

War protestors discuss draft, more arrested

WASHINGTON—Antiwar protestors buttonholed employees of the nation's draft headquarters Tuesday with the blessing of the director—while a few were arrested after spending the night in the offices of Senate Republican Leader Hugh Scott.

A dozen or so demonstrators were blocked from entering Selective Service headquarters in a group, but a delegation was permitted inside, and Director Curtis W. Tarr passed a memo to employees to give an ear to what the demonstrators had on their mind.

He met with some of them himself Monday.

Tarr said in his memo to Selective Service employees, "While I personally do not agree with all of their (the protestors') conclusions, I believe that we share a common concern for the need to solve the serious problems that plague our country."

A delegation of four demonstrators was allowed in the building with a warning that they would be allowed to stay only so long as there was no disturbance. Their entry was delayed for an hour and a half by police.



Defense wins dismissal

FT. McPHERSON, Ga.—The defense won dismissal Tuesday of one of two charges against Capt. Eugene M. Kotouc, standing court-martial for maiming a Viet Cong suspect near My Lai.

Col. Madison Wright, the military judge, threw out an assault charge against the 37-year-old Humboldt, Neb., soldier, but rejected another defense motion for a directed acquittal on the maiming count.

The prosecution rested its case Tuesday morning after reading into the record an affidavit by Kotouc in which he admitted accidentally cutting off a small portion of a "Viet Cong terrorist's" little finger during an interrogation session following the My Lai massacre.

After the defense took over, it paraded a series of character witnesses to the stand to testify to Kotouc's good name.

One was Lt. Col. Ret. Robert Stewart, Kotouc's former commanding officer, who said Kotouc was a man of "high moral character... one of the finest people I've ever been associated with. I think his demeanor toward his fellow man is beyond reproach," Stewart said.

In addition to the affidavit, the government's case against Kotouc consisted of six witnesses. Only one was able to positively identify Kotouc as the man who cut off the suspect's finger during the questioning.

Kotouc conceded in the affidavit that he employed "an element of fear" in an effort to get information concerning land mines and booby traps from the suspect. "The lives of American soldiers depended on the success of my interrogation," Kotouc declared.

Justice Department to appeal court ruling

WASHINGTON—The Justice Department announced Tuesday it would appeal to the Supreme Court a ruling that it is unconstitutional for the government to wiretap allegedly subversive domestic groups without prior court approval.

The ruling by the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals April 8 in Cincinnati in a White Panther bomb case undercut the Nixon administration's premise that it can wiretap such groups at will just as it moves against foreign threats to the nation's security.

Solicitor General Erwin N. Griswold announced the appeal Tuesday and described the ruling as stating "that the President of the United States does not have authority to authorize telephonic surveillance in national security cases in the absence of a court warrant."

Deputy Solicitor General James Van R. Springer said the government appeal probably would be filed before May 7, the end of a 30-day deadline for appeals that the 6th Circuit Judges set. If accepted for review, the case would not be heard until the Supreme Court begins its fall term in October.

U.S. District Court Judge Damon J. Keith ruled Jan. 27 in Detroit that the government must disclose information gathered on wiretaps of telephone conversations by Lawrence "Pun" Plamondon, 25. He was one of three White Panthers accused of conspiring to blow up a Central Intelligence Agency office in Ann Arbor, Mich., Sept. 29, 1968.

Four lower courts have split down the middle on the issue, a conflict which often convinces the high court to resolve the dispute.

The 6th Circuit Court in Cincinnati upheld the ruling by a 2-1 vote April 8, declaring that the executive branch of government "is subject to the limitation of the 4th Amendment of the Constitution when undertaking searches and seizures for oral communications by wire."

The 4th Amendment protects the rights of individual privacy against unreasonable search and seizure.

Keith held, "an ideal which seems to permeate much of the government's argument is that a dissonant domestic organization is akin to an unfriendly foreign power and must be dealt with in the same fashion."

"There is great danger in an argument of this nature for it strikes at the very constitutional privileges and immunities that are inherent in United States citizenship."

Kidnap charges may be dropped

HARRISBURG, Pa.—The government plans to revamp its case against the Rev. Phillip Berrigan and five other persons indicted in an alleged plot to kidnap presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger, a source close to the case revealed Tuesday.

The source said there was a strong possibility the government might drop the kidnap charges against the six but retain a charge they conspired to blow up the heating systems of five government buildings in Washington.

In the event the government decided to drop the kidnap charges against Berrigan and the others, including a former priest now conducting a vigil and fast here, the source said indications were that the six would be charged anew with participating in a number of draft board raids.

Israel seeks unlimited Mideast cease-fire

Israel has not demanded an Egyptian declaration ending the state of war as a condition for reopening the Suez Canal but is seeking an unlimited cease-fire, Foreign Secretary Abba Eban disclosed Tuesday in Jerusalem.

At the same time, authoritative sources in Cairo said Egypt has made known to the United States that reopening of the canal cannot be a substitute for an Israeli commitment for total withdrawal from all occupied Egyptian territory.

U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers is visiting Egypt and Israel next week in a personal effort to push for an early interim agreement on reopening the canal as the possible first step toward an overall peace settlement in the Middle East. The canal has been blocked since the 1967 war.

Eban indicated an apparent easing in Israel's stance at his first news conference in more than a month. He said Rogers' visit to the Middle East "could advance" a possible accord with Egypt and that the next few weeks could show whether a partial arrangement on reopening the canal is feasible.

Eban was the first Israeli official to say publicly that Israel's counter proposals to Egyptian plans on the canal reopening do not include a condition that Cairo declare

an end to the war first. Other cabinet ministers and military officials had called this a major point, but Eban told newsmen "in no document is the term non-belligerency used."

Reward fails to draw response

WASHINGTON—A \$100,000 reward posted nearly two months ago for information on the bombing of the U.S. Capitol has failed to draw a single response, Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield said Tuesday.

Mansfield said in an interview the six-figure reward, posted by a mystery donor, had produced "not a single bite." And as far as he knew, he said, police were still without clues.

The March 1 blast damaged a first-floor washroom, blew doors off hinges, damaged six rooms and shattered a priceless art glass in the senators' dining room. A week later Mansfield and other Senate leaders announced that an unidentified "reputable citizen" had offered the reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the bomber. The donor's identity still is secret, at his request.

Draft to be cut for rest of year

WASHINGTON—Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird announced draft calls would be cut back the rest of this year and said he did not expect them to exceed 10,000 in any month.

Laird announced the draft call for May, previously put at 15,000, was being combined with the month of June and the new two-month call would be 20,000.

Nixon to decide admission soon

LONDON—Secretary of State William P. Rogers said Tuesday the United States wants to encourage Communist China to play a "constructive" role in world affairs. He said President Nixon would decide, possibly within a month, whether to support admission of Red China to the United Nations.

Rogers also told the United States' Asian allies that American participation in the Indochina War is "on the final lap"

under President Nixon's program of withdrawing U.S. troops.

In a public statement to the 16th ministerial meeting of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO), Rogers said:

"We believe the Peoples Republic of China has a growing role to play in Asia. The aim of our policy is not to deny that role but to encourage it—encourage it to be a constructive rather than a destructive role."

Rebels give up after threats

COLOMBO, Ceylon—The government of Prime Minister Saramavo Banaraneike said Tuesday many Che Guevarist rebels were surrendering as a result of her threat to mount a major military offensive against them.

Mrs. Bandaranaike issued the government ultimatum to the leftists rebels last weekend in a message broadcast nationwide. Officials said Tuesday leaflets would be airdropped over rebel areas of Ceylon during the remainder of the week, advising them that they have four days from May 1 in which to surrender without government reprisals.

Crossword Puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a small 'Answer to Yesterday's Puzzle' grid at the top.

Waterbeds advertisement. Text: 'WATERBEDS Why Pay More? Take One With You This Summer—Only \$33.98 967-5104'. Includes a small diagram of a waterbed.

Advertisement for Milton's Clothing Cupboard. Text: 'HANKERING FOR DOUBLE-KNIT PANTS?'. Includes an illustration of a pair of pants.

Large advertisement for Milton's Clothing Cupboard. Text: 'HANKERING FOR DOUBLE-KNIT PANTS?'. Includes an illustration of a pair of pants and a list of clothing items for sale.

DTH ads work DTH Classifieds

Large advertisement for DTH Classifieds. Text: 'JUBILEE SPECIAL! For coeds, it's the pill: for men, it's us. We guarantee and undersell. Call 966-2574 7 to 9 p.m.' Includes various classified ads for cars, real estate, and services.

Comic strip titled 'PEANUTS'. Shows characters Woodstock, Snoopy, and others. Text: 'WOODSTOCK WENT TO THIS PARTY LAST NIGHT... BUT THEN THIS BLUE JAY TOLD HIM THAT THIS ROBIN WHO WAS WITH THIS HUMMINGBIRD STILL LIKED THIS SPARROW WHO LIKED THIS CANARY WHO LIKED THIS BLUE JAY, AND... ACTUALLY, IT'S ALL VERY CONFUSING... I'VE HEARD ABOUT THEM, LOOK— 'AVEN'T YOU EVER SEEN A PAIR OF NEWLY-WEDS BEFORE?!... NOT LIKE THEM, I 'AVEN'T. WHAT'S SO SPECIAL?... SHE IRONS 'IS BOOT LACES... STOP IT, CHALKIE, I'LL BE THROWIN' UP...'