

A cartoon of Philip starts probe

RED BAN SLOWS TRAFFIC

FRONTIER guards yesterday launched East Germany's new restrictions on travel to West Berlin, directed against West Germany's plan to elect their next President in the city.

This stepping up of frontier checks will prevent members of the Federal Assembly from travelling by road or rail to West Berlin for the election on March 5.

But in any case they would normally fly there.

The Communists claim that the Bonn Government has no authority in West Berlin.

Yesterday's restrictions slowed autobahn traffic, but the Russians and East Germans slackened their verbal campaign against Bonn's plans.

An Editorial in the Soviet newspaper, *Pravda*, was mildly worded and the East German Press avoided any new attack.

Vietnam truce

THE SOUTH Vietnamese Government last night announced a 24-hour truce for their Lunar New Year, which begins at 6 p.m. today (mid-day our time). The Vietcong announced a seven day ceasefire.

By RON MOUNT

SCOTLAND YARD detectives were yesterday investigating the sale at a university of a magazine in which appeared an objectionable cartoon of Prince Philip.

The sixpenny publication, distributed during a three-day "revolutionary festival" at the University of Essex, at Colchester, was called "Manifesto of Rationalism."

The duplicated paper was handed to me by a group of businessmen from the University town.

And immediately I saw the cartoon, which was in a distinctive style.

The rest of the eight-page paper was crammed with schoolboy humour. And it gave no details of where it was printed or published.

The businessmen told me that they got their copy at the University grounds during the festival, which opened with a car being set ablaze, continued with a fight between a professor and a student and included seminars on Black Power and the destruction of Capitalism.

I passed my copy of the paper to Cmdr Ernest Millen, one of Britain's top detectives, who ordered an immediate investigation.

At the University I spoke

to one of the students who helped organise the festival.

He told me that the magazine was not produced at Colchester. "It was brought in by a group called the King Mob," he said.

"Their headquarters are secret but I believe they are somewhere in London. They are not students but what is known as situationists, who travel about a n d exploit student unrest.

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"Most of them seemed to be aged about 20. I don't know where they get their funds, but they seemed to have plenty. They ruined our festival, which should have been a peaceful event."

When I tried to speak to Dr Albert Sloman, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, about the magazine though, I was told by a secretary that he did not want to discuss it.

Detectives will also talk to the organisers of the festival and believe that because of its style they may be able to trace the cartoonist who contributed the drawing.