

## Kleindienst Here

# No Prosecution Of Jane Fonda

United States Attorney General Richard Kleindienst declined yesterday to talk about one prominent visitor to North Vietnam, but indicated another won't be prosecuted for treason.

The first was Ramsey Clark — himself a former U.S. attorney general — who was in North Vietnam to inspect damage done by American bombs.

"The secretary of state speaks for the administration on foreign affairs," Kleindienst told a Hilton Hotel press conference. "I'm happy to defer to him."

The second visitor was actress Jane Fonda, who spoke

on Hanoi radio criticizing the war and appealing to U.S. pilots to think about what their bombs are doing.

"Based upon information which has come to our attention about Miss Fonda — and I understand she categorically denies most statements (attributed to her) — there doesn't seem to be any indication of treason on Miss Fonda's part," Kleindienst remarked.

He indirectly conceded there had been at least passing thought given to the possibility of filing treason charges against the Oscar-winning actress.

"We have to look at the conduct of any citizen if it



RICHARD KLEINDIENST  
Hilton press conference

appears there is a possible violation of any federal law," the attorney general said.

He added, however, "I think treason has to depend on a declaration of war."

At one point during a wide-ranging discussion of legal matters, Kleindienst defended President Nixon's request for a moratorium on busing orders by federal courts.

Kleindienst said the moratorium request is part of a larger administration plan for comprehensive legislation establishing national standards for school integration.

In the past, he said, 400 federal judges across the nation have been "legislating" such standards on a case-by-case basis, a practice which he said is unsatisfactory.

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## A Call for New Laws on Treason

### Washington

If actress Jane Fonda's Hanoi broadcasts did not violate existing laws pertaining to treason or sedition, the Justice Department should seek new laws, the House Internal Security Committee said yesterday.

"I am sure that you recognize the pernicious nature of Miss Fonda's statements to our servicemen," Representative Richard H. Ichord (Dem-Mo.), committee chairman, wrote to Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst, "and the seriousness with which nearly all members of Congress view her conduct.

"Although it might be fairly said that public support

for American involvement in the Vietnam conflict is steadily declining, such aid and comfort to a nation with which we are engaged in hostilities is nevertheless condemned by the public."

The letter follows the committee's action of last Thursday in which the panel refused a member's request to subpoena Miss Fonda to testify about anti-war broadcasts she made during a recent visit to North Vietnam. Instead, the committee voted 8 to 1 to request the Justice Department to report to the panel by September 14 on the progress of the department's inquiry into her activities.

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