

Thursday, May 1, 1975

WHITE HOUSE

When Rogers Morton was officially sworn in today as the new Secretary of Commerce, President Ford called for a re-dedication of the American spirit. "With the end of the Vietnam era, tragic as it was" said he - "it is time for America to look ahead - move forward with a new agenda for the future, solve this nation's problems - as we move on into our third century."

The President adding that on this agenda should be - "the restoration of a dynamic and effective economy - and a revitalized free enterprise system."

SAIGON FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Meanwhile in Saigon - or Ho Chi Minh City - or whatever they're ~~falsely~~ calling it today - ~~a massive parade; in part, a Communist May Day parade - but more~~ ^{and} a victory celebration; ~~by~~ ~~so~~ ~~thousands of Communist troops and an estimated three thousand, new found collaborators.~~ This following a ~~Communist~~ claim of "total victory" in the ~~Mekong~~ Mekong Delta - the last ~~of~~ pocket of South Vietnamese resistance.

~~At the same time~~ ^{du} a broadcast ~~from~~ Radio Hanoi ^{WAR} ~~is~~ saying: "Our foes are stricken with awe." Also, demanding the withdrawal of all U S ships ~~is~~ still stationed off Vietnam and thus an end to what it called - "the forceable evacuation" of Vietnamese citizens.

BANGKOK FOLLOW SAIGON

From U S and Thai officials in Bangkok

- a report today that the U S will soon announce plans for massive troop withdrawals from Thailand;

~~This apparently~~ at the insistence of the Thai ~~government~~

- in an ^{obvious} ~~effort~~ effort to appease the ^{victorious} ~~victorious~~ Communists in ~~Indochina~~ Vietnam. A Thai spokesman saying:

~~"We have allowed U S bases to remain here too long -~~

~~we sent troops to fight the North Vietnamese. -~~

They ~~should~~ will not forget."

HOUSE FOLLOW ^{Bangkok} SAIGON

Here at home ~~again~~ the House was ~~refusing~~
~~today to go along with the Senate~~; refusing to pass
that bill ^{to providing} aimed ~~at providing~~ more than three hundred
million in humanitarian aid - to Vietnamese war ~~refugees~~
refugees. The ~~main~~ stumbling block - ~~a provision in~~
the ~~bill~~ authorizing ~~the use~~ of force, if necessary -
to assist ~~in any~~ further evacuations. ↘

ADD HOUSE

White House reaction - ~~quick and bitter~~.

President Ford noting the evacuation "is complete."

Adding - "the House action is thus an affront to
"the values we cherish as a nation of immigrants."

Further saying: "It is not worthy of a people - who
have lived by a philosophy symbolized in the statue
of Liberty."

— and now —

LONDON

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In the House of Commons - Britain's labor government today announced plans to nationalize - the British aircraft and ship-building industries.

And if all goes as planned - we are told -- the new take-over could be completed - before Parliament takes its ~~summer~~ summer recess in August.

ASSIUT

~~Giant May Day celebrations were also held today - in Moscow, in Peking, in all the Communist countries; also, Japan, Italy, Israel and a number of Arab nations - among them Egypt, where Anwar Sadat was making a May Day speech in the little town of Assiut.~~

~~Sadat, ^{of Egypt today said} saying he plans to launch a diplomatic offensive - to ~~force~~ force Israeli withdrawal from ~~the~~ occupied Arab territories, and then he fired - perhaps his first gun, saying "The time has come," ^{said he,} for the U S" to make ~~it~~ its position crystal clear - in black and white." The over-riding question - ~~said~~ That is:- ~~he~~ "will the U S protect Israel only within its own borders - or will it ~~demand~~ defend Israel in the occupied ~~territories~~ territories?"~~

Sadat adding that the U S "holds most of the strings in this problem - because it supplies Israel with bread and butter and guns."

NEW MARKET

At Britain's New Market race track -
a strike today by stable boys -- ~~or~~ stable lads ^{as}
~~as~~ they're called in Britain - ~~in~~ demand ^{ing} of higher
pay. The strikers ~~having little impact - on the~~
~~size of the crowd; but attempting to hold up the~~
~~day's card - by~~ attacking jockeys as they lined up
for the first race. One ~~of the jockeys~~ dragged from
his horse - former world champion Willy Carson;
who was ~~then~~ flailed [^] with his own whip!

~~For a while - a real howl broo-ha-ha;~~
~~to the point where local Bookmakers were~~
laying ~~off~~ odds there would be no racing, ~~today.~~
They lost, ~~though~~ ~~though~~ - There ~~was~~ was [^] ~~just~~ a half
hour late.

And now -

WALTER REED

Jordan's tough young King Hussein was admitted today to Walter Reed army hospital in Washington but nothing serious they say - just a routine check up. And, on the way in, the King telling reporters: "There is still hope for a stable peace in the middle east but this may be the last chance."

NESSEN

White House spokesman Ron Nessen ^{met} ~~has~~

~~been carrying on a running battle with newsmen~~

~~the past few days; and so, taking the hint, he met~~

with reporters today - wearing a bullet-proof vest.

Nessen saying the experts had told him - the vest

would stop almost any small caliber bullet. "Unfortunately"

he went on - ^{- the newsmen -} "they just shrugged their shoulders when

asked how it would stand ~~up~~ up under the fire of

reporter's questions." Nessen then telling the newsmen

-- "fire away."

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