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Professor B. Mills beside the Mills Cross radio telescope at Hoskinstown yesterday.

## EAR TUNED TO STARS

Australia's biggest "ear"—the giant cross-shaped radio telescope at Hoskinstown, near Bungendore—began operating this week.

The professor of astro-physics at Sydney University, Dr B. Y. Mills, who planned the radio-telescope, said yesterday that the mile-long effective range of 10,000 million light years. The instrument was one of the most "sophisticated" in the world. The telescope, when

# Presidential envoy here Saturday for Vietnam talks

President Johnson's personal envoy, Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, is due in Canberra on Saturday as part of his tour of the Far East and Australasia.

During his three days in Canberra Mr Lodge, a former US Ambassador to Vietnam, will confer with the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies, the Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Hasluck, and the Minister for Defence, Senator Paltridge.

Mr Lodge's surprise trip was announced in Washington yesterday.

The purpose of the trip was to "consult with the leaders of friendly governments on the Vietnam situation", the White House Press Secretary, Mr George Reedy, said.

Mr Lodge will visit also New Zealand, the Philippines, Formosa, Japan, and South Korea.

American officials indicated yesterday that plans were being prepared for the increase of personnel in

in North Vietnam again yesterday.

Other US planes dropped three million leaflets on Communist territory, threatening bigger and more devastating attacks.

An Air Force spokesman said both missions were successful. All planes returned safely to base.

It was the first such American use of propaganda leaflets in the war against the Communists.

Meanwhile, another 1,400 US Marines landed in South Vietnam yesterday.

A South Vietnamese tribunal yesterday once more

involvement in South Vietnam would require a request both from the Governments of South Vietnam and America, and a Cabinet decision to accede to it.

Australia's unwavering support at Government level for all American actions in Vietnam should ensure that Mr Lodge receives no new or special policy guidance from us.

The tour is regarded here as more of a presentation, visit which must necessarily include Australia as one of the many nations supporting the Saigon Government with



Mr Lodge

## Traffic lights soon

Traffic lights will be operating at two intersections along Northbourne Avenue in three or four months.—Page 3.

### WORLD NEWS

Russian scientists have denounced the Tass news agency over the report of the discovery of radio signals from a civilisation in space. — Page 6.

Britain and France are ready to sign a pact on the production of a variable-wing training aircraft.—Page 7.

### Other pages

Dr. K. S. Inglis, who is reporting the Anzac pilgrimage for The Canberra Times, sends his first dispatch from Athens. — Page 2.

Report on last night's performance of Everyman in Civic Square. TV Arts.