

Friday, July 26, 1974

CAPITOL HILL

Topic A tonight of course, remains the drama on Capitol Hill. The House Judiciary Committee - attempting to hammer out proposed articles of impeachment and getting hung up in a series of repeated hassles between Republican and Democratic members.

The main complaint - that the language proposed too general. Congressman Hutchison of Michigan - a Republican - telling the President's accusers: "You leave him grasping around - trying to find out specifically what it is he is charged with - what he has to answer to."

Congressman Sarbanes of Maryland, a Democrat - insisting, however that the President "is well aware of the charges against him." Adding, if all were specifically spelled out - they would "fill eighteen volumes."

And so it goes - on and on. Committee Chairman Rodino threatening an all-night session, if necessary - to complete the committees proceedings.

WASHINGTON

Meanwhile, at another hearing today - on the White House tapes still to come, opposing counsel finally agreed to a surrender of the first twenty of these tapes - as of next Tuesday. A report on the status of the remaining forty-four - to follow by next Friday.

The President's lawyer James St. Clair, explaining the delay - saying: "The President insists he has a right to know what it is - he is sending over to the court." St. Clair adding, however, that "once the President has reviewed a tape it will be released."

SAN CLEMENTE

At San Clemente, through all of this - the
President ^{has been} ~~was attempting to~~ proceed ^{ing} with business
as usual. According to spokesman Gerald Warren ^{he has been}
devoting as little time as possible to the impeachment
matter. Warren adding that the President "feels fine -
his mood is confident" and whatever the House
Judiciary Committee may do - said he - "our belief
is that the House - will not vote out a bill impeachment."

GENEVA

The Cyprus peace talks that began in Geneva last night - by today were near a state of collapse. Greek Foreign Minister George Mavros - threatening to break off negotiations, accusing the Turks of having violated the Cyprus cease-fire on at least fifty-five separate occasions. Adding, if the alleged violations continue another war could break out - "within a few hours."

LIGHT

From the U S Consumer Product Safety

Commission ^{comes} a warning ~~today~~ on a "trouble light"
sold nationwide over the past year. The light in
question said to be capable of causing serious or
even fatal electric shock ^{and} already a suspect in at least
one death. Officials saying if ~~you've~~ you've recently
bought such a light - you've better take it back and
have it checked.

LOS ALAMOS

That

A small metal bar supposedly recovered from the legendary "lost treasure of Victoria Peak" has now been tested at Los Alamos, New Mexico. State officials today saying its content - is fifty-five percent pure gold. The bar's owners as yet unnamed hoping this will clear the way for a full scale expedition into the White Sands missile range. ^{Is} The rest of the "lost treasure of Victoria Peak" ~~supposedly~~ hidden there?

Does it actually ~~said to~~ consist of ^{some} ~~thirty~~ billions in ancient gold?
Will they find it? If they do to whom will it belong?

WEST BANK

In the Middle ~~East~~ East - Israeli troops were sent in today - to remove Israeli "squatters" from the West Bank of the Jordan. An official statement ~~is~~ stressing that settlements in occupied areas - "are to be set up solely at the decision of the government." This following an Arab protest - that the squatters "had aroused Arab emotions."

MOSCOW

The Soviet Parliament ^{meeting} ~~met~~ briefly today -

in morning and afternoon sessions in Moscow, ~~lasting~~

~~in about an hour~~
~~about an hour, in all -~~ ^{ed} re-elect the Soviet

government which has ruled uninterruptedly for the

past ~~decade~~ decade. ^{Whereupon} The Soviet Parliament ~~then~~ ^{ad} adjourns

for another six months.

PARIS

Famed Greek actress Melina Mercouri returned to her homeland today - after years of exile in Paris; and ^{doing} ~~she did~~ it - in true Hollywood fashion. On departure ~~as~~ from Paris - Miss Mercouri saying she was going home "to listen, to learn, to suffer. On arrival at Athens though - a tremendous welcome.

ASPARTAME

The U S food and drug Administration today approved the marketing - of a new artificial sweetener ~~is~~ called Aspartame. Said to contain about the same calories as sugar - but a hundred-and-eighty times more potent; which means that just a ^{smidgen} ~~little bit~~ - will go a long, long way.

BALI

~~This next~~ From the beautiful Isle of Bali, origin
or one of them - we hear of
home of the topless ~~A brief item disclosing the~~
~~arrest of~~ six foreign tourists ^{arrested for} ~~for~~ sun bathing
at famed Kuta Beach - that is - in the nude.

~~going~~ Topless on Bali ^{is - or long long has been}
~~an age old custom.~~

ok. -
~~At~~ ~~But~~ Bottomless? -- That's a ^{Bali} ~~no~~ no-no.

And now this news -

LOS ANGELES

From the past twelve years the city of Los Angeles has been trying to catch up with the city of San Francisco; that is find an official song to rival the now classic "I left my heart in San Francisco." City officials listening to more than seven hundred compositions. So far - to no avail.

One reason - too many of the songs refer to freeways or smog; or both - and so officially unacceptable. L.A. music coordinator Owen Bradley now says "I think we should drop the whole thing."

This is Lowell Thomas for CBS News saying so long until Monday.