

Friday, December 12, 1975

SAN FRANCISCO

*The woman accused of shooting at President Ford today attempted to change her plea to guilty as charged. Sara Jane Moore telling the Judge in the case: "I did willingly and knowingly attempt to murder Gerald Ford by use of a handgun." Adding: "There comes a time when you have to answer to yourself - and I have made peace with my conscience."*

*The Judge then ordering a hearing for Monday - to determine whether the defendant is mentally competent. Also, delaying the start of her trial at least until Tuesday - while he decides whether or not to accept her new plea. And now...*

## BRUSSELS

In the wind-up to that NATO meeting in Brussels -  
an attempt today to pump some life into stalled arms  
reduction talks. NATO Foreign Ministers offering to  
withdraw a thousand U.S. nuclear warheads from Western  
Europe - if the Soviet Union will in turn withdraw seventeen  
hundred of its tanks.

At a later news conference ~~though~~ - the Number  
One subject ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> again Angola. Secretary of State Kissinger  
<sup>again</sup> saying Soviet intervention in the former Portuguese colony -  
could undermine detente. Adding the U.S. is determined  
"to prevent one party, by massive interference - from  
becoming dominant" in Angola.

**AID FOLLOW BRUSSELS**

Here at home <sup>there is</sup> a published report <sup>that</sup> the U.S. is

**pouring Fifty Million - into covert activities in Angola.**

**But White House spokesman William Greener, when asked**

**for comment, saying: "There is no U.S. agency involved in**

**recruitment of mercenaries - and I have no information on**

<sup>any</sup>  
**Fifty Million in arms and supporting funds."**

*and now*

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - President Ford, <sup>today</sup> signed into  
law ~~today~~ <sup>to</sup> a bill ~~that will~~ wipe out so-called "fair trade"  
laws wherever they still exist. The President noting that  
repeal of these laws - "will again enable retailers to set  
prices on a more competitive basis;" thereby enabling  
"consumers in all fifty states - to shop for the best products  
at the lowest possible prices."

IRA

~~Surrender~~ In London, Those four IRA gunmen who held a middle-aged couple for six days - finally yielding ~~today in their "war of wits" with police, releasing their~~ releasing their hostages unharmed - and walking out with their hands up.

The four said to have been involved in a wave of IRA terrorism - that claimed the lives of nearly thirty in the London area in the last year-and-a-half. The group including Michael Wilson ~~A~~ prime suspect in the recent slaying of Ross McWhirter, co-founder of the Guinness Book of Records.

TOUSSON

~~At Tousson~~ In Egypt - another milestone. ~~today in~~  
~~the struggle against nature.~~ Egypt's President Sadat -  
activating a new irrigation project; sending river waters  
from the Nile - streaming into the Sinai for the first time  
by underground pipeline; the first step - in an effort to  
reclaim about five thousand acres of barren desert.

This in an area - once a part of Israel's Bar Lev  
defense line; a fact noted by Sadat as he also planted an  
olive tree - calling it a symbol of "peace and reconstruction."

**PINE HILL**

**A suspect in the knife-slaying of Philadelphia newspaperman John Knight the Third - was found shot to death today in Pine Hill, New Jersey . A second suspect later surrendering to police - ~~whereupon he was~~ charged with murder and ordered held without bail. A third suspect, ~~at last report~~ - still at large.**

VILNIUS

*At Vilnius, Lithuania - dissident biologist*

*Sergei Kovalev was found guilty today by a Soviet court -  
of slandering the Soviet Union, <sup>and</sup> ~~He was immediately~~  
sentenced to seven years in a labor camp - to be followed  
by three years of "internal exile." Kovalev a friend of  
Nobel Peace Prize winner Andrei Sakharov - who attempted  
to testify in his behalf but was even barred from sitting in  
court.*



LONDON

~~Hard pressed Chrysler Corporation - the~~

~~beneficiary of a Lockheed-type bailout today in London~~ The

British government agreeing to put up a reported Three

Hundred and Sixty Million - in order to keep <sup>Chrysler</sup> the firm's

~~British~~ plants in operation, <sup>in Britain,</sup> This in an effort <sup>to</sup> save the jobs

of more than fifty thousand ~~the number of~~ British currently

employed by Chrysler and its main suppliers.

And now —

CHICAGO

~~This report~~ - <sup>a story</sup> [from Chicago; ~~telling~~ of a holdup - at  
called the EZ-Go. The bandits leaving two attendants - tied  
a busy gas station, hand and foot; and so they remained for two hours - despite  
being seen by a steady stream of customers.

Why weren't they freed sooner? Because - we  
are told - the customers were busy helping themselves to  
free gas - and free cigarettes. <sup>At the EZ-Go - EZ-went.</sup>

<sup>And now for C -</sup>  
~~spirit, would you say? Chicago cop David Olsen observing,  
however, it merely confirms what he's "always said the  
modern criminal is an opportunist.~~