

Monday, December 14, 1971

THE AZORES

In the Azores - President Nixon met today with President Pompidou of France; the second of five so-called "little summits" - in preparation for the President's forthcoming trips to Peking and Moscow. Correspondents say topics discussed included world monetary problems; and, the Indian-Pakistani war.

DACCA FOLLOW ANGRA

Speaking of which - Indian airborne units today were at the outer defenses of Dacca, capitol of East Pakistan. New Delhi says they are within six miles of down town Dacca, and now bringing up heavy artillery for a final assault.

Meanwhile Pakistan General Niaza, meeting with news men at the Dacca hotel, said he would sacrifice the city and all his troops - rather than surrender. Said the General - "these are the prices of freedom."

PRESIDENT

The Azores again - President Nixon today welcomed as "an act of clemency" - Red China's decision to release those two American prisoners. And the fact that they will now be able to spend Christmas with their families - "a matter of particular pleasure" - said the White House. Adding that this - along with the shortening of a third prisoner sentence - was negotiated by Henry Kissinger during his two recent trips to Peking.

UNITED NATIONS

Another six month extension of the U N peace keeping mission in Cyprus - approved today by the U N Security Council. For the first time in ~~22~~ seven years though - the vote was not unanimous. Red China's ambassador "Huang Hua - refusing to take part in the balloting; refusing to do so - said he - because of Peking's "well known stand on U N peace keeping operations," *as he put it.*

TEL AVIV

After twelve days here in the U S - Madame
Golda Meir returned to Tel Aviv, ^{where she told} ~~The Israeli~~
~~premier~~ telling reporters: "I hope you don't expect
me to give you ~~an accurate and~~ ^a detailed report of my
talks." But she added: "I have a feeling that things
have been clarified - and I hope consequently there
~~would~~ ^{will} follow good deeds and consequences." ~~That~~ -
~~from Golda Meir.~~

AMMAN

An article in the semi official Jordanian newspaper today says that Arab leaders - could be talking themselves into another war for which they are not prepared. It adds that - worse - this could also set the stage for another Israeli pre-emptive attack.

DUBLIN

From the main branch of the I R A in Dublin -
a statement today admitting responsibility for the
weekend slaying of northern Ireland's Senator John
Barnhill. The I R A explaining that Senator Barnhill
was "informed that his ~~own~~ house was to be destroyed,"
and ~~he~~ was asked to evacuate it along with his family."
Adding ^{that} ~~however~~ the Senator "then attacked the raiding
party - and in the ~~subsequent~~ ensuing struggle received ^{the}
wounds from which he died."

The statement also saying that Barnhill's home
was selected for the raid --because he strongly
supported a government policy of quote "repression
and terrorism against the working class people of the
North."

PHNOM PENH follow Saigon

At Phnom Penh, ~~in neighboring~~ Cambodia -- the start of a crash campaign aimed at cleaning up the army. Cambodian strong man Lon Nol -- ordering an on the spot census of each and ~~now~~ every brigade; thereby attempting to determine which of his commanders -- have been filing inflated rosters, the better to pad their payrolls, expenses and so on.

The situation coming to a head last month - we are told - when Phnom Penh was under heavy enemy pressure. Lon Nol summoning up his reinforcements -- only to discover that much of his strength existed ~~only~~ ^{only} on paper.

CAPITAL HILL

~~Back~~ in Washington - House and Senate

conferees today approved a bill - giving President

Nixon controls over the economy for another year.

But the bill also providing retro-active pay ~~increases~~

increases for many workers - and an on-time raise

for ~~for~~ more than four million federal employees.

~~And~~ both of ^{which} ~~these~~ the President opposes.

PENTAGON

At the Pentagon - where he served as number two man - a final press conference today for retiring David Packard; who said that "we still have too many military bases - despite ^{many bases closed} ~~more closings~~ during recent years."

"There is no question we could make savings" perhaps as much as "a billion dollars a year," said Packard. But ~~he added:~~ "We have a great many political ~~constraints~~ constraints - as everybody knows," ^{said he,} and these - virtually insurmountable.

GENERAL SARNOFF

I'm sure that by now you not only have heard of the passing of General Sarnoff one of the giants of our era, but over and over during the past twenty four hours you have heard the story of his life, his association with Marconi, the sinking of the Titanic, how he built his vast R C A empire, including the NBC, and all the rest. So, I wonder what I can add, except to say that with his departure I have lost an old friend. -- ^{TP} For some sixteen years I was with him at NBC. But more than that, we were friends, not ~~simply~~ ^{just} colleagues. I'll always see him ^{as he was in one of our ball} ~~in one of my Nine Old Men~~ games; the Nine Old men pitted against a team captained and led by General Theodore Roosevelt. There was the eminent scientist, the genius of the business world, David Sarnoff, playing ball wearing a top coat -- which is quite a handicap on a ball field. I can still see him going around the bases with that top coat flapping.

I also remember the day he told some of us --

Never invest ~~in~~ a dime in television. Why? ~~did he say it?~~

ph He said there were three ~~starting~~ ^{major} problems that might

not be solved for many years. One, ~~was~~ how to extend

television from one city to another. It was before the

coaxial cable. Second, the size of the screen which

he thought, and many ~~of us~~ still think, too small. Third,

he was sure that ~~the~~ television would devour entertainment

with such tremendous gulps, ^{it would} ~~creating~~ a vast problems, ^{-- how} ~~of~~

^{to produce -}

~~how to build up~~ enough worthwhile programs.

One of the ~~really~~ remarkable men of our era,

and as a human being a grand person. David Sarnoff,

MT. VITOSHA

**A tragic skiing accident - reported today from
Mt. Vitosha near Sofia in Bulgaria. The victim - Bulgaria's
Foreign Minister - Ivan Bashev; who was out skiing and took
a fall - in a white out and lay unattended all night. When
found this morning - too late.**

**Ivan Bashev - Bulgaria's Foreign Minister - disobeyed
a basic rule: Never ski alone!**

PARKING

The police in Rome - today suspending parking rights around the parliament building; the better to cope with demonstrations - should any develop.

At least one driver though - refusing to heed the "no parking" edict. A chap by the name of Alfredo Tucci - pulling up to a sign that clearly labeled "parking". Ignoring the pleas of outraged police - refusing to budge - locking himself inside. Whereupon a crane was called - and Signor Tucci car and all were "hailed away." And so long until tomorrow.