President Richard M. Nixon went on television at 4:30 this morning to announce to a sleepless nation that he had given the “green light to Operation Just Peace,” a drive to capture Hanoi, the capital city of North Vietnam.

In announcing the move, Nixon said he could not divulge the number of troops involved for “security reasons.” However, he continued, “it does not exceed 100,000 men, and all American ground forces will be withdrawn from the north—let us make this perfectly clear—before June 30.

“For many years,” he said, “the enemy has been using this territory as a privileged sanctuary from which to attack our forces while we attempted to conduct a process of gradual withdrawal. These attacks have been endangering the safety of our brave young men while Vietnamization has been taking place here. I cannot countenance the continued loss of American life.

“Therefore I, in consultation with our finest military strategists, have decided to give General Abrams the full degree of freedom he requires to bring about a peaceful and lasting settlement of the Southeast Asian situation.”

The President was unavailable for further comment.

Inconvenience to Users

All telephone contact with Washington D.C. ceased at approximately 6:00 a.m. A Bell Telephone operator suggested the inconvenience to telephone users, and said that he hoped Telco facilities would be restored shortly.

American troops crossed the Demilitarized Zone at 3:00 am EDT, accompanied by 50,000 special forces and a mass of battleships, and lastly from the Cambodian area by air action conducted by 150 “B”-52 bombers.

A Federal official reaction from Peking, but the French Press correspondent in Lebanon stressed that soon troops were massing near the Vietnamese border.

Agnew speaks

Nixon was followed on the air by Vice President Spiro Agnew, who announced that he would not be “the first American Vice President to be humiliated by defeat.” Agnew warned that the nation had been afflicted with “a liberal, nihilistic, homophile mob in our society who would counsel the end of Vietnamization at this hour when your President asks for your understanding, but so long as his group has control of the White House. We should think about the ultimate struggle which this battle apple comes from a pig’s mouth.”

Student response

State police, National Guard members, and hundreds of assorted antiwar, prowar, and neutral students have been activated near major colleges and universities, but reports so far indicate only moderate action.

A few students that were awake at 4:30 this morning for the President’s statement. Shortly after Nixon and Agnew left the White House in armored limousines, however, students throughout the country awoke to the sound of blowing glass and fire alarm.

In Boston, fraternity students at BU, at Longwood, the Administration Building with beer and set it ablaze. Northeastern announced a block party.

Students at Harvard organized into rows which burn the ROTC building, the security office, the administration offices, Harvard Trust’s Harvard Square branch, and Holyoke Center.

5,000 National Guardsmen withershorne arms arrived at 7:00 am when riot police proved incapable of quieting the rioters, many of whom seemed to have developed tolerance to CN and CS gas. Reports from Harvard Square indicated that many Guardsmen had defected to the demonstrators.

Agnew warned that many Guardsmen had defected to demonstrators.

Nixon announces invasion

U.S. troops besiege Hanoi Institute to close

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology gleams like some fairy kingdom in this view of what Fortune describes as “a unique educational venture.” The Corporation Executive Committee of MIT decided this week to eliminate undergraduate education.

The six members of the President’s group surprised many by their statement. The president, however, cannot be made accountable for his action until it is published in the next weekly school newspaper, since the Corporation is the only group that is designated to make the decision.

Johnson’s son in drug bust

By Deep Pile

Howard Weasly Johnson Jr. and his mother, Eleanor Johnson, went to jail yesterday. They are, respectively, son and wife of Howard Weasly Johnson, President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Johnson Jr. received a sentence of two months in the Billerica Correctional Institute for possession of marihuana. His mother was sent to the Charles Street Jail for 10 days when Judge Carl LaFong found her in contempt.

The sentences came at the conclusion of a two-day trial in Middlesex Superior Position. Lowell, Young Johnson had previously been convicted of possession by Judge Charles Decker in Middletown Third District Court on April 30. The conviction stemmed from charges lodged by MIT Campus Patrol Captain James T. O’Toole who on the prowl saw the officer of the President and the Chair of the Corporation, James Rind Killlum, in an abnormal state of consciousness last January.

Prodigal son

Johnson Jr. had just returned from Andover Academy after flunking out. Arriving at his home at 111 Memorial Drive in Cambridge, he was told by the President’s valet, Constantine B.

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Turd mail campaign hits White House fans

By Clark Kent and Rex Begonia

Special to the Daily Reamer

The arrival of thousands of turd mail packages surrounded by the Nixon Administration’s own filters. Presidential Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler announced today. An unknown number of turds wrapped in brown paper wrappers have been received by mail at the White House during the past week.

The turd mail campaign has been described by the President’s press aide as a "demand-in" at the White House.

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There was an anguished reaction from the faculty, who had come into existence to deal with the CEF regulation. The move was followed by widespread demonstrations and the resignation of several members of the student government.

Johnson is in consultation with his group and has decided to temporarily end undergraduate education.

The General Assembly was called into emergency session to pass demands and resolutions described as “ineffective and impotent” by Agnew, but officers could not muster a quorum.

Referred for comment, UAVP Secretary Ronald Ziegler replied, “(Please turn to page 4)