Nixon advocates protests in England
LONDON (UPI) - President Nixon carried his European unity mission to England yesterday with a reaffirmation of the "special relationship" between the United States and Britain. Aides said he would meet with Prime Minister Harold Wilson this week as the Cold War's top diplomatic chores with France. Nixon arrived from Brussels at London's foggy Heathrow Airport and began a round of talks with Prime Minister Harold Wilson that will include Nixon's hopes for summit talks with the Soviet Union.

The two statesmen conferred at Chequers, Wilson's country home 40 miles north of London.

Addressing the NATO council in Brussels earlier yesterday in the first major speech of his day European journey, Nixon said he would try to "secure leaders in five countries.

Air Force One, the presidential jetliner, landed at an isolated corner of Heathrow as a security precaution and there were no crowds to greet Nixon. Protest groups have threatened to "hound" Nixon during his 34-hour stay in England but none were on hand.

Arab guerrillas shell premier's home
JERUSALEM (UPI) - Arab guerrillas last night lashed Premier Levi Eshkol's country residence at Degania in the Jordan Valley, an Israeli communiqué announced. The premier was in Jerusalem at the time.

The attack followed raids by Israeli jet fighter bombers on two Arab commando bases Syria in the biggest air strike the Middle East since the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. Israel said both bases were blasted into the flaming ruins in the strike early Monday and two Syrian MIG-17's were shot down in dogfights.

A rocket-propelled grenade of several Russian made Katyusha shells were fired at Eshkol's home in the Israeli settlement near the Sea of Galilee by Jordanian based guerrillas.

There was no report of damage or casualties in the shelling of the Eshkol residence.

US launches probe toward Mars
CAPE KENNEDY (UPI) - The United States targeted a television probe named Mariner 6 toward Mars yesterday in what may be the opening shot in a race with Russia to explore the planet that has long intrigued astronomers.

The countdown was aiming toward an 8:14 p.m. EST launch for the $64 million spacecraft on a 156 day voyage, covering 226 million miles.

It was the beginning of a space tripleheader this week. Next was the projected six minute Voskhod 2 manned mission of the Russians climaxing with the blastoff of Apollo 9 astronauts James McDivitt, Edward G. White II and Edward H. White in mid-March.

"His life signs are stable and his cardiac condition is in good shape," reported Col. John L. Bradley in a midmorning medical bulletin issued by Walter Reed Army Medical Center where the two men are being treated.

A team of military and civilian doctors decided to risk the operation after nonsurgical methods failed to remove the intestinal block.

Harry recovers, remains hospitalized
KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI) - Former President Harry S. Truman has recovered from a sudden attack of the flu but will remain hospitalized to undergo his first thorough physical checkup in more than three years, it was reported yesterday.

Although the 84 year old Truman expressed a desire to return to his home in nearby Independence, Mo., doctors would not say when he would be released. Hospital officials said he would remain for "routine tests."

Truman was taken by ambulance early last Friday to Research Hospital and Medical Center, suffering from gastroenteritis flu caused by a virus.

It was the former president's fifth hospitalization since leaving the White House in 1953.

Battle to prevent big VC offensive
SAIGON (UPI) - U.S. artillery and B-52 jets yesterday blasted jungles around Saigon where as many as 40,000 Communist troops were reported massing in a possible attack on the South Vietnamese capital.

American intelligence sources said the Viet Cong offensive which began Sunday with rocket barrages on towns and bases throughout the country was designed to divert allied forces from infiltration routes to Saigon.

Constant bombing from the U.S. howitzers rumbled across Saigon yesterday and early today with most of the fire directed into paddo fields. The fire came from the east to the west, a favorite launching area for Communist rocket crews.

U.S. intelligence sources said the Communists have 65,000 troops positioned within a 75 mile radius of Saigon in 81 maneuverable battalions.

SLC acts on two bills
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No letter found.

The Student Life Council met last night in closed session at the Center for Continuing Education. Four resolutions drawn from the Hall Life Report were to be debated, including hall constitutions, role of the rectors, drinking on campus, and parietal hours. Only the first two resolutions were acted upon.

The first resolution, concerning the drafting of constitutions by each hall, was passed. It states that each hall must draw up a constitution by May 1st to define the scope of authority of the three branches of hall government: the president, the legislative hall council, and the hall judicial board.

A Tripartite Hall Life Review Board, to be appointed by the Student Life Council (consisting of two administrators, two students, and one faculty member) would be responsible for establishing, implementing, and maintaining, professional standards for administrative personnel within residence halls. The board would also determine the number and exact role of prefects and assistants.

The two resolutions yet to be discussed concern themselves with drinking on campus and parietal hours. These are on the agenda for the next meeting of the Tripartite Board. A complete plan to be presented at the first meeting will be held next Monday at 4:00 in the Center for Continuing Education.

Dear Ted,

I share your concern over the recent disorders that have paralyzed campus life on our country's campuses. I want to applaud the forthright stands you've taken. As you know, the issues raised by the protesting students range from minor reforms within the academic community to major concerns of national policy; but the means that some students, a small, irresponsible minority, have employed reflect an impatience with democratic processes, an insensitivity to legislation commonly accepted, and a complete disregard for the rights of others.

Violence and vandalism have marked many of these protests and the rights of the majority of the students have been grossly abused. If the integrity of our universities is to be preserved, then several principles must be re-established or be given basic rules enforced.

Institutionalism and threats remain outlaw weapons in a free society. A fundamental and basic principle is the right to free speech, the rule of reason, and the rule of force prevails. Whoever rejects that principle forfeits his right to enjoy the privilege of the academic community. The university administrator who fails to uphold that principle jeopardizes one of the central pillars of his own institution and the university spirit.

I have directed the Vice-President in meetings in Washington this coming week with the governors of the states to present an action consistent with the traditional independence of American universities, one that would be taken at the same time as others in line with the growing lawlessness and violence on our campuses. I would appreciate it if you would take the time to give him your views on this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Nixon.
Ron Mastriana, co-chairman of the HPC, told hall presidents of the tentative plans for the second annual An Tostal weekend at a HPC meeting Sunday night in the student center amphitheater. An Tostal, which means “merrymaking” in Gaelic, rivals homecoming and Mardi Gras in highlighting the ND social calendar.

This year’s HPC sponsored An Tostal will be held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday — May 8, 9, and 10. The program includes a number of games, contests, and parties.

SMC will be responsible for Thursday’s festivities on the ND main quad. Junior Jane Blanchard of LeMans is organizing a female slave auction and pie throwing and dunking contests.

President Marty Bree of Pangborn is planning Friday’s BYO beach party at the St. Joseph’s Lake boathouse. Bree hopes to procure strobe lights for the boathouse and to screen movies on the wall behind the band which will play inside.

Mastriana, general chairman of the weekend, said that “the world’s biggest bonfire” (150 feet high) will be built on the beach. Bree added, “All the guys in Pangborn are willing to contribute their desks to the bonfire.”

John Dues, Walsh Hall president, is in charge of Saturday’s “fun and games.” The events will include Grand Prix time trials, a tug of war, a bed race, “no hands” pie eating, flour blowing, a water brigade, touch football, a pig chase, cow milking, and a trivia bowl. Mastriana said, “Holy Cross claims that its ‘fat Jack’ will again win the pie eating contest ‘hands down’, or so-to-speak.”

Transportation to Saturday night’s Irish Barn Party will be free which would be vacated by ND students for the weekend. “I think it has a pretty good chance of being granted permission,” he said.

Mastriana asked that anyone who wanted to help organize the weekend contact his respective hall president. “We especially need people to help Dave Ryan with advertising. We also need pictures from last year’s An Tostal,” he said.

Soph program resumes soon

The “Meet Your Major Program” continues this week with its description of various departments in the College of Arts and Letters. The program is especially directed towards sophomores who must declare their major at Advance Registration in late April and early May.

Each meeting of the program is devoted to a particular department. After a brief outline of each department is presented, emphasis will be placed on department requirements, special programs, admission to graduate schools, and job opportunities within the specific fields. A number of student majors and members will represent each department.

As a complement to the meetings which have already focused upon the General Program, Philosophy, the Fine Arts, and Psychology, the schedule will also include Graduate Education, Feb. 25; Sociology, Feb. 27; Latin American Studies, March 3; English, March 4; History, March 5; Government, March 6; and Undergraduate Education, March 14.

Because there is no Department of Education on the undergraduate level at Notre Dame, meetings in this area of interest will concentrate on the programs established in a cooperative effort by Notre Dame and St. Mary’s College which lead to teaching careers.

ND student team in marketing finals

A group of Notre Dame University’s business students is now among the top ten teams participating in the eighth annual intercollegiate marketing competition, a business game sponsored by Michigan State University.

Student teams from 41 U.S. and Canadian colleges are learning business management principles by playing MSU’s marketing game.

In this context, each team of four students manages a hypothetical manufacturing company that markets three consumer and industrial products in three different regions.

Companies are judged on the basis of sales, return on investment, and contributions to profitability. Decisions are mailed back to MSU and fed into a computer.

Competition will conclude with a conference on the Michigan State campus April 25-26.
Editor: Not Surprising

Little Donny Hynes has been a naughty boy. In his latest adventures, Donny has said very many stupid things, which is not really surprising. What is surprising is that he has said many more stupid things than usual, two of them downright nasty.

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Irish battle Valpo

With an NCAA Tournament bid on the line and a trip to the NIT at stake, the Irish went into Valparaiso tonight in the Convos Center. The Irish barely won this afternoon, 79-78, but the win was crucial and overall a scoring at an 18.1 clip. Guard Mike Jones (18.8) and guard Marv Evans, attack with four of five starters averaging in double figures.

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Notre Dame's swimmers

The Irish have consecutive

'There's a real resemblance to that of

Williams stands only

It's not Madison Square Garden, where you can melt the ice, remove the hockey boards and devote all the building's resources to a track meet. Notre Dame's hockey rink is permanent, thus eliminating: 1) any change in the size of the track, 2) two or more one-third of the total floor space, 3) one or more permanent seats on the north side of the rink, 3a) a press box with accommodations for 25 writers, television crews and two radio crews, also on the north side of the rink.

Now you consider the resultant size and shape of the track. The athletic department decided a flat track was imperative, so that the track may accommodate indoor baseball and tennis practice, car shows, etc.

The final product is a short (one-tenth of a mile), flat track with tight curves. The complaint is: 'I'm actually running circles out here,' says quarter-mile Meade.

'You don't have any straightaway where a guy can really let it out.'

"Another problem with the lack of straightaway is that you can't see your opponents," noted Mike Jackson of Drake, who finished second to Meade in the quarter. "You see most of these runners at all the meets each winter and you get to know who's a 'rabbit,' who has a good kick and things like that. Most places have at least a couple of straightaways where everybody can see each other, and you can get it together in your mind. But here, we start from a stagger in the 300 and 440 and if you're on the inside lane, you can't even see the guy on the outside lane. He's staggered all the way around a curve, on the other side of the stands. When I ran my heat last night (Friday), I didn't have any idea he was leading until I was 50 yards from the tape."

Purdue swimmers dunk ND

Julio Meade of Kansas, winner of the 440-yard run, "When I was in high school, I ran flat, dirt tracks without spikes. Pete Farrell (former Notre Dame and former Irish track captain who graduated last year) was in my conference. He'll tell you. We lived in New York and New Jersey and that's where they are. These guys don't know what it is to run under bad conditions. They got more trouble in their minds than in their feet."

That's not all Julio Meade said, though. About 15 others of the 325 participants had bad words for the Irish oval, too. All of which served to document the words of some Notre Dame trackmen who filed complaints in an OBSERVER sports story earlier this winter.

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ND sprinter Bill Hurd explained the problem most of his teammates have encountered. "When you're running around a curve, you lost your balance.

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Purdue's Scott Scherer, winner of the half mile run, commented on the same problem from a distance runner's viewpoint. "From the 600 down on, the close turns and flat track are a problem throughout the whole race. After the 600, you're not really running hard enough during most of the race to notice it. But if you accelerate for any reason like trying to pass someone on a curve or kicking hard around the last turn--you suddenly realize the centrifugal force is taking you out into the second or third lane. It's especially tough trying to pass a runner on your outside shoulder. He starts to go a little harder and without a bank, he weeps out. And that forces you to go even faster."

George Byers, another Jayhawk, who swept both hurdles events and tied meet records in the process, developed a liking for the track. "It has a nice going to it and that's important to a runner," he said. Byers did say, however, that the track may have had something to do with Jim Ryan scratchin from the two-mile. "Jim's got this bad left foot, but he said he wanted to try today. If he were entered in the half mile or the mile, I think he would have, but in the two-mile he'd have to go around this thing 20 times. That's four unbanked circies, man. You have to do a lot of leaning inside to stay low on this track and that puts constant pressure on your left foot. He doesn't want to get rejuvinated. He'd rather save it for the big meets."

Ryan, was not available to speak for himself. In fact, most of the spectators didn't even see him. He loomed up for 20 minutes behind the stands, posed for a picture with Irish track coach Alex Wilson and departed at least 10 minutes before the P.A. announcer declared him out of the race. The inevitable conclusion is that Notre Dame's $8 million player plays a mediocre track facility. Or as Southern Illinois' Gerry Hinton said, "Well, it's better than nothing."

Besides all the disadvantages to competitors, it is obvious that the spectator is being short-changed, too. No more than half the track is visible to less than half the house. The 35-pound weight throw was staged in the Fieldhouse, because of the Convo's crowded infield. Few fans saw it.

Lest we overlook the other side of the coin, however. The architecture committee in Chicago Stadium designed a floor plan for the Convo's North dome now. However......

...and as it might be

The accompanying diagram shows that the track would run between the permanent seats on the north side and the hockey rink. The track would have to be portable, so that baseball, tennis, etc. would not be curtailed.

There is a fine, banked, wooden track available. Since the Chicago Daily News discontinued its annual meet seven years ago, their oval has been kept in a back room of Chicago Stadium. The Daily News likely would be happy to unload a useless track and a big storage building. For meets, the ice would have to be melted and the boards would have to come down. Then there would be plenty of infield room, a long, banked track, perhaps 4,000 seat area, and press box room for all.

At the same time, the building would be available for all the activities it hosts now.