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WASHINGTON

The House and Senate are not in session today.

President Johnson and his military chiefs began work today on a variety of plans to provide their agreed upon troop buildup in Vietnam without calling up reserves or significantly increasing the draft. A long series of councils on the war ended yesterday with Johnson and his military leaders presenting themselves in full accord that an unspecified number of additional combat troops are needed by the 1.2 million man allied force in Vietnam. (UPI-9, 7/14)

Six rail unions threaten to strike after midnight Saturday despite a Congressional warning this may bring settlement of the long shop craft dispute on terms they oppose. Leaders of the six unions planned to meet today to decide whether to heed a request by Senate and House conferees to defer any strike plans and give the deadlocked conference another chance to agree on a settlement. (AP-12, 7/14)

Sources familiar with General Westmoreland's thinking said that he regarded McNamara's statements on effective troop use and his criticism earlier this week of the ratio of support to combat troops as a reflection on Westmoreland's leadership. Many military officers in the Pentagon agreed that McNamara's statements cast a shadow over Westmoreland's management of the nearly 500,000 men under his command. (AP-22, 7/14)

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover suggested today that the youthful American "new left" is considered too far-out for some aging stalwarts of the U.S. Communist Party. His report made these other points: --fraud and embezzlement violations against financial institutions have risen by more than 90 percent since 1958. Over 3,000 violations involving \$20 million were reported last year alone, a new record. --Fraudulent bankruptcies have become a growing operation for organized crime. (UPI-22, 7/14)

Rep. James C. Gardner, R.-N.C., submitted to the House a new proposal yesterday for bringing the Vietnam conflict to an end. Features of the plan are: a definite offer to meet Ho Chi Minh for a conference; stopping of the bombing for two weeks before such a meeting; that if the negotiations fail, notify U.N., USSR, North Vietnam and Red China that the U.S. will make an all-out effort to bring the war to a conclusion militarily including a blockade of Haiphong, and bombing of all military targets in the North. (Press Release, 7/14)

Spokesmen for Chicago and Miami Beach were invited to further conferences today with the Republican Committee assigned to recommend the site for the Party's 1968 National convention. The GOP site committee has narrowed its choices to those two cities. (UPI-20, 7/14)

Democratic party officials, established in a new and enlarged headquarters, report that the National Party Organization was out of debt for the first time in years. (UPI-21, 7/14)

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Senate GOP Whip Thomas H. Kuchel, Calif., told the Senate Thursday that despite a "highly commercialized stream" of theories advanced about the Kennedy assassination, the Warren Commission Report stands "unassailable." (UPI-84, 7/13)

House GOP leader Gerald R. Ford said Thursday that Congress needs to get what he termed some honest budget figures from the Johnson Administration. He said the information is needed before Congress can determine whether a tax increase is necessary. (AP-80, 7/13)

A GOP congressman said Thursday that Agriculture secretary Orville Freeman's recent "temper flar-ups" before two Congressional committees indicated the time had come for the cabinet officer to resign. "There is no question that the pressure and responsibility of the Department of Agriculture are too demanding on the present secretary," Rep. William J. Scherle, R.-Iowa, said. (UPI-68, 7/13)

Sen. Karl Mundt, R.-S.D., called Thursday for an embargo on exports to Russia and its European allies who "feed fresh fuel on the fires of crisis in the Middle East and Vietnam." (UPI-38, 7/13)

The South Vietnam elections Sept. 3 could set the stage for a gradual U.S. disengagement from the military conflict there, Sen. Jacob K. Javits, R.-N.Y., said Thursday. Describing the election as a potential key to future U.S. policy in Vietnam, Javits urged that President Johnson name a high-level commission to observe the voting. (AP-53, 7/13)

President Johnson declared Thursday there is an "urgent need" for Israel to permit Arab refugees in Jordan to return to their homes in territory seized by Israel last month. (New York Times, 7/14)

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee ordered deep cuts in the Administration's \$2.5-billion request for economic foreign aid funds. The committee also indicated there may be rigid limitations on the nature and scope of the military aid program, for which the Administration has sought almost \$600-million. (New York Times, 7/14)

TV SUNDAY JULY 16, 1967

Channel 9 (CBS)	12:30-1:00	Face the Nation--Mr. Robert Komer, Deputy to Gen. Westmoreland for pacification.
4 (NBC)	1:00-1:30	Meet the Press--Mr. Roy Wilkins, NAACP.
7 (ABC)	1:30-2:00	Issues and Answers--Attorney General, Ramsey Clark.

IN TODAY'S NEWSLETTER

JOHNSON'S SPENDING CREATES 'INVISIBLE TAXES'--Rep. Gerald R. Ford
CONGRESSMEN REPORT TAXES AND INFLATION BOTHER VOTERS MOST--GOP poll
WASHINGTONIANS AFRAID TO BE ON STREETS AFTER DARK--Rep. Droyhill