Soviet economic system is doomed.

The main reason - said he - the Russian agricultural program - which he labels "a monumental failure." Indeed, the fact that Russia must utilize about fifty per cent of its labor force in farm work - is "little short of incredible" - he went on. Noting, that the comparable figure in the Common Market countries - is only fifteen per cent; and in the United States - only five per cent.

The logical solution - says Arthur Watson - an

expansion of the brand new Soviet incentive program - to cover agriculture as well as industry; and give farmers the flexibility to exercise their native ingenuity - while at the same time sharing directly in profits. Will it happen?

The Russian reaction - Watson reports that three Soviet delegates were sitting right in front of him - as he spoke, and that the backs of their necks turned beet red, "but that they were taking a lot of notes" - and then he adds that "men may never agree about religion or ideology - but there is a universal logic when it comes to business; " perhaps the ultimate hope then for bringing "this troubled, quarrelsome world together some day." We hope.

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LA PAZ

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UNITED NATIONS

At the United Nations - Albania today launched its twentieth annual campaign - to oust Nationalist China from the world body; to replace the Taipei regime - with that of Peking. This coincident with a report from Stockholm - that Red China has admitted for the first time - that it really wants a seat on the U. N.

BONN

In the closing stages of that West German political campaign - an apparent accommodation today between the two leading contestants. Chancellor Kurt George Kiesinger - withdrawing his request for a temporary "freeze" on the German mark. This on receipt of assurances from opposition leader Willy Brandt - assurances that Brandt's party - if it wins - has no intention either of immediately revaluing the mark.

BRIDGEPORT

A final story - from Bridgeport, Connecticut; where the inmates at Connecticut's State Correctional Center - have finally decided on a name for their new prison newspaper. They'll call it - "The Inside Story."

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Mike Wallace

PENTAGON

In the matter of those six Green Berets accused of murder in Vietnam - the case was dismissed today - as you have likely heard by now. Army Secretary Stanley Resor dropped the charges against the men - because, said he, the Central Intelligence Agency would not let its agents testify at their trial. This - we are told - for reason of "national security." Resor asserted, therefore: "It is my judgement - under these circumstances - that the defendants cannot receive a fair trial."

Lest there be any doubt - the Secretary then went on to say that the U. S. Army "will not and cannot condone" the murder of a Vietnamese civilian; even an alleged - double or triple agent. He added, however, that "every man accused of a wrongdoing - is innocent until he is proven guilty;" and a "determination of guilt may be made" - said he - "only by a court which has access to all information;" which in this instance - could not be, because the CIA would not let it's witnesses testify.

Resor's order also provides that the six Green Berets will now be reassigned - outside Vietnam. The same apparently for two of their comrades - against whom charges had been held in abeyance. Today's order - free them, too.

These - an afternoon conversation with Governor Rockefeller and a dinner tonight sponsored by Mrs. Ben Jewish organizations.

Along the way - Mrs. Meir referred to the "Song of Sion." Telling her American hosts - "There is no concept that is deeper to Israel." And as for peace "it will come" - said she - "as long as you" believe as we do."