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EARTH DAY—Pollution, long a national problem and now gaining a place in the public spotlight, became the subject of a coordinated nation-wide observance Wednesday. Earth Day was designed to call attention to the multitude of problems grouped as air, land, and water pollution. The observance was commemorated in many different ways. The House and Senate were recessed so that Congressmen could capitalize on the hottest election issue so far this year. In Chicago and Omaha, Nebraska, students in gas masks passed out literature in the downtown area. In New York, subway conductors urged riders not to leave their newspapers in the cars. Here in Cleveland, a march, led by a garbage truck, moved from the CSU campus to Public Square. Protests, some in the form of boycotts, were also registered with major industrial polluters, especially the auto and oil industries.

WITHDRAWAL—President Nixon, in a "Vietnam update" address, has announced plans to withdraw 150,000 additional troops from