

PEKING

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In the President's "Journey for Peace" - East meets West in Peking in friendly fashion. President Nixon's reception by Red China's Premier Chou En-Lai - was followed shortly by private talks with Chairman Mao; and then in rapid succession - three more discussions with Chou; after which - a state banquet; with welcome guests including not only the President and Mr. Nixon - but also every American currently in Peking.

There a series of toasts - hopefully, ushering in that "new chapter" in U.S. and Chinese relations. First, Chou - saying: "The American people are a great people. The Chinese people are a great people. The peoples of our two countries - have always been friendly to each other. But owing to reasons known to all - contacts between us were suspended for over twenty years." But now - Chou went on - "through the common efforts of our two countries - the gate to friendly contacts has finally been

opened."

Next - President. His response - including a reference to past differences - but adding: "Let us start, in these next five days - a long march together; not in lock-step - but on different roads leading to the same goal; the goal of building a world structure of peace and justice; in which all may stand together with equal dignity; and in which each nation, large or small - has a right to determine its own form of government free of outside interference."

The President further noted that Chairman Mao has written: "So many deeds cry out to be done - and always urgently. The world rolls on. Time passes. Seize the day - seize the hour." Whereupon the President added on his own: "This is the hour - this is the day - for our two peoples to rise to the heights of greatness - which can build a new and better world."

President Nixon in Peking.

VIETNAM

In Vietnam - a sudden rush of enemy activity; including a series of mortar and rocket attacks - also, a ground attack in the Mekong Delta. Not exactly a Communist "offensive" - we are told; but still - more than fifty such attacks nationwide. All apparently timed to coincide - with President Nixon's arrival in Peking.

VATICAN

At the Vatican in Rome - death came today to the Dean of the College of Cardinals. Cardinal Eugene Tisserant of France - the man who modernized the Vatican libraries - now the victim of a lengthy illness. He would have been eighty-eight next month.

DOCKS

From Peking - President Nixon has expressed his gratitude - at an end to the U.S. West Coast dock strike.

The President said: "For thousands of Americans whose livelihoods have been threatened - this strike has been a painful experience; and its end - is most welcome."

However, the President also signed into law today - a piece of newly-passed emergency legislation he brought along with him; a bill that would have ended the strike anyway - by compulsory arbitration, if need be. The President noted, by way of explanation, that terms of the new dock contract - "will still be subject to approval by the pay board."

BELFAST

At Belfast in Northern Ireland - a bomb exploded today - in a car that was carrying four men. All four - killed instantly. A British Army spokesman later said: "We presume the four men were IRA - on their way to a bombing" when the bomb exploded prematurely.

SINAI

The the Middle East - in the Occupied Sinai -

Israel began today its biggest war games since the real thing back in 'Sixty-Seven. Invited guests and observers included top Israeli officials - as well as foreign military attaches and newsmen; while for those who couldn't make it - a blow-by-blow radio commentary.

U. N. peace envoy Gunnar Jarring - a visitor today in Cyprus; where he met with local officials - also, Israel's Ambassador to Nicosia. A government spokesman later said that Jarring - "has undertaken a reactivation of his Middle East peace mission;" with Nicosia - to serve as his main base of operations.

DETROIT

General Motors began today the largest and most expensive auto recall in history. GM sent out an initial batch of a hundred thousand letters - to the owners of GM cars equipped with defective motor mounts. Altogether these total nearly seven million, in all - which GM will now fix free of charge.

The company adds that it plans to keep on sending out a hundred thousand letters a day - till the job is finally done. Total cost of all this - expected to run about Thirty-Five Million.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "SOUTH AMERICA-ONE."

*And now - it's time again for Lowell Thomas;
reporting back tonight - from his latest trek in search
of high adventure. Lowell...*

**SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "SOUTH AMERICA-
ONE"**

Thank you, Lowell.

A final note - in a moment.

CHELSEA

Along with the rest of the Northeast - Chelsea, Mass., was hard-hit by a bitter winter storm this past weekend; which perhaps accounts for the arrival of a herd of white seals today - at the Chelsea Yacht Club.

Members report that the seals - were playing around a swim raft; climbing up - and then diving off. At least one observer added: "They look and sound like little dogs." Luckily though - all ~~were~~ bark and no bite.

Now for Lowell - this is Allan Jackson saying so long until tomorrow.