

RAILS

Mon. May 17-21.

At the Florida White House - Key Biscayne - President Nixon is calling for joint congressional action to end the rail walkout. Says Mr. Nixon: "It is essential that our railroads continue to operate." Adding that an extended strike "would cause great hardship to all Americans - and strike a serious blow at the nation's economy."

Necessary legislation can not be passed and sent to the White House - till some time tomorrow at the earliest. Meanwhile - the President contends that what he really needs - is an all-encompassing railway labor bill such as he originally proposed last year. The White House ~~is~~ further says the "piece-meal action" we're engaged in now - is certainly "no way to run a railroad.

As you know this nationwide tie-up comes as a result of the strike of some thirteen thousand railroad

**signal men. Already it has jammed up commuter lines,
stalled freight traffic, and resulted in massive
disruptions coast to coast.**

TREASURY

THE U S Balance of payments deficit - up sharply during the first quarter of Nineteen Seventy One. According to an announcement today from the U S Commerce Department - coming to five ~~more~~ and a half billion -- or more than half the entire total -- for all of last year.

Treasury Secretary John Connolly later telling a Senate committee -- that, clearly such a level of deficit is not sustainable." Adding that American business and labor must do more -- "to hold down the rise in production costs - to avoid unnecessary increases in ~~interest~~ interest rates -- and to speed the return to price stability."

In the Middle East - Cairo - Egypt's

Anwar Sadat began to take on the trappings of a

~~the~~ "strong man" today; becoming the new head

of ~~the~~ Egypt's police force - as well as President.

Also, commander in chief of the Egyptian ^{armed} ~~forces~~ forces.

This - we are told - to facilitate the rounding up of

"hard core secret" conspirators ⁴ ~~who are~~ allegedly linked

to ousted ~~the~~ government and political leaders, Cairo

adding that several ex-officials placed under House

Arrest last week - have since then ^{been} transferred to

detention camps. Meanwhile, ^{naturally} Israel taking - a "wait

and see" - attitude ^{with} Jerusalem saying there could

be nothing new on ^{the} ~~the~~ reopening of the Suez Canal -

until the situation in Egypt is once more ~~or~~ stabilized.

KEY BISCAYNE

Key Biscayne again; - ^{the} Florida White House
~~made~~ ^{makes} public ~~today~~ a letter to the President; a letter
from Nato Secretary General Manlio Brosio - who
said ~~that~~ a reduction of U S forces in Europe would
seriously undermine the Nato alliance.

Former Democratic Presidential Candidate
Hubert Humphrey - also joining ^{s Pres. Nixon and} the anti-cut-back
forces. In a speech at San Francisco ^{he stated} ~~saying~~ that
such a move "would jeopardize vital efforts now in
progress ~~to~~ to reduce tension between East and West."

PENTAGON

The Pentagon ^{comes} a report today from
Army Secretary Stanley Resor - ^{who says} ~~on his recent trip~~
~~to Vietnam. The Secretary saying~~ that seventy percent
of all U S combat forces - have now been withdrawn
from ^{Vietnam,} ~~that country.~~

Resor adding: "The major ~~combat~~ combat role
has shifted to the South Vietnamese - and it will continue
to shift;" which means - said he - "by this Fall -
we'll be in a position to have no significant effect
on ground combat activity. "

A SHAU FOLLOW PENTAGON

Underscoring the point - South Vietnamese forces were launching a big offensive today - in the key A Shau valley; ~~is~~ engaging the enemy in a series of skirmishes -- said to have caused, light losses on ~~both~~ ^{both} sides.

However, South Vietnam's general Vu Van Giai ~~saying~~ ^{predicts} this ~~could~~ ^{may} develop into a major engagement; ~~for~~ The North Vietnamese have given every indication - ~~says~~ he - that they "intend to stay and fight here".

MOSCOW

For Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada -

a warm welcome in Moscow; where he became today

the first Canadian Premier - ever to visit ~~to~~ the

Soviet Union. Trudeau accompanied by his young wife -

~~and~~ ^{and} a number of top Canadian officials. ~~Reverse~~

~~said~~ Soviet Premier Kosygin ^{was on hand with} ~~leading~~ the reception

party. ~~While~~ The Soviet news agency, Tass, ~~was~~

~~observing~~ ^{says} that "Canada and the Soviet Union - have

no disputed or unsolved problems between them."

And this, ^{as Tass put it} ~~we are told~~ ^s clearly ~~is~~ the way for "mutually
advantageous cooperation."

VATICAN

At the Vatican ~~in Rome~~ - in preparation for
World Communications Day -- a special message ~~today~~
from Pope Paul who said ~~that~~ that newsmen may be tempted
"to use their powerful audio-visual means - in order
to aggravate tensions, discords and division;" in
extreme cases -- said ^{the Pope -} ~~he~~ - even "going so far as
to discourage many men of good will - in their
imperfect but generous attempts to promote unity
and brotherhood."

^{Paul} ~~the~~ Pope _^ adding, however, that news media
at their best - can "help readers, listeners and viewers
become more aware of the real problems of others;"
can help men to "know each other better" - and respect
"their legitimate differences"; thereby becoming "the
privileged means of promoting unity and brotherhood -
in a world where problems are becoming planetary."

ROCHESTER

Starting today at Rochester, New York -
a meeting of the United Presbyterian General Assembly -
representing some three million Americans. With
pending matters said to include a proposal to give
women at least fifty percent representation & on all
lay boards and agencies; also, a ~~prop~~ proposal that ~~must~~
governing units of the Church - ~~must~~ include persons
twenty-five years of age or younger. Still another
measure - calling for a reunification of the United
Presbyterians with the southern ~~based~~ Presbyterian
Church ~~to~~ ⁱⁿ an effort to heal a ~~schism~~ ^{break} that
began more than a hundred years ago - at the start
of the Civil War.

MEXICO CITY

From Mexico City ^{comes} the story of one

Raimundo Salazar Laredo; who went out on a drinking

binge - that lasted about two weeks; ^{Raimundo Salazar Laredo} finally turning

up ~~at~~ at the house of a friend - saying he was terribly

thirsty; then downing a "great ~~one~~ quantity of water - and

^{then -}
~~whereupon~~ he collapsed and died.

Cause of death? ^{What's your guess?}
~~well, it's hard to say.~~

^{Mexico City police blotter}
On the ~~police blotter though~~ ^{it's} listed as simply
an "overdose of water." Raimundo Salazar Laredo, ^{age} only
forty-eight.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Coming up next month - as you know -- another

White House ~~is~~ wedding with Tricia Nixon and Edward

Cox ~~becoming~~ ^{to be} couple number sixteen -- in a long line

of White House nuptials. ~~It's~~ ^{Up to now} but, the most memorable

White House ~~was~~ wedding, ~~of all~~ ^{so} the National Geographic

reminds us -- ^{was} that of Nellie Grant, nearly a century ago,

Nellie was known as the ~~ago -- the celebrated~~ "pet of the nation;" ~~whose~~ ^{her} ~~was~~

wedding dress alone cost her father - Ulysses S. Grant -

~~the equal of~~ 70 or 80,000 today - or more, more than ten thousand bucks, ~~And still on her~~

And who was the lucky ^{by the name of} fellow who married Nellie? ~~he was~~ ~~bridegroom~~ Englishman ~~Algeron Sartoris~~, and

he ~~stole~~ ^{stole} the show. That is young

Algeron ~~Young~~ Sartoris - the picture of ~~sartorial~~

sartorial brilliance - ~~we are told~~. With the crowning

touch - a bouquet of flowers all his own.

I wonder, ^{was} what happened to Nellie and Algeron? ~~Was~~

NEW YORK

The largest emerald ever found in North

America - ^{is} ~~was placed~~ on display ~~today~~ at Tiffany's,
^{5th Ave} of New York; ^{its} a thirteen carat stone "of superb quality
and color" ^{and} ^{been named} formally ~~called~~ "the Carolina emerald."

Estimated value - about one hundred thousand. ^{However}
Walter Hoving head of
Tiffany ^{is} ^{so that} ~~stressing though~~ it's not for sale.

Adding that it will go eventually - either to the

Smithsonian institution or the American Museum of
~~Natural~~ Natural History.

Incidentally, the ~~original~~ discoverer of the

^{was}
"Carolina Emerald" ^{is} a twenty-six year old "rock
hound" by the name of Wayne Anthony, who found it
near an abandoned mine - at Hiddenite, North Carolina.

^{Where}
^{is} Young Anthony ^{acquired} ~~his~~ his digging rights for the
grand sum of two bucks a day. - ^{So young Anthony} ~~quite a pay off~~
^{indeed}
was ^{is} a lucky young man, ~~wasn't~~.