

Friday, November 19, 1971

MIAMI BEACH

President Nixon today was playing would you say "Daniel in the lion's den"? Flying to Miami Beach to address that meeting of the A F L - C I O Executive Council. Right in the same hall where he was bitterly attacked yesterday for so-called "totalitarian methods." The President we hear had planned to make a conciliatory speech - but he changed his mind at the last minute; casting aside his prepared text - in order to speak to the labor dealers, as he put it - "straight from the shoulder;" asserting flatly that he intends to make Phase Two Economic Controls work - with or without their help.

The President adding that he wants an economic program - "fair to all elements of society." One that includes the participation "of business, of labor of consumers - and all other areas of society." "But whether we get that participation or not" - said he - "it is my obligation as President of the United States to make this

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program succeed; and to the extent that my powers allow

- I shall do exactly that, said he.

COST

The U. S. Cost of Living Index - up last month just barely; according to government figures announced today this increase of one tenth-of-one percent is the lowest monthly increase in four and a half years. Says Assistant Labor Secretary Lawrence Silberman this is "a reflection of the efficacy of the President's wage price freeze - and the cooperation of the American people."

PAY FOLLOW MIAMI BEACH

Instead of staying on in Florida ~~though~~
as originally announced - the President ^{flew} ~~later flying~~
~~new~~ back to Washington. ~~And~~ One reason - perhaps,
a decision today by his new pay board approving the
first year ~~provision~~ provision of that new national
coal industry wage ~~an~~ agreement. ^{This} ~~Such~~ ^{given} approval, [^] over
the objection of all five of the Board's public members,
~~Who~~ later issued a joint statement - noting that
coal miners pay hikes would average more than sixteen
percent; whereas the President had previously set a
guide line of only five-and-a-half percent. The
statement, therefore, insisting that the new coal
pact - "is unreasonably inconsistent with the criteria
established by this board."

SUPREME COURT

From the U S Supreme Court - a green light today for the prosecution of twenty-five persons in connection with those Kent State riots of a year-and-a-half ago. ~~with~~ Only Justice Douglas dissenting. The high court thus rejecting an argument - that the Kent defendants would be unable to get a fair trial. And that trial - now ~~free~~ to begin as of Monday.

WASHINGTON

Washington again - Senator ^{"Scoop"} Jackson of

Washington ~~made~~ made it official today - formally
tossing his hat in the ring as the third announced
candidate for the ~~Democratic~~ Democratic Presidential
nomination. Jackson stating that he plans to enter
at least four primaries - starting out with the first
in the nation, ^{the} New Hampshire primary, next March.

"I don't expect to win in New Hampshire" - said he -

"but I am confident I have a chance to make a reasonable

showing." Jackson adding: "I'm going to take off my

~~rough~~ coat - roll up my sleeves a la Harry Truman

and tell it like it is."

VIENNA

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At newly resumed Salt talks in Vienna -
a rare three hour session today; the whole time
devoted to "hard work." We are told, instead of
the normal formal discussion followed by informal
conversations Diplomatic sources ~~adding~~ ^{tell us} ~~that~~
~~that's more~~ the main goal now is a speedy agreement
curbing both offensive and defensive ~~in~~ weapons;
where the main thrust before - was ~~is~~ strictly
defensive. So, ~~you might say~~ it looks ^{favorable.} ~~good~~

TEL AVIV

At Tel Aviv, in a major address, Israeli Premier Golda Meir takes note of a U.S. report that Russia has just sent to Egypt - some more medium range T U - Sixteen Badger bombers -equipped with air-to-surface missiles; and this - said she - at a time when the U.S. is still withholding from Israel - additional Phantom Jets.

Madame Meir going on to say: "We think it is essential for us to demand the Phantom Jets for our survival - and therefore, our duty is to demand them now."

NEW YORK

New York City - a court case today involving the right of an apartment dweller - to keep a dog.

In this case - a great dane. Judge Edward Greenfield ruling - in the absence of compelling evidence to the contrary -- it's perfectly legal.

In passing though, the Judge also noting that mankind - is apparently divided into three factions. The first and "larger" proportion - said he - those who "love dogs passionately!" the second and next largest - those who "hate dogs passionately." And a third group - smallest of all - said he - those who couldn't care less about dogs; but devote their attention "to problems of lesser impact like nuclear destruction, economic disaster, over-population and the pernicious influence of pornography."

WELFARE

From the Department of Health, Education
and Welfare - a new study of welfare ~~families~~ families;
attempting to shed some additional light - on who,
~~what~~ what, where and especially why. The figures
showing - contrary to widespread belief - welfare
fraud is extremely rare; occurring in less than four
tenths of a percent -- of all cases. Further, that
able bodied, unemployed males make up less than
one percent of all welfare clients; the bulk of whom
are white rather than black, ~~incidentally~~. But one
figure - at least -- lending^s additional ammunition
to some of welfare's chief critics. This showing
that a third of all welfare children - more than two
million - were born out of wedlock.

ROME

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If the Italian Senate has its way - virtually the whole of Italy will soon bear a "no smoking" sign. That body voted today to ban smoking ~~hereafter~~ - in most public places, including movies, theaters, sports arenas, dance halls, schools, hospitals - and so on and so on.

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And how are Italian ~~smk~~ smokers taking all this? Why, they're ~~getting~~ ^{hopping} mad, - we are told, Warren, they're simply fuming.

CHARLESTON

The name West Virginia - once synonymous with abject poverty, and so, one of the regular way-stops - for aspiring Presidential candidates - mainly Democratic. But all that's changed now - to the point where West Virginia's present Governor - Arch Moore, can even joke about it. Indeed, he's announcing today - a "special deal" for future Presidential hopefuls.

Governor Moore saying: "For twenty-five thousand a piece - we'll set up some broken down shanties and poverty stricken people - the whole bit - lights, camera, action. And he adds: "If we're going to be saddled with politicians who feel this is the thing to do - then it's time we got paid for it."