

Thursday, March 1, 1973

SUDAN

*A group of armed black September Palestinian guerrillas burst into the Saudi Arabian Embassy at Khartoum in the African Sudan today and seized the American Ambassador and several other foreign officials as hostages. Among other things, the guerrillas are demanding the release of Sirhan Sirhan, convicted assassin of Robert Kennedy. They are also demanding the release of at least fifty-nine Palestine guerrillas now imprisoned in Jordan as well as a group of radicals now jailed in West Germany. This comes from The Middle East News Agency in Cairo.*

*The masked guerrillas - brandishing guns - seized as hostages U.S. Ambassador Cleo Noel - also, the American charge d'affaires Curtis Moore, also a Jordanian official, a Belgian official and the Saudian Arabian Ambassador and his wife and children - all of whom were attending*

*a party at the Embassy. In the confusion the French, British, and Soviet Ambassadors escaped by climbing over a wall.*

VIETNAM

Communist officials in Saigon today announced that one hundred thirty six American war prisoners and six foreign captives will be ~~given~~ given their freedom Sunday, <sup>at</sup> Hanoi, - This apparently <sup>will</sup> break~~ing~~ the ~~two~~ impasse that arose when the ~~Communist~~ Communists suspended the prisoner releases because of alleged cease-fire violations. Sunday's repatriation would put the prisoner return program past the half way mark with two-hundred-eighty-three Americans still <sup>held,</sup> ~~in Communist hands~~. Nearly twelve thousand U S ~~and~~ troops, all of them non-combat personnel -- are still in South Vietnam ~~there~~ <sup>their</sup> awaiting, withdrawal orders.

In Paris, secretary of State Rogers and eleven other foreign ministers - including those of North Vietnam and the Vietcong initiated a nine point agreement which would provide guarantees for a lasting peace in Vietnam. The document will be formally signed tomorrow.

## DOLLAR

*The U.S. dollar was thrown into a new crisis in Europe today - with West Germany closing its currency exchanges to permit emergency consultations with the U.S. and its European allies. The new crisis arose when speculators dumped even more billions of un-wanted American dollars, more than they did last month when it brought on a ten-percent dollar de-valuation. West Germany Chancellor Willy Brandt and his financial advisors called today's dollar speculation the worst in Europe this year.*

BRITAIN

In Britain, the "strike a day" protest against the government's wage-freeze policy hit the hospitals today - sending home thousands of patients <sup>because</sup> ~~of~~ cleaning, cooking and other ~~non~~ non-medical employees walked off their jobs. Only emergency cases are being handled in more than two hundred fifty hospitals across Britain. Meanwhile, gas workers continued their two weeks old strike -- leaving thousands of industrial firms without fuel, and closing down unheated schools.

*In his fourth in a series of state of the Union messages President Nixon today renewed a pledge to propose a national health insurance plan and also to recommend property tax relief for the elderly. But he apparently abandoned - at least temporarily - his quest for welfare reform and a guaranteed annual income because he says - "the legislative outlook seems to preclude passage."*

*Although he added: "One thing is certain - the welfare mess cannot be permitted to continue. A system which penalizes a person for working and rewards others for going on welfare is totally alien to the American tradition of self-reliance and self-respect."*

*The President also urged ratification of the equal rights for women amendment, now being voted upon by the various state legislatures, and amendment that appears to be in trouble. Nevada has joined the list of states rejecting it. So far, twenty eight states have approved and thirty eight are needed for its enactment. We hear the amendment faces*

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*an up hill fight in several other legislatures.*

CHILE

In Santiago, Chile the Communist party secretary warns that Civil War could possibly break out in Chile during this Sunday's congressional elections. Calling it "a real danger." Senator Luis Corvalan says Communist ~~with~~ militants are ~~are~~ prepared as he put it - "to sacrifice their lives" -- in defense of President Allende's government which is dominated by Socialists and Communists. Already seven persons have been shot to death - ~~another one~~ <sup>and a</sup> <sup>others</sup> hundred <sup>^</sup> injured - in pre-election clashes.



WALLACE

*Alabama Governor George Wallace says -  
the way he feels about it right now - he can win  
re-election as Governor next year and also could win  
the Presidency in Nineteen Seventy-Six should he decide  
to run. Although he says he's well on his way to  
coping fully with his paralysis, no decisions have  
yet been made on either campaign. For one thing,  
says the Governor, "I have no intentions of switching  
party affiliations."*

## INDIANS

*More than two hundred armed American Indians are still holding eleven hostages tonight in the trading post and church at Wounded Knee, South Dakota. Both U.S. Senators from South Dakota - George McGovern and James Abourezk - flew to nearby Pine Ridge today to open negotiations for release of the hostages. Justice Department officials warned them that for their own personal safety they should not go to Wounded Knee, stay some distance away.*

*The Indians - who are demanding a congressional review of Indian treaties - seized the church and trading post Tuesday night, and since then have held off a cordon of Federal marshals, FBI agents, and police with the arms and ammunition they seized at the trading post. They are members of the American Indian movement - called A I M - same group which recently sacked the Bureau of Indian affairs building in Washington.*

## **BUSSING**

*In Boston, a sixteen year old high school student claims he has a constitutional right to kiss the girl friend and hold her hand in school. Young Patrick Fisher filed a suit in Federal court - charging that his suspension from North Middlesex High school is in violation of his civil rights. Moreover Patrick says the student year book contains no rules against either kissing or holding hands. Anyway Bill, could he argue that if bussing kids to school is constitutional what about bussing your girl friend?*

SWIM

*Former Governor of Florida Claude Kirk says that when he enters the race for the U.S. Senate in Nineteen Seventy-Six he'll dramatize his campaign by swimming all the way round the Florida peninsula. If so will he race the incumbent - Democratic Senator Lawton Chiles - who campaigned three years ago by walking a thousand miles across the state?*