

Mon. June 30, 1969

HOUSE

Showdown in Washington. The House voting tonight - on whether to extend that income tax surcharge. Right down to the wire - both sides claiming sufficient votes to carry the day.

In the end though - the "ayes" have it. The surcharge extension has just passed the House, as President Nixon wanted it.

BUCHAREST

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News of President Nixon's planned visit to

Communist Romania^y in August ^{was} the signal for ~~much~~
beyond the Transylvanian Alps, All Bucharest
rejoicing today ⁱⁿ ~~Bucharest~~. ~~It is a local~~ business man

~~for one~~, calling the announcement - "sensational" -

absolutely fantastic". A local innkeeper ^{told how} ~~telling of a~~ when the
news came there was —
momentary silence - followed by a chorus of cheers.

His customers saying things like: "Did you hear that?

Nixon coming here! Bravo, Nixon!"

Reaction in the Kremlin - well, that's something

else again. According to informed sources - the Soviets

much ^{pained} ~~distressed~~ over the planned trip. Considering it

another affront - by the Maverick Romanians - who have

more than once flouted Kremlin policy. All of which is

said to ~~threaten~~ threaten a delay - or perhaps even a cancellation

- in the scheduled signing next month - of another Soviet

Romanian friendship treaty.

MUSKIE

First choice for the Democratic Presidential nomination in Nineteen Seventy-Two as of today - Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts. This according to Senator Muskie of Maine - after six months of touring the country ^{in an} attempt~~ing~~ to determine his own political future. The man who ran for Vice President last time around - saying of Kennedy: "The momentum right now is all his way." Adding that his only drawbacks are "immature and inexperience, and he is ~~overcoming~~ overcoming these with the passage of time."

Next question: Does it bother Senator Muskie - that the sole surviving Kennedy brother seems to have ~~be~~ dwarfed all other contenders. Not ~~at~~ at all ^(said) ~~by~~ Muskie. "It is just the Kennedy thing" -- said he -- "it's a fact of life and God - and I am no longer frustrated by it."

BEN HET

War news from Vietnam - the story today of a siege within a siege. With the place - again - Ben Het; where a relief force of about three thousand South Vietnamese troops - is attempting to encircle an undetermined number of Viet Cong; part of the same guerrilla outfit that has laid siege to that Green Beret camp - for nearly eight weeks now.

This new operation dubbed officially -- "Will Win." Receiving massive support from U S B-52s and smaller dive bombers -- to make sure that it does win. Indeed, the number of incoming shells at Ben Het - already way below last week. Colonel Andrew Marquis who heads the camp -- asserting: "The enemy is safe nowhere. We are whittling him down."

BUENOS AIRES

New York's Governor Rockefeller -- on tour today in Buenos Aires; where he heard an expression of growing concern over the possibility of ~~the~~ restrictive U S Trade barriers. The Argentinians specifically fearing any law - that might limit Argentine meat imports.

Meanwhile - the ~~the~~ nation's most powerful labor leader ~~was~~ shot to death today. Augusto Timoteo Vandor -- a moderate who refused to join in a general labor protest against the Rockefeller visit. His death - prompting the tightest security ever accorded a foreign visitor; ^{even} ~~although~~ officials are ~~still~~ insisting - there was apparently no connection.

CAERNAVARON-FOLLOW BUENOS AIRES

Speaking of tight ~~was~~ security - the same in
effect in and around ^{Carna-vrun} Caernavaron Castle where Britain's
Prince Charles will be installed this week - as the new
Prince of Wales. Infact, a castle guard was so jittery
today - that he absolutely refused to admit one distinguished
looking lady; until someone pointed out she ~~was~~ was the
Prince's aunt - namely, Princess Margaret. ^P Back in
London - preparatory to leaving for Caernavaron - ~~was~~
young Patricia Nixon was a guest today at Number Ten
Downing Street; sharing tea and ~~possibly~~ crumpets ^{maybe,}
with Mrs. Harold Wilson and her two children. Patricia
admitting later: "I don't think we had crumpets - but
then I'm not sure I know what a crumpet is."

SUBIC BAY

Coming up tomorrow at Subic Bay - in the Philippines. Last rites for a gallant ship. The U S Navy formally ~~will~~ decommissioning -- the U S destroyer Frank E. Evans; or at least that part of it still afloat -- after its recent collision with the Australian aircraft carrier Melbourne.

~~Evans skipper Commander Albert McLemore - the man who will preside at the final ceremony. Planning to send the ship's log and its pennant - to the widow of the Marine General for whom it was named just a quarter of a century ago.~~

~~Later, the ship to be towed out to sea - to serve as a target for naval gunners. Commander McLemore explaining - it was either that or sell it for scrap. And he added: "I think it is a fitting end - a helluva lot better than ending up as a razor blade."~~

MOSCOW

Here's one - from KIEV in the Ukraine.

Soviet officials announcing plans ~~today~~ to build a new
mono-rail to the nearby Kiev airport. Top speed - two
hundred and forty miles an hour! ~~It~~ Expected to cut travel
time to and fro -- from a present one hour to a mere
eight minutes. Chicago, New York, Paris, London - ~~please~~ take note!
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HOUSTON

Coming soon - it says here - a new three-day work week; with four day weekends for all. In short - a second industrial revolution; as envisioned today by Houston management consultant Dr. Millard Faught.

The way it would be set up - says he - the work force would be split into ~~two~~ two groups. Half working Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays -- the other half Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays -- and everybody off on Sunday. The good Doctor further citing facts and figures - purporting to show that: "On balance -- the labor cost would be proportionately less than now; yet with far more jobs -- more output -- plus more purchasing power and sales in the economy."

If you're interested -- you can find it all in this new book -- "Split week living," which also foresees an accompanying social revolution where large numbers of Americans would "move beyond the suburbs into the hinterlands." Doctor Faught even suggesting a new name

- for these leisure oriented communities. The "hinterlurbs"

-- he calls them.

~~here's a real~~
And ~~now~~ the world's first "hinterlurbante" -

~~Gregory~~
just back from Vermont. Our own Warren? Moran, assuming

~~he is on it.~~

How about it John Shafer -
are you a hinterlurbante? I am.

PRINCETON

some sad sad news.
From Princeton University - ~~bad tidings today~~

School officials announcing plans to close down an historic landmark -- the famed Princeton Inn; long a meeting place for old grads -- during football weekends and class reunions.

Reason for the closing -- in ~~part~~ part - the fact that the Inn has had trouble making ends meet -- except on special occasions. Perhaps more ~~important~~ important - the ~~inn~~ building is now to be remodeled for use as a dormitory; ~~including~~ ^{with} facilities for the first Princeton co-eds -- arriving this fall.

Summing it all up -- Princeton President

Robert Goheen saying: "It was our regrettable conclusion that the Inn is a convenience - but hardly an essential

in Princeton life today." *I can hear the moans - and the groans, one of them originating right here!*