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THE BRITISH CABINET HAS MET TO CONSIDER MR. WILSON'S REPLY TO THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE DEBATE ON RHODESIA.

THE STATE FUNERAL OF DR. VERWOED HAS TAKEN PLACE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THE LATEST AMERICAN TWO-MAN SPACE SHOT HAS BEEN POSTPONED AGAIN.

NEW TERRORIST ATTACKS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT IN SOUTH VIETNAM ON THE EVE OF THE ELECTIONS THERE.

The British Cabinet has met to discuss how Mr. Wilson will reply to the Commonwealth Conference debate on Rhodesia when it resumes on Monday. Our Commonwealth correspondent says there is unlikely to be any fundamental change in Britain's policy. This includes the requirement that independence for Rhodesia must be coupled with unimpeded progress towards majority rule, and should be acceptable to the people of the country as a whole. The Cabinet is believed to have discussed whether any formula could be found which could clarify this position in the light of demands by African delegates that there should be no independence before majority rule is established. Our correspondent says that in his reply on Monday, Mr. Wilson is also expected to insist that Rhodesia is still essentially a British problem.

Rhodesia's two daily newspapers today gave prominent reports of yesterday's High Court ruling that the Smith regime is illegal but is the only effective government in Rhodesia at the moment. The editorial columns of both papers were completely blank, however, indicating that all comment on the matter had been censored.

In the South African capital of Pretoria, thousands of people including Africans attended the funeral of assassinated Prime Minister Dr. Verwoed. Among them was the leader of the Rhodesian regime, Mr. Ian Smith. Reuter reports that non-white mourners sat in separate blocks of seats from whites at the funeral service. Police and troops escorted Dr. Verwoed's body as it was taken on a gun carriage to be buried in Heroes Acre Cemetery. Air Force fighters flew overhead.

It has been announced in Cape Town that the man detained after the assassination is to appear before the Supreme Court within a few weeks, and charged with murder. Cabinet Ministers and Members of Parliament are expected to give evidence.

Two white men who escaped from a South African prison have been re-captured in Bechuanaland, and handed back to the South African authorities. Both were said to be heavily armed, and one was described by the South African police as "a desperate and dangerous man".

A United Nations sub-committee has proposed that the UN should take over the control of South-West Africa from South Africa. It says that if necessary, force should be used. The recommendation will now be considered by the full committee on colonialism.

America's Gemini 11 space flight has been postponed again. Just as the two astronauts were about to enter their capsule, difficulties developed in the target rocket, which was due to be launched 1½ hours ahead of them. The mission has now been put off until Monday. It is the second setback in two days; yesterday the

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mission was called off because of a tiny fuel leak in the Gemini booster rocket.

The French nuclear test, which President De Gaulle was to have watched in the south Pacific today has been postponed for 24 hours. The President is in a warship in the area near the atoll of Moruroa, and the French news agency says that he may stay on until tomorrow night to see the test, France's largest atomic explosion so far.

There have been more terrorist attacks in South Vietnam, on the eve of the country's first elections for three years. Guards outside the home of the Deputy American Ambassador in Saigon opened fire on a jeep when it attempted to crash through a barricade. In the jeep were men dressed in South Vietnamese army uniform. They got away. As a precaution to prevent Communist charges of American interference in the elections, and as a safety measure, all Americans have been ordered to keep off the streets in Saigon and other cities until polling has finished.

American aircraft, continuing their bombing raids on North Vietnam, were challenged by Mig fighters but took evasive action. Other planes attacked North Vietnamese patrol boats, and sank one.

The Canadian journalist who was expelled from Cuba has given his version of what happened. Speaking in Mexico City, where he went after his expulsion, he said the Cubans accused him of taking pictures of an anti-aircraft gun on the Havana waterfront, and of posing as a Canadian diplomat, a charge which he denied. He said that he had also heard that articles he had written had been given as a reason for his expulsion.

A group of 13 Canadians, including teachers, engineers, a lawyer and a doctor, have arrived in Tanzania, where they will do two years voluntary service. There are now about 30 Canadian volunteers in Tanzania; they receive local rates of pay.

In Egypt, the Minister for the Aswan High Dam project, Mr. Suliman, is reported to have been named as the country's new Prime Minister, by President Nasser. His main task will be to implement Egypt's second five-year development plan.

In the South Arabian Federation, two British soldiers were killed and two injured when their vehicle ran over a mine. The incident happened a few miles from the Yemen border.

A British company has obtained a £3½ million contract from Russia. The firm, A. Johnson and Co, is to provide equipment for processing margarine and other fats.

Singapore and Indonesia have signed an interim trade agreement. It is to be approved formally when the two countries resume diplomatic relations shortly, nearly three years after Indonesia began her campaign of confrontation with Malaysia. An Indonesian Security chief has accused China of smuggling ammunition and military equipment into Indonesia. He said the equipment was sent in mail bags, and port police have arrested more than sixty people.

At the weigh-in for tonight's World heavy-weight title fight in Frankfurt, Mohamed Ali (Cassius Clay) had just over half a stone advantage over the German challenger, Carl Mildenberger.