

Tuesday, March 13, 1973

## POLLUTION

*Gimbels may not tell Macy's - but Ford and General Motors were as one today. A Ford spokesman agreeing with G M - that it would be impossible to meet the emission controls proposed for Nineteen Seventy-Five cars. This at a Washington hearing - on an industry plea for a one year extension of existing standards. Ford Vice President Herbert Misch going on to say that Ford spent last year more than one hundred and sixty million on pollution technology. But still failed - said he - to come up with a suitable exhaust system. The problem - he added - up to now - is defying "all goodfaith efforts."*

*Chrysler Vice President S. L. Terry is making it all but unanimous. Unless Chrysler is given more time for testing - said he - the result could be a business catastrophe.*

## **NEW BRITAIN**

**New Britain, Connecticut - returned CIA agent**

**John Downey today at his first press conference was telling reporters about his twenty years a prisoner of the Red Chinese.**

**"Twenty years" he said, "sounds like a big deal."**

**But you live from day to day." Then he added: "Now that it's over - it has all dropped off me like a coat - I just feel great.."**

## SAIGON

**Saigon - the Viet Cong today released the names of thirty-two additional POW's to be set free this Thursday. These to include army major Floyd Thompson, held a prisoner of war longer than any other in all American history. Nearly eleven years; also, Major Floyd Hushner - whose wife seconded the nomination of McGovern for President last fall; also, Marine PFC Ronald Ridgway - who was once listed as dead, but is alive and coming home.**



## WHITE HOUSE

*The White House. President Nixon so far has received more than one hundred thousand letters from returned prisoners of war, their families and other citizens, virtually all - praising the President's wind-up of the war in Vietnam.*

*Navy Lt. Commander Fred Purrington for one, saying not only "Thank you Mr. President," but adding: "In a cell in Hanoi - carved in the wall - is 'God bless you Richard Nixon.'" Major John Reynolds, for another - extended, belated congratulations on the President's re-election. Further saying: "We were behind you all the way." And, "It's great to be back."*

*Perhaps the most poignant of all the letters are from relatives of men killed in action. R.M. Comstock of Lovilia, Iowa, father of the late Sargeant, Robert Comstock praising the President for having, quote "the determination to fight for and achieve an honorable peace." Mrs. Sherry Lanahan of Greenwood, Indiana - telling the President: "Now I can say with true conviction - that private Ivan R.*



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**Smith" - her brother - "did not die in vain."**

## **WOUNDED KNEE**

*As for the Siege at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, some three hundred Federal agents are closing in on the Indian village. This with the help of fifteen armored personnel carriers. They are threatening to cut off all light and power for the Indians; this in "an attempt to bring them to where they will want to come out peacefully." A spokesman adding: "The ultimate objective" is merely to bring them once again "to the negotiating table."*

**SENATE**

***On Capitol Hill - a secret meeting of the Senate  
Judiciary Committee voting unanimously to "invite" White  
House aide John Dean - to testify in connection with his  
role - in the Watergate investigation - especially as it  
relates to the nomination of Patrick Gray - to head the FBI.***



WASHINGTON

Washington again - a tentative agreement  
in the strike threatened U S rail industry. The new  
pact calling for a ~~ten-point~~ seven percent increase  
in wages and fringe benefits over a period of eighteen  
months; much of the increase <sup>to come</sup> ~~coming~~ in employer  
~~share~~ contributions to railroad retirement funds.  
The new pact ~~would~~ also allow <sup>s</sup> retirement at age  
sixty at full pension - after thirty years service.

## MOSCOW

*Here's one - a food rationing in Russia. The Kremlin admitting it is now handling food distribution, not yet in Moscow or Leningrad - but in outlying areas; as the result of prolonged drought and other adverse weather conditions. We hear the Nineteen-Seventy-Two Russian harvest turned out to be one of the worst in a century. Most affected, we hear, are butter and potatoes; both Russian staples. At the same time, ironically there is an ample supply of meat, because farmers are being forced to slaughter livestock simply because of lack of feed for their animals.*

**BERMUDA**

Police in Bermuda ~~have~~<sup>are</sup> ~~been~~<sup>ing up</sup> round ~~up~~<sup>up</sup> of  
all registered hand guns, ~~They~~<sup>in</sup> ~~are~~<sup>attempting</sup> to track  
down the killers of Bermuda's Governor Sir Richard  
Sharples, and his aide de camp. This following a  
disclosure that the pair had been shot with pistols  
and not with machine guns as originally ~~was~~ thought.

Meanwhile the British ~~have~~<sup>have sent</sup> ~~sent~~<sup>an alert</sup> - to all ~~the~~  
diplomats around the globe, ~~urging~~<sup>urging</sup> extreme caution -  
just in case.



## **BRUSSELS**

*At Brussels they have arrived at a so-called "short term solution" to the present world money crisis. This at the meeting of fiscal experts from the free world's fourteen richest. richest nations. The terms are undisclosed - pending formal ratification, on Friday.*

*However, the U.S. reportedly agrees to resume its intervention in world money markets - in order to shore up the dollar. This - we are told - in return for a "joint currency float." All of which apparently was contributing to a stronger dollar - in unofficial trading today in West Germany, Switzerland and Belgium.*

**ERIE**

*The name of former United Mine Workers President Tony Boyle - was linked today with the murder of Union insurgent Joseph Yablonski, his wife and his daughter. This at Erie, Pennsylvania - at the trial of William Prater, a former U M W field organizer. Convicted trigger man Paul Gilly ~~was~~ testifying that it was Prater who recruited him for the job. Question: "Did Prater tell you who wanted the murder done?" Answer: "Yes, he said Tony Boyle wanted him killed." Question: "Did he say why?" Answer: "yes - for the welfare of the ~~the U M W~~ U M W."*

## ORANGES

The U.S. Food and Drug administration was putting the squeeze today on some concoctions. These to specify, henceforth, just how much orange juice they really contain.

The FDA was also cracking down - on the makers of frozen and packaged dinners; which they say, Bill, in many cases, alas, are dinners in name only.



## ANAHEIM

This next - from a medical convention at Anaheim, California; a session devoted exclusively to preventive medicine. Perhaps best entitled though - "fatties take ~~home~~ heart". Dr. Eliot Corday - a past President of the American college of Cardiology - saying for years heart doctors have been "making people feel guilty for what they eat."<sup>3)</sup> This on the theory that fatty deposits in the blood stream - keep building up in the arteries, raising the cholesterol level. Dr. Corday insisting however: "We can't ~~incriminate~~ incriminate over=weight - because there are lots of ~~many~~ overweight people with normal circulation." Adding that - indeed, fully sixty percent of all heart attack victims - have a perfectly normal cholesterol count.

Dr. Corday <sup>adding</sup> ~~asserting~~ ~~in short~~ that cardiovascular disease - is "not the direct result

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*of fat from the diet. So, eat hearty, and solong until  
tomorrow.*