

MITCHELL

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today

~~Back~~ In Washington, [^]Attorney General John Mitchell was praising the work of Capitol police in dealing with last week's ~~massive~~ anti-war demonstrations. Also expressing hope that "Washington's decisive opposition to mob force - will set an example for other communities to do the same;" in which case - said he - "we will see an end to the extremist practice - of running rough-shod over the rights of others."

As to charges that some of those arrested were denied their rights - ^{Atty. Gen.} Mitchell ^{said:-} ~~saying:~~ "Nothing else could have been done - unless the police were to let the mob rule the city." And he added, "what's more, if Hitler's Brown Shirts had been similarly stopped forty ~~so~~ years ago "the world might have been spared a whole era of violence and misery."

HOOVER

Elsewhere in Washington, J. Edgar Hoover ^{was celebrating} ~~observed~~

~~today~~ - his forty-seventh anniversary as director of the F B I. At age seventy-six, J. Edgar saying he intends to stay at his post - "as long as I can be of service to the country and my health permits.

At the same time, ^{Senate} ~~Senator~~ Majority leader Mike Mansfield ^{was} praising the F B I director for having done "an outstanding job." And he further advised fellow Congressmen - if they have any complaints - to file them with appropriate committees and stop making personal attacks.

CAPE KENNEDY

At Cape Kennedy - in the wake of that mariner mishap -- a decision today to postpone by a week or two a second scheduled Mars probe. So announced by Doctor James Fletcher -- the new administrator of the U S space agency; who ~~says~~ ^{will} the extra time ~~only~~ be used - to complete a thorough investigation of the original failure; to make sure - it doesn't happen again. Next question: Was Dr. Fletcher "confident" - ~~as that that~~ said failure was not the result of cut-backs -- or poor morale -- at the Cape. To which he replied: "No, I'm not confident." Adding that " a thorough review ~~is~~ and investigation - will show whether this is the case."

NEW YORK HARBOR

For President Nixon - a quick trip today to the mouth of New York harbor; where he viewed by helicopter - the site of that proposed gateway national recreation area; a series of tracts including twenty-three thousand acres of park land - as well as ten miles of beaches.

The President calling this - "Gateway East".

Adding that its creation would be "one of the most significant steps the federal government has yet taken - in cooperation ~~to~~ with state governments."

And he also said: "One of the things we want to dramatize - is this whole idea of bringing parks to the ~~people~~ people."

SAIGON

~~On the other side of the globe~~ ^{at} Saigon -
an announcement today telling of stepped up U S
troop withdrawals. These - we are told - trimming
American strength in South Vietnam - to a current
two-hundred-and-sixty-seven thousand, - one-hundred
men; According to the U S command - the lowest ~~lowest~~
level in nearly five years.

Meanwhile, U S helicopters ^{were} airlifting some two
thousand South Vietnamese troops -- ^{to the edge} ~~into the northeastern~~
~~part~~ of the A Chau Valley; part of a Saigon task force -
attempting to sweep clear that long-time infiltration
route.

FRANKFURT

In the major money markets of Western Europe - especially at Frankfurt - a return to comparative normalcy today; due mainly to west Germany's decision ^{to} allow ~~ing~~ the mark to float ^{to} its true value.

This leading to an increase of three-point-seven-five percent in the valuation of the mark -- as compared with its previous dollar exchange rate. Also ending - temporarily, at least - a tremendous influx of U S dollars.

Here at home - the U S Treasury merely calling it an "orderly" adjustment. Adding that "no immediate action by the U S is called for" - and, hence, none planned.

SISCO

For U S diplomatic trouble ~~shot~~ shooter Joseph Sisco -- enroute home from Cairo - a brief stop today at ~~London~~ London ; where ie said his talks with Egyptian leaders - were "specific and useful." Sisco adding that both sides in the Mid-East dispute - "are interested in finding an answer to an interim settlement." But he also stressed that a reopening of the ~~Suez~~ Suez Canal is not imminent.

CAIRO FOLLOW SISCO

In the same vein, Cairo - Egypt's President Anwar Sadat -- saying his proposals for reopening the Suez still stand. " However, Egypt is not ready " said he - "to relinquish one inch of its territory - or to bargain with the Palestinian's rights."

LONDON

The Times of London - a forum today for American gadfly John Kenneth Galbraith; where-in he discusses among other things - womens lib; whose "pioneer members" include, ^{as he put it:-} ~~said he~~ - "some of my best friends."

Galbraith going on to recall that once - while serving as a trustee at Radcliffe College, - he infuriated his fellow board members, ~~then~~ by saying - it was "not necessary for a bright girl to marry".

^{because as he added:-}
Better to have an affair - he advised; "it isn't so permanent and you can keep your ~~to~~ job." Whereupon he was practically tarred and feathered - said he ^{Warren,}
^{by} ~~a pack of~~ angry Boston matrons.

~~As to his own personal life - Galbraith admitting that he's been married for thirty-three years - to the same woman. Also that his relationship with his wife Katherine has not been "absolutely equal." "But that's as it ~~ka~~ should be" - said he. Adding, ^{modestly, Warren,} "after all - "I am a better writer than she is."~~

ROME

This next - a tourist's eye view of "La Dolce Vita" - Roman style - in the midst of a series of Labor disputes. To begin with - a strike of ground personnel at Rome's Fiumicino airport; forcing airline passengers to disembark by way of emergency exits - and then scramble for their luggage. Also, a strike of hotel workers - which means you have to make your own bed - and no room service.

In addition - tourists and ^{Romans} ~~natives~~ alike - enduring a garbage workers walk-out now in its sixth day; with temperatures - soaring into the eighties. And this coming in the midst of a four day water shut off - while a new system is hooked up. A strike of city workers - also threatening to delay ^{Rome} ~~city~~ elections. Short of death - no escape, it seems. And even there - a strike of ~~some~~ cemetery workers - leaving hundreds of bodies as yet unburied.