

# For The Record

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What do you know: Ronald B. Ramsey, a self-styled pacifist who makes radio tapes that are broadcast to U.S. troops in Vietnam over Radio Hanoi, surfaced in NYC last week—held a press conference. Press stories about Ramsey failed to mention that he first hit the headlines as a leading Berkeley Free Speech Movementer; that he worked for Ben Bella in Algiers late in '64, was taken for a CIA agent, spent five months in an Algerian prison where he was badly beaten and tortured (see NR March 9, 1965), despite which he commented, upon his release: "I have nothing but the greatest admiration for Ben Bella's government." At press conference Ramsey complained (let's hope it's true) he was being harassed by the FBI. . . . One of most effective pro-Vietnam groups, National Student Committee for the Defense of Vietnam, has already gathered nearly half a million student signatures supporting LBJ's policy; is planning new drive on campuses. . . . For detailed info on New Left, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee's "The Anti-Vietnam Agitation and the Teach-In Movement, the Problem of Communist Infiltration and Exploitation" available (U.S. Govt. Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 20402 - 70¢). . . . Illinois congressman Sidney Yates, Roman Pucinski headed this year's perennial Liberal drive to block appropriations for House Committee on Un-American Activities—got only 24 votes.

Estimates at moment of dead in anti-Communist blood purge in Indonesia range up to 300,000. Among the victims, nearly 25,000 Chinese. . . . President Marcos of Philippines now says he expects his country to establish diplomatic relations with Malaysia in near future in obvious slap at Sukarno. . . . British Defense Minister Denis Healey returned from Far East with assurances both Singapore, Malaysia wanted strong British presence retained in area (as protection against Indonesia), which

means no immediate problems for Britain over retention of Singapore base.

Purge of leftist Simon Casady at recent meeting of California Democratic Council could hurt re-election chances of Gov. Pat Brown. Casady, after his ouster as CDC president, said he would work for Brown, but "I don't know if I'll do a lot of work." . . . Sen. Dirksen pretty bullish about GOP prospects in Nov. He predicts a 50-seat gain in House in view of Democratic split over Vietnam. . . . Familiar name in Nebraska: Philip Sorensen, younger brother



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"I think it's safe to come out now!"

of Ted, will make bid for governorship. Present Nebraska Gov. Frank Morrison planning race against conservative Republican Senator Carl Curtis.

Colombian security forces last week killed guerrilla leader Camilo Torres Restrepo, a defrocked priest who had taken to the hills six months before (see "Communist Priests in South America," NR, Oct. 5, 1965). . . . One major problem in Latin America, according to recent UN survey: their food production is way down, almost 6 per cent since 1958.

Austerity hits Central African Republic: one of first ukases of new military government was daytime ban on tomtom drumming—regarded as waste of time.