

Aussie's View of U.S. Alert

Canberra

Australian Prime Minister Gough Whitlam said yesterday that President Nixon's alert of U.S. forces around the world during the ceasefire crisis in the Middle East was actually "an announcement for domestic United States consumption."

Whitlam was answering questions at the National Press Club.

"The Middle East war would never have broken out but for supplies provided by both the United States and the Soviet Union," Whitlam said.

"Fortunately, both recovered their sanity in time to save us all."

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