

President Now Deep in Overseas Problems

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WASHINGTON (AP) — It's been a strange month for President Johnson and others, including Red China, Russia, Israel, West Germany, East Germany, Egypt, Indonesia, North and South Viet Nam, and Cuban refugees.

All got mixed up in violence, confusion or rebuffs these past 30 days.

Johnson, like a man walking a sandbar in a sea of troubles, had managed to stay pretty clear of foreign dilemmas for most of his presidency, and then suddenly he got drenched in them.

More and more of his time is being consumed by problems overseas. What's strange is the way he's handling them, compared with the way he had handled others.

Last April 22 he could hardly get to the television cameras soon enough to tell the American people the long drawn-out railroad dispute was settled.

And he went on television Aug. 4, when North Vietnamese PT-boats fired on American destroyers in the Gulf of Tonkin, to announce he had ordered a retaliatory bombing raid on North Viet Nam bases.

Recently he has done the opposite, staying away from television and news conferences since Feb. 7 when he ordered another bombing strike on North Viet Nam after Red guerrillas attacked an American air base in South Viet Nam.

Over the weekend he ordered 3,500 U.S. Marines into South

Viet Nam to protect the U.S. base at Da Nang. Johnson aides have said this country would like to negotiate a settlement if North Viet Nam would indicate a willingness.

But all this has left some big unknowns. Will the bombing cool North Viet Nam's martial spirit? Will the Marines get into ground fighting with Red guerrillas? Just how far does Johnson intend to extend the war? What will Russia and Red China do?

In American-backed South Viet Nam some Buddhists have started calling for peace.

Meanwhile the Communist world is having its troubles.

In Moscow, 2,000 Asian students rioted in front of the U.S. Embassy to protest the bombing raids. They smashed windows, smeared the building with ink, fought with Soviet police and troops.

In Red China, 300 Chinese students demonstrated in front of the Soviet Embassy in Peiping to protest the Soviet police action in Moscow against the anti-American rioters.

The United States protested to Russia that the Soviet police hadn't given the American Embassy enough protection and Sunday refugees from Fidel Castro's Cuba demonstrated against the Soviet Embassy in Washington, hitting the building with bottles of black liquid. Six were arrested.

The refugees explained they were reacting against last week's violent student demonstration against the U.S. Embassy. But their action opened the door for a Soviet protest that American police hadn't given

en the Soviet Embassy enough protection. And the Russians promptly protested to the State Department.

The last thing West Germany wanted was to see Egypt's President Nasser invite East Germany's Communist boss, Walter Ulbricht, to Cairo. To butter up Nasser, the Bonn government stopped an American-supported arms program for Israel.

But Nasser invited Ulbricht to Egypt and treated him handsomely. West Germany felt so rebuffed it decided to stop further economic aid to Egypt and offered to establish full diplomatic relations with Israel.

In a Moscow meeting of Communist parties from around the world the American raids on North Viet Nam were denounced. But this was supposed to be a Communist unity meeting, long arranged, and it was anything but.

Only 19 of 25 Communist parties showed up — the stay-aways included Red China and its satellites — and reports indicate there wasn't any grand harmony among those who did attend.

And the United States began to get fed up — although it was a forced feeding — with Indonesia whose President Sukarno quit the United Nations, the first ever to do so.

Indonesian mobs repeatedly had wrecked American libraries and Sukarno not only closed them but seized American rubber plantations. After all this the U.S. Information Agency it was ending all activities in Indonesia, the first time this country had done that anywhere.



COMFORTING TOUCH — A woman who had her leg shattered during air raid on her village by South Viet Nam air force is comforted by her son after she was treated by Vietnamese army medics at Dong Son airfield. Woman was one of 20 persons killed or wounded in Binh Dinh province in South Viet Nam on March 1 by air raids and artillery barrages in area where Viet Cong forces have recently been on the offensive against government forces. (AP Wirephoto)

Kings to Attend Queen Louise Rites Saturday

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Four reigning kings are expected to attend the state funeral Saturday of Queen Louise of Sweden, great-granddaughter of Britain's Queen Victoria.

Together with the 75-year-old queen's husband, King Gustaf VI Adolf, 82, Kings Frederik IX of Denmark, Olav VI of Norway and Constantine II of Greece are to walk in the funeral procession through the streets of Stockholm.

Queen Louise died in a Stockholm hospital Sunday, four days after emergency surgery for removal of a blood clot in her right leg. A change in her main artery, the aorta, caused her heart to falter.

Her husband, confined to bed with a severe cold, rushed to St. Goeran Hospital when told his wife was dying. The king's daughter, Queen Ingrid of Denmark, was also at the hospital when the queen was pronounced dead.

The Swedish court prescribed a six-week mourning period, but there will be no lying in state.

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Shift to Rayburn Offices Not Entirely Harmonious

WASHINGTON (AP) — A game of musical chairs is underway on Capitol Hill, and it's not entirely harmonious.

Three hundred congressmen and their staffs are involved in a gradual, massive reshuffling of offices due to the opening of that marble extravaganza, the Rayburn House Office Building.

But all is not joy as some of the most senior members begin moving from the two older buildings — the Cannon and Longworth — into the 169 new four-room suites in the Rayburn.

There are mutterings about kitchens with neither sinks nor water, about the grand built-in safes for each member, about narrow closets, about the bewildering corridors, about the layout of the suites that makes it impossible for a congressman to walk directly from his private office into his staff's workroom without passing through the reception room. "And the Lord knows who can be waiting to button hole you out there," remarked one veteran.

Off each suite's workroom, which, because of the clinical gray walls with rows of built-in cabinets, has been described as "looking like a morgue," is the kitchen. But the kitchen has neither sink nor running water.

"If I wanted to make a con-

stituent or somebody else a drink," remarked one congressman, "I'd have to carry the ice cubes through the waiting room."

Yet, off each congressman's private office is a nook that appears to have started out as serving bar with a shelf and cabinets. There's no refrigerator, but there is a magnificent combination safe that's about four feet wide and almost as high.

"All I've got in it is stamps," said one member.

"The comptroller of Sears Roebuck doesn't have a safe that big," marveled another.

While there are plenty of complaints, which is usually the case with any new building, many members prefer to keep them private because the criticisms reportedly are beginning to irritate some of the leadership.

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Women Confounding Federal Computers

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NEW YORK (AP) — Ever government computers can't figure out women. And so the jobless rate bounced upward in February after just as unexpectedly dropping in January.

The government has been trying hard to find a way to get the rate of unemployment down to 4 per cent. And President Johnson's Great Society calls for a goal of around 3 per cent as more acceptable.

Among adult women the jobless rate rose from 4.5 per cent in January to 5.1 per cent in February, a sizable jump since normal seasonal changes were taken into account. But for married men, known to the statisticians as breadwinners, February saw a drop to 2.6 per cent from January's 2.7 per cent.

If the number of married men out of work increases sharply, the reason is presumed to be that the number of jobs has been cramped.

But women enter or leave the labor force for less predictable reasons. It often depends on conditions at home, on the availability of the specific kind of work they

the labor force that wants to work but can't. And the labor force is the sum of those with jobs and those who are looking in vain. Each month a fluctuating number of persons don't want or need jobs, or are admittedly unemployable.

Charting the course of unemployment today also is complicated by the changing economy. Jobs in the services are booming, but factories are turning out more goods with fewer workers because of new machinery. Cascading paper work multiplied office jobs, but now various machines are taking over much of that.

And each year new techniques call for new skills, for which there often is a scarcity of available workers. At the same time skills learned years ago are becoming obsolete.

Still, the biggest hurdle of all in the race against unemployment is what happened 15 to 20 years ago. Youngsters born then will be entering the labor force at around 1.5 million a year for the rest of this decade.

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