

Thursday, September 4, 1969

RIO DE JANEIRO

U. S. Ambassador to Brazil - C. Burke

Elbrick - a kidnap victim today in Rio de Janeiro.

According to U. S. Embassy officials he was driving to work when his limousine was halted by a small foreign car. Two bearded men hopping out - forcing Ambassador Elbrick to accompany them at gun point.

Next question: Why? And the answer to that - we'll just have to wait and see.

SAN CLEMENTE

At the Western White House - San Clemente - another drastic move in the battle against inflation.

President Nixon ordering today - an immediate seventy-five percent reduction in new federal construction. In dollar terms - a cut back of one point six billion - over the remaining ten months of this fiscal year. The ordering applying - we are told - to all projects but those "of the highest social priority."

And it will remain in effect - said the President - "until conditions ease."

At the same time - the President urging state and local governments to follow suit - to cut back on their own construction plans. To do it fast - said he - or face the loss of federal financing. This - coming to an additional four and a half billion.

HANOI

From Moscow to Peking to Hanoi - the whole Communist world mourns the death of North Vietnam's President, Ho Chi Minh - stilling for the moment, at least, the battle of opposing ideologies. Prompting
2 *instead a flood of condolences - in memory of the man who crossed every party line.*

Typical of the esteem in which he was held - Red China sending to the funeral its Premier - Cho En-Lai Further urging the North Vietnamese to "turn their grief into strength - to give the Americans a greater blow." Meanwhile, Russia pledging to continue its support of Ho's successor - whoever he or they might be. Also, sending along the Soviet Premier - Alexei Kosygin.

As for practical effects on the war - the Viet Cong today ordering a three day cease-fire to mark the death of their fallen mentor. Other than that - Western observers still predicting - no change.

MIDDLE EAST

In the Middle East - the cauldron is bubbling again - threatening to boil over with Arab guerrillas carrying out a series of raids last night and early today - along a sixty mile stretch of that Jordan River cease-fire line. Israeli jets - responding with three raids of their own against regular army camps in Jordan - suspected of complicity with the commando.

TRIPOLI FOLLOW MIDDLE EAST

Also - from Tripoli where Lybia's new military regime today aligned itself - with most of the other Arab nations against Israel. Army Colonel Saad Teddin

Bushweirib - who heads the Lybian Junta - saying: "Our Arab and Islamic policy - is one of brotherhood and unity."

And he added that "All Arabs - without exception - must work toward the liberation of Palestine."

For now though - the new government was busy enough at home pouring troops and tanks - into Benghazi in an apparent attempt to prevent a possible counter coup - from the nomads of surrounding Cirenaica. These fierce warriors, largely members of the Senussiu Sect - of which deposed King Idris is still the spiritual leader.

WASHINGTON

Washington again - last day of the American Psychological Association Convention. Final papers - including a postscript on the 1968 Presidential election. Contending that if George Wallace had not been a candidate - Richard Nixon would have been elected by an even larger margin.

This, according to Professor Arthur Wolfe of the University of Michigan - based on the results of a nationwide survey. Said to show that Wallace voters - though nominally Democrats, for the most part - overwhelmingly favored Mr. Nixon to Hubert Humphrey.

Indeed, their next choice - not Humphrey either, surprisingly enough; but rather Robert Kennedy - assuming, of course, he had lived to run.

HOLLYWOOD

Hollywood's famed "leopard lady" of years ago -
once the most unique of all movie performers - gone today.

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Miss Olga Celeste - victim of an apparent heart attack.

Hers was a career dating back to 1910 - she was eighty-two

Miss Celeste's special talent - as her billing
implied - the first woman - ever to train leopards which
had been considered up to then - too evil tempered for
any but men to handle, but handle them she did. Over the
next forty odd years - appearing in virtually every movie
that featured a leopard; under her own name - or doubling
for the star - wrestling countless spotted beasts while
the cameras whirred away. Observing once she feared
no animal - except one: mice.

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Miss Olga Celeste - the "leopard lady",

remember, Warren?

KATHMANDU

This next - rushing the season a bit, nevertheless, a ski story - from Kathmandu, Nepal; where a Japanese Himalayan expedition - is getting ready to attack Mount Everest - the world's highest mountain. Expedition manager, Yukihihi Kato saying he and his sixteen fellow climbers will be taking along ski equipment. If successful - hoping to ski back down.

Now from the top, of course - rather from Lhotse Face. This is an elevation of twenty-two thousand three hundred and four feet - some seven thousand feet from the summit, but still a long run down - if it can be done .