

Tues. Sept. 19, 1972

UNITED NATIONS

At the United Nations today - the opening of the World body's twenty-seventh annual session. It's expected to last - at least till Christmas. The U N agenda - including no less than ninety-eight items.

But the two principal topics - clearly the Middle East and world wide terrorism. With the U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim - pledging a consideration of "measures to prevent terrorism and other forms of violence." This in the midst of the tightest security precautions since Khrushchev visited the U N more than a decade ago.

POLLSTERS

In Washington - America's two leading Pollsters were testifying today before a House sub-committee. This in connection with a proposed bill - aimed at regulating public opinion survey's with both attempting to defend their profession - especially with regard to the current Presidential race.

George Gallup rejecting a suggestion that the Nixon wide lead in the Polls - is creating a bandwagon effect. "It would be amazing" - said he - "if Mr. McGovern did not improve his position; because" - he continued - "there is always a return to the fold - by the people who are loyal to the Democratic Party." Next - Lou Harris agreeing that the bandwagon effect is "virtually non-existent." Harris adding how the problem here - "has not been the issue of President Nixon; but rather Senator McGovern - in his own credibility and consistency."

CHICAGO

On the campaign trail with George McGovern - a breakfast meeting with Chicago area labor leaders; followed by an address today at a Roman Catholic High School in the midst of the nation's largest Roman Catholic Archdiocese.

The Democratic nominee telling a cheering crowd: "I am today announcing my support of the tax reduction approach - to aid parents and children attending parochial and other bonafide non public schools.

McGovern adding that he was - "only asking for a fair shake: for the chance to continue providing this kind of education for the children at a personal cost they can afford."

And then - a brief visit to Milwaukee. Additional stops at Flint, Michigan, and Columbus, Ohio are now to follow.

IRAQ

Moscow the completion of a six day state visit -by Iraq's President Ahmen Hassan Al-Bakr was marked by the publication - of a joint communique; attempting once more to stress Russian and Arab solidarity - Egypt notwithstanding.

The Soviet Union and Iraq both condemning what they called - "the new criminal act of Israel." Russia also pledging to "further strengthen the defensive capacity of Iraq, help prepare it for war if and when it comes.

LONDON

At the Israeli Embassy in London - a flood of mail in the wake of that Israeli Olympic tragedy. Mostly - letters of condolence. Mostly - but not all. With one of the exceptions - a bulky letter delivered today to an Israeli agriculture attache.

Forty-four-year-old Ami Shachori - attempting to open the missive; then - an explosion; fatally wounding Shachori - and also injuring the man who was scheduled to replace him in just a week. An Embassy spokesman later explained that all mail is ^Athoroughly checked - "but somehow this one was passed through."

KAMPALA

From Washington by the way of Kampala - comes a report that an American Peace Corps volunteer - has been killed in the continuing fighting in Uganda. The victim identified as Lewis Martin - age twenty-three - of Houston, Texas; who was said to have completed his tour in Uganda and was enroute home - when he was mistakenly shot down by Ugandan forces.

MOSCOW

In Moscow a far reaching program for saving the Soviet environment was presented today to the Russian rubber stamp parliament. The honors were performed by Vladimir Kirillian - a Deputy Premier and Chairman of the State Committee for Science and Technology; who stressed that a special effort will be made - to do something about the Caspian Sea; also the Volga and Ural Rivers - and huge Bikal in Siberia near Irksutsk.

Listening to all this from the diplomatic gallery - were Russell Train, Chairman of the U.S. Council on Environmental Quality; and his special assistant former actress Shirley Temple Black, who are now in Russia to work out cooperative measures - for dealing with pollution. They soon discovered that ideological differences are involved - even here.

Vladimir Kirillian going on to say that Communist states - are far better equipped to prevent pollution than

capitalist states. Why? Because "in socialist countries" said he - "the development of the economy is based on the people's ownership;" whereas - he continued - capitalism "causes irrational use of natural resources - and, quite often, their plundering." At any rate that's what they heard at the Kremlin.

YELLOWSTONE

After all these years - first Lady Pat Nixon today finally paid her first visit to Yellowstone National Park; where she also saw for the first time - OLD Faithful; helping to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the National Park System.

The First Lady was accompanied by Interior Secretary Rogers Morton, with whom she later attended - the second world conference on National Parks; a meeting drawing more than a thousand delegates - from more than ninety nations.

Still to come - a "beef and beans" barbeque; at the site of the same campfire where - back in Eighteen-Seventy - the decision was made to create the first National Park.

A GREAT BARRIER REEF

Another of nature's oddities - is reported today from Australia's Great Barrier Reef; where Australian zoologists have been studying a species of fish called the Wrasse. And the way they tell it, the male of the species - generally dominates a harem of three to six females; except when he dies - an extraordinary transformation begins to take place.

In the absence of a dominant male - we are told - the top-ranked female immediately assumes an aggressive behavioral pattern and within a matter of days - also completes a series of startling physiological changes; finally, turning into a full fledged male - whereupon he, not she, takes over the harem. All of which probably has a moral - but just what, Bill Martin, well, I think I'll leave that to you.

WHITE HOUSE

**The White House - President Nixon today proclaimed
October Sixth- National Coaches Day.**

**Said the President: "Coaches are highly qualified
teacher in highly specialized fields; but more than that,
they are friends and counselors who help to instill in their
charges - important attitudes that will serve them all their
lives."**

**The President adding: "I know from my own
experience - how much an understanding coach can do - to
shape a life of a young person."**