

Monday, February 11, 1974

TRUCKERS

Thousands and thousands of independent and company truckers - were streaming onto the nation's highways today. The massive back to work movement - apparently - marking the end of the nationwide drivers strike. In hard hit Pennsylvania - for example, the state police were reporting truck traffic - "pretty much back to normal."

OIL

At today's important energy meeting in Washington the obvious comment to make is that our people were attempting to pour oil on troubled waters. Secretary of State Kissinger - addressing the delegates from around the globe, saying the U.S. is willing "to share available energy - in times of emergency or prolonged shortages." Adding that this means - "we would be prepared to allocate an agreed portion for our total petroleum supply." Would do so - said he - "provided other consuming countries with indigenous production do likewise."

Dr. Kissinger's remarks - clearly aimed at forging a global energy policy. The "one central purpose" of today's conference - said he - "to move urgently to resolve the energy problem - on the basis of cooperation among all nations." If not - he continued - the world will be threatened "with a vicious cycle of competition, rivalry, and depression - such as led to the collapse in the thirties."

WHITE HOUSE

President Nixon on his way to Key Biscayne

around mid-week; will on the way take part in the second annual Honor America Day - at Huntsville, Alabama; also dedicate a new health center in Miami. But, before he leaves he'll have a long delayed physical, and, he may hold a press conference - a first in more than three months.

CAPE CANAVERAL

At Cape Canaveral in the test firing of a new Titan Centaur Rocket its second stage engine failed to ignite and thirteen minutes after take off was ordered destroyed.

Cause of mal function - unknown.

TEL AVIV

Tel Aviv - an announcement today that construction will soon begin - on the first Israeli town to be built on the occupied Golan Heights; near the Syrian - Jordanian border; with an initial population of about five thousand; and maybe twenty-thousand or so within a decade.

New border clashes today between Iran and Iraq.

Reports are that casualties are high.

MOSCOW

For the second time in four days - Russian author Alexander Solzhenitsyn was summoned today to the State Prosecutor's office in Moscow. For the second time in four days he refused to go. In effect, a direct challenge - to Soviet authority.

LONDON

Striking British coal miners - clashed with mine safety crews - for the second day in a row. The miners were also sending out tickets - in an effort to blockade power stations; coal stock piles and steel plants.

SAFEST

*A new bok with a little something for most everybody
-a book entitled - "America's Fifty Safest Cities." Author
David Franke, listing the crime figures for the top fifty -
plus three hundred and forty-three cities that are not so safe.*

*Safest? Lakewood, Ohio - a suburb of Cleveland;
although Cleveland ranks way down, three hundred fifty-first.
The unsafest of all? Compton, California - a suburb of Los
Angeles - author Franke asking the people who live there
and in other major crime areas - "why haven't you moved?"*

WASHINGTON

The reigning queen of Washington society Alice Roosevelt Longworth daughter of Teddy Roosevelt will celebrate tomorrow her Ninety-Third birthday. Julie Nixon Eisenhower, in the Saturday Evening Post, includes a letter from her father calling Mrs. Longworth: "The most fascinating conversationalist of our time." Julie also tells of a President's daughter to President's daughter chat with Mrs. Longworth observing that then as now - politics were "terribly mean."

BANGKOK

*The subject of this next - well, you might call it -
holy smoke. At any rate a tree more than a hundred feet
tall in northwestern Thailand - said to be spouting a column
of smoke each night at dusk. The tree in question - in the
court of Buddhist temple - and the monks there have now
draped it with saffron robes. The spectacle drawing
thousands of worshippers - believing Bill - that it really is
holy smoke.*

DECATUR

From Decatur, Michigan - the story of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Flagg; who were married on Valentine's Day back in Nineteen Oh Five; this week - celebrating their sixty-ninth wedding anniversary. Jacob Flagg, age ninety one. His wife Susie eighty-eight. In her husband's words though - still "the same sweetheart" he's been buying Valentines for - sixty-nine years. And now, will someone play Hearts and Flowers while I say so long...