

LBJ Proposes Soviet-U. S. ^{SF Peak} ^{8/27/66} Atomic Curbs

ARCO, Idaho (AP) — President Johnson visited an atom harnessing center Friday dedicated to peace and challenged the Soviet Union to cooperate in ending the danger of instant nuclear destruction.

● Speaking at the national reactor testing station in the southeastern Idaho desert, Johnson said the war in Viet Nam need be no barrier to this cooperation because he said it is limited to protecting independence of the people and thus poses no threat to vital interests of the Soviet Union.

"And we cannot be satisfied," the President said, "with a situation in which the world is capable of extinction in a moment of error, or madness, or anger."

This, he said, is why we have always been required to show restraint as well as resolve; "to be firm but not to walk heavy-footed along the brink of war."

"This is why we also recognize that at the heart of our concern in the years ahead must be our relationship with the Soviet Union," Johnson said.

"Both of us possess unimaginable power; our responsibility to the world is heavier than that ever borne by two nations at the same time. A common interest of that responsibility is an essential requirement in the years to come."