

Thursday, October 2, 1975

WHITE HOUSE

Emperor Hirohito of Japan today received a warm welcome from President Ford; who spoke of the close ties that now exist between the U.S. and Japan.

Said Hirohito: "Our peoples withstood the challenges of one tragic interlude - when the Pacific Ocean, the symbol of tranquility, was instead a rough and stormy sea." Adding "we have built today - unchanging ties of friendship and goodwill." The Emperor further saying he "will be happy" if he, too "can contribute to everlasting friendship - between our two countries."

The Emperor's reception was marked by the tightest security ever at the White House. A plane, apparently sent over by conservationists - did succeed in flying within sight of the ceremony; trailing a streamer reading:

"Emperor Hirohito, please save our whales." And now -

CAPITOL HILL

~~On Capitol Hill~~ - House and Senate committees
were moving today toward final approval - of the new
Mideast peace agreement. ~~Along the way~~, Secretary of State
Kissinger, ^{has} ~~personally~~ assured Congress - it has ~~now~~ been
informed of all secret U.S. commitments. ~~Adding if further~~ ^{and if}
verification is needed - "either the President or I will give
it."

HILLS

~~The White House again~~ - a new appointment to the
Securities and Exchange Commission. ~~President Ford~~
~~selecting~~ Deputy White House Counsel Roderick Hills, ~~with~~
~~the understanding he will also~~ ^{to} become chairman of the SEC -
as soon as he's confirmed.

BELFAST

The quiet of what had been a peaceful week in Northern Ireland - was ~~suddenly~~ shattered today by a series of shootings and bombings. The violence leaving ~~at least~~ ^{five} ~~six~~ dead. ^{This sure} ~~and almost certain~~ to lead to retaliation, from both sides.

MADRID

The three policemen gunned down by Spanish guerillas yesterday - were given a combined funeral today in Madrid; a funeral ^{delayed} ~~held up half-an-hour~~ - by right-wing demonstrators demanding vengeance against all terrorists.

The Spanish government also reacted angrily ~~today~~ to anti-Franco demonstrations in Lisbon; closing its borders to all commercial traffic ~~to and from~~ Portugal; ^{which} ~~a move that~~ could have a disastrous effect on the Portuguese economy - ^{for} ~~in that~~ all land traffic to Portugal must pass through Spain.

LONDON

~~On the money markets of Europe~~ -- The British
pound plunged today to its lowest level in history; ~~at the~~ ^{today}
~~point in London - worth only~~ ^{to} Two Dollars and ~~Two~~ ^{Three} Cents;
~~and dealers saying~~ unless the Bank of England steps in ^{we hear} ~~it~~
^{it} could go below Two Bucks by the weekend; a boon for
travelers - but tough for Britain.

LOS ANGELES

At Los Angeles - ~~another batch of troubles today~~
~~for newspaper hetress~~ Patricia Hearst and her two former
comrades, ~~in arms,~~ William and Emily Harris, ~~the 1970~~ today were
indicted on eleven counts - of robbery, kidnaping and assault
with a deadly weapon; ~~all stemming from~~ ^{- this} ~~the~~ shoplifting
incident - the day before the ~~big SLA~~ shootout last year in
L. A.

EAGLE RIVER

~~In the mid-section of America -~~ From the
Canadian border to Texas - ~~a foretaste~~ today ~~of the~~ winter
~~seemed on the way,~~
~~yet to come.~~ The mercury dropping to Seventeen ~~Degrees~~ -
at Eagle River, Wisconsin; ~~and Twenty-Two - at nearby~~
~~Rhineland.~~ Record lows also reported ~~today~~ at Lincoln,
Nebraska, - Springfield, Missouri - and ~~Lubbock, Wichita~~
~~Falls and Dallas, in Texas.~~ ~~The weatherman also reporting~~
with ~~warnings predicted for~~ ^{additional reporting}
frost or freeze ~~predicted for tonight~~ in Indiana, Kentucky,
Michigan and West Virginia, ~~and other areas.~~

NEW YORK

One of the nation's oldest and largest ~~variety~~
store chains - ~~was forced~~ today ^{admitted it is} ~~to declare itself~~ flat broke.
W. T. Grant and Company, ^{with} ~~which operates~~ more than a
thousand stores nationwide ^{is} filing for reorganization under
Federal bankruptcy laws. The firm listing assets of more
than a Billion - ^{with} but liabilities even greater. Its losses
last year ~~totaling~~ a Hundred-and-Seventy-Five Million, - ~~and~~
this year ~~said to be~~ even worse.

MICANOPIY

(Ma-canopy)

This next from Micanopy, Florida - population,

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Five Hundred; the first town in the U.S. - to boast an all-woman fire department. The ladies of Micanopy serving as volunteer firefighters - from Eight-to-Five each day while their menfolk are ~~away~~ at work. ~~And so far~~ - it ~~seems to~~ be working out ~~okay~~.

The lady firefighters ^{are} led by Carmen Polk - the wife of Micanopy Fire Chief Claude Polk. Mrs. Polk saying:

"If you've got your hair rolled up in curlers - you've just got to go that way." Adding that one time ^{when} the alarm sounded

- ~~when~~ she was wearing only a bikini; but true to ^{her code} ~~code~~ she

bikini and all of she went! Did she ~~leaped into her fireman's outfit and away she went, bikini~~

~~and all~~. put out the fire? No word on this!

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And now for C -

GREETINGS

Fri. Oct 3, 1975

*Greetings to Station K B O M, now celebrating
fifty years on the air, in Bismarck-Mandan, North
Dakota.....*