

Tuesday, June 19, 1973

WHITE HOUSE

At the State Department - the latest Nixon-Brezhnev summit bears its first fruit. The U.S. and Russia today signing four new accords. One of these designed to increase the flow of scholars and artists between our two countries. The other three calling for joint research in agriculture, oceanography and transportation.

President Nixon and Chairman Brezhnev then joining hundreds of dignitaries in toasting the new agreement; at one point, linking arms - in a symbol of common purpose.

Along the way - Brezhnev also hamming it up for photographers. The President observing: "Here's the best politician in the room."

The two leaders later resuming private talks - dealing mainly with trade and economic matters. The White House adding that they will discuss a wide range of international matters - in continuing conversations tomorrow and

Thursday at Camp David.

It was also announced that the two nations will sign a fifth agreement tomorrow. This one said to deal with the tax treatment of businesses established in one nation by the other; as well as the tax status, of business visitors. All of which would seem to indicate - so far, so good.

EARTH ORBIT

For Astronauts Pete Conrad and Paul Weitz - another excursion today out into the black void of space, to retrieve some film of the sun, brush away a speck of dust on a camera lens, mount a small piece of sun shade material to see how it stands up; also, to whack a stuck electrical switch in hopes of making it work again. Bang went the hammer - with Conrad's heart beat jumping from eighty to one-thirty a minute. Weitz observing: "Boy, is he hitting it - holy cats." Whereupon a sudden surge of power - into a previously dead battery. Ground controller Rusty Schweikart telling the astronauts: "Thanks very much, gentlemen, you've done it again." Conrad later asking - when their next outside job would be. Schweikart replying: "When you jump into water - or out onto the carrier. And, don't break your neck!" said he.

KEY WEST

The two men who were still inside that midget submarine off Key West - today were declared officially dead. Navy rescue doctors abandoning hope - when it became apparent there were no signs of life. The victims listed as Al Stover, age fifty one, of Juno Beach, Florida, and Clayton Link, thirty-one - of Binghamton, New York - son of the man who invented the new mini-sub.

At last report though - the doctors were still unable to reach either of them. Navy officials saying they feared that a too rapid depressurization of the craft might cause the victims body tissues to rupture - and that it may take another day or so - before they can actually enter the sub. As for the other two men who were in the forward compartment - both are reported in good condition.

SENATE

The Senate judiciary committee ~~opened~~ opened confirmation hearings today on the appointment of Clarence Kelly as new ~~to~~ head of the F B I. The Kansas City police chief assuring his questioners that he intends to keep the F B I independent and above politics.

"I have never bowed to political pressure before," said he - "and I don't mean to start."

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Kelly stressing, however, "as far as getting along with the President and the Attorney General - I would see no problem." Also saying he would welcome consultations with a special congressional watchdog committee, one that "would be thoroughly cognizant ~~with~~ with the needs of the F B I."

Senate Democratic whip Robert Byrd later saying - "he foresees no delay in confirmation."

WATERGATE

A special Watergate file - officially sealed - was presented today to Federal Judge John Sirica in Washington. This in keeping with the partial immunity - recently granted former White House aid John Dean. The file containing evidence already assembled - with regard to Dean's Watergate activities, ^{so} that prosecutors might be able to prove at a later trial - that said evidence had come from sources other than Dean's scheduled Senate testimony.

In another development - a lawyer for former White House Chief of Staff, H R Haldeman - today disputing the recent Senate testimony of Jed Stuart Magruder. Attorney John Wilson asserting that ^{Haldeman} ~~Magruder~~ had not talked with Magruder about the Watergate case until March of this year; or a full two months ~~after~~ after Magruder ^{said} ~~alleged that~~ such a conversation had taken place. Wilson adding that Magruder had since said in

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**a taped conversation that "in no way, shape or form" would
his testimony harm Haldeman.**

DETROIT

In suburban Detroit - General Motors was joining forces today with Chrysler urging a one year delay in meeting clean air standards ~~44~~ originally set to take effect in Nineteen Seventy-Six; standards aimed at removing nitrogen oxides - from automobile exhausts.

G M chairman Richard Gerstenberg saying the auto industry has not found, as yet - "any emission control which satisfies the requirements." Adding that, indeed, "with the exception of one or two cities - this nation does not have an oxides-of-nitrogen problem; and therefore - he continued - "the proposed standards make little or no sense at all."

BELFAST

In Northern Ireland, at Belfast, hundred of British troops were manning road blocks today - stopping all cars and searching for guns - in the so-called "twilight zones" where Catholic and Protestant areas meet, hoping thus to head off a threatened blood bath in the wake of recent killings on both sides. At the same time - an expression of official frustration. A British security official saying: "Both sides may have killed their own men - using the deaths for propaganda against the other side and generally to stir things up." And he added: "In truth: it is almost anybody's guess - who is killing whom."

WELLINGTON

New Zealand trade unions have just decided to follow an example - originally set by their Australian counterparts. The New Zealand Federation of Labor today ordering today a ban on all goods and services - either to or from France. This in protest against the continued testing of French nuclear devices - in the South Pacific. Union Chief Tom Skinner saying: "It's a matter of putting human values - before material values."

MEXICO CITY

Some six thousand top scientist from around the globe - including at least five Nobel Prize winners - were pouring into Mexico City today - getting ready to take part in tomorrow's opening - of the "biggest Science Congress ever held." The theme of his massive one is: "Science and Man in the America's." It's aim - we are told - to "solve the major, most crucial problems - in North and Latin America." For even the world's greatest minds - quite a challenge.

POSTAL

PARIS

Shock waves from the Nixon-Brezhnev summit meeting were extending today all the way to Paris; not because of what was said or done, but because of what was eaten at the White House dinner last night. A number of French newspapers noting that the lobster for example - was served with remoulade sauce; which in France, is only put on celery root - and then served as an hors d'oeuvre. Worst of all apparently, the fact that the fillet of beef bordelaise - was accompanied by Cabernet Sauvignon wine. One Parisien newspaper observing: "Most assuredly, the association of a filet de boeuf bordelaise with a Sauvignon wine - would make a gourmet faint in France!

Bill, would you faint if someone served you a glass of Cabernet Sauvignon with your filet de boeuf bordelaise?

POSTAL

Barring a miracle, the cost of mailing a letter here in the U.S. is going up again. This becoming apparent today with an announcement that U.S. postal service negotiators are nearing agreement on a new labor pact. The tentative terms said to call for a hefty wage increase - plus a cost of living adjustment. Postmaster General E.T. Klassen earlier saying that such an agreement - would almost certainly mean an increase in postal rates of from eight cents to a dime for first class letters. So, if you'd like to get in your two cents worth - maybe now's the time. And so long until tomorrow.