

Reaction to President Nixon's latest - his TV-radio report to the nation is perhaps best summed up by Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield; who said the President - "did a good job in explaining his point of view. Adding that the appointment of David Bruce as the new US peace negotiator in Paris - was a real "ten strike." Senator McGovern of South Dakota, charged that the President's reasoning on the Cooper-Church Amendment - "turns the Constitution upside down;" and asked for equal time - to counter the President's remarks. This drawing a blast - from House minority leader Gerald Ford; who saying that McGovern's "equal time" plea - was "ridiculous on the face of it." That "the President has every right to make periodic reports to the American people - without being subjected to political sniping immediately afterwards."

PARIS FOLLOW CAPITOL HILL

Overseas - Paris - French President

Pompidou addressing himself to the same subject.

In a rare news conference today - saying he was

"very pleased" by the Bruce appointment. Adding that

he hopes the Vietnam peace conference - will now

"come alive again" and by consequence open the way

to a negotiated settlement.

PEACE FOLLOW PARIS



Elsewhere in Paris - 'Acting U S Peace Envoy

Philip Habib said ~~he~~ that he, too, foresees "a new phase in peace talks." For today's session though - the Communist side choosing to ignore the President's remarks. Instead, charging that the U S - by its intervention in Cambodia has ~~sustained~~ sustained many heavy defeats - immediate and long term, military and political. ~~is~~ This," - ~~he~~ said Habib ~~-~~ "wildly inaccurate."

HUE Follow Peace

Meanwhile, ground action in Vietnam included today - an attack on a U S paratroop base near Hue. With enemy forces - before they were driven back - ~~killed~~ killing eight and wounding four. This marking the heaviest single loss by an American unit - since the start of that U S Cambodian operation April thirteenth.

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KENT

Here's one - the story of a student poll at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. Showing that eighty six percent of those polled - would oppose any further increase in U S troop strength in Vietnam; but the number who oppose the presence of U S troops in Cambodia - only sixty-three percent. Indeed, President Nixon's present withdrawal policy actually drawing majority support - fifty-three percent. Fully eighty percent further ~~inf~~ indicating - that the ^{in University} ~~at~~ ROTC program should be continued.

EMPLOYMENT

On the U S economic front - a good sign today. The U.S. unemployment rate - showing its first decline in six months - a pretty good one, too. According to government figures - the jobless rate dropping from an even five per cent in May down to four-point-seven-per cent in June. An indication, perhaps, that the administration economic policies are beginning to bear fruit.

IRKUTSK

I promised to take you to Irkutsk tonight, if only for a moment. If you look at your map you'll find it right in the heart of Asia, North of Mongolia. On this our first flight after flying down from Alaska to Khabarovsk, we were all interested in taking a look at our Aeroflot plane; and the service on board. Both were first rate. Later we did a lot of flying in Russian planes and none compared with the plush plane we had for this Flight to Irkutsk, Capitol of Siberia. They served us a gourmet meal with smoked sturgeon, a sort of beef fillet, cucumber salad - if you like cucumbers go to Siberia - excellent bread, ice cream^m and of course caviar, vodka and wine from the Crimea, served by smiling hostesses built on lines reminiscent of Mae West.

There were the usual small rest rooms at the rear of the plane, the most luxurious we were to see in all of the U S S R, even in hotels.

As for Irkutsk, it's a city of a half a million people; principal streets named for Lenin and Karl Marx; statues of

Lenin in all the parks of which there are many. Wide spacious streets, massive buildings, and many attractive old-fashioned wooden homes decorated with some of the most elaborate wood carving you will find anywhere. These were the older homes, and when built the residents must have had a lot of extra time on their hands for the carving.

Of course we only saw approximately what they wanted us to see. On a fast trip it could hardly be otherwise. But, better than not seeing Siberia at all.

The salt mines and slave labor camps? Not a word about them. The women more attractively dressed than the men. The younger women wearing skirts of a near mini variety, more so than we were to see later in Russia, in - Europe, in Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev.

So maybe there is more freedom today in Siberia than other parts of the USSR? Or is it because they are such a long way from Moscow? The girls have impressive looking legs, usually walk in pairs, always in lock step striding along as

though they have all had training in marching.

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GRAHAM

Washington again - the co-chairman of "Honor America Day" - set for this Saturday, July Fourth - today voiced an appeal for Americans of all political views to join in. Says evangelist Billy Graham "this is not a "pro-Nixon" or "pro-War" demonstration; "this is not hawks versus doves, Republicans versus Democrats or white versus blacks - but all of us together."

Billy Graham further observing - "a lot still needs to be done to realize the American dream;" and then he cited especially - problems of "racism, poverty and pollution." He added though: "We are trying to say" - through "Honor American Day" - that "there are some good things about America," Warren.

NEW YORK

Speaking of Polls - a second survey is reported today from New York. High school students the nation over - asked to name the ten living Americans they most respect and admire. This drawing enough of a protest vote - that ~~number~~ number seven came out "no choice". As for the ~~rest~~ rest though: First choice, President Nixon; second, the students parents; third - Bob Hope; fourth, Neil Armstrong; fifth, Edward Kennedy; sixth, the students teachers; eighth, Billy Graham; ninth Spiro Agnew, ~~and tenth;~~

Not a hippy or a near hippy in that ~~Bill Cosby, and you'll note, Warren - not a hippy on~~
list, W - S - L -
~~a hippie, or even a hippy in the whole bunch.~~