

Tuesday, November 30, 1971

NEW DELHI

In strife-torn Hindustan - New Delhi announced today the start of another Indian drive across the East Pakistan border; adding that Indian forces had also repulsed - an attempted Pakistani counter-attack inside East Pakistan.

Also today - a major policy address from Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi; apparently intended as India's response to yesterday's U.S. call for an end to the fighting. Madame Gandhi urging the withdrawal of all West Pakistani troops - from East Pakistan; "Bangla Desh, she calls it. The lady premier saying: "This would be a gesture for peace" - indicating that the Pakistani's really "do want a solution."

MOSCOW

From Moscow comes word that Russia's unmanned Mars-Two space probe - today went into Martian orbit; joining ~~our~~^{our} own Mariner-Nine - which has been out there in orbit for more than a week now.

The Russians do say they also "delivered to the surface of Mars" - a capsule containing "a pennant showing the Soviet Union's coat-of-arms;" could be the first man-made object - ever to reach the Martian surface - if it made it.

WHITE HOUSE

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For the second time in as many days - a White House warning; again stressing ~~today~~ that President Nixon will veto - any tax cut bill that also provides for Federal financing of Presidential campaigns.

Press Secretary Ron Ziegler saying: ~~"This is not a bluff,"~~ ⁽¹⁾ the President ~~will do this - he~~ intends to do this; ²⁾ ~~and there should be no question about it - in the minds of the people on Capitol Hill."~~

MEETING

also

~~The White House again~~ an announcement ~~today~~ that
President Nixon will meet with Canada's Prime Minister
Trudeau - next Monday, in Washington. This another in the
President's series of meeting with Allied leaders - prior
to visiting Peking and Moscow.

TRAVEL

Incidentally, the White House disclosed today - additional details of the President's itinerary for Red China; reporting he plans to stay seven days, in all - visiting not only Peking but also the two huge cities of Shanghai and Hangchow. The White House adding that Mrs. Nixon will also make the trip - but "will be extremely busy with her own program."

VIETNAM

In the fighting in Southeast Asia - a major drive was launched today in the Central Highlands of South Vietnam. A force of about fifteen thousand Saigon troops - attempting a clean sweep of the Highlands all the way to the Cambodian border; thereby opening a new front, ^{which} ~~is~~ is also expected to ^{ease} ~~alleviate~~ enemy pressure farther south - in both Vietnam and Cambodia.

BANGKOK

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At Bangkok in neighboring Thailand - a local hoodlum was sentenced today to death by a firing squad. This by order of Thailand's new military strongman - Field Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn; ~~to mark~~ the first execution - since Kittikachorn assumed full power two weeks ago.

The condemned man - one Nai Thep, ^{and killed} who allegedly shot ~~and killed~~ a U. S. Air Force officer - during an attempted holdup last Friday. The victim - Colonel Harry Funk - late of Lockbourne, Ohio.

RAVENNA

At Ravenna, Ohio - the first defendant in those Kent State trials - found guilty today of interfering with a fireman. *- a self-described scandal-maker -* Twenty-three-year-old Jerry Rupe *now facing a possible fine of Five Hundred Bucks and up to six months in jail.*

But the same jury that found him guilty of this one charge - failing to reach agreement on three additional charges *for* ~~These including~~ Assault - rioting - and arson; which could mean - for Jerry Rupe - another trial yet to come.

AGING

Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Elliot
^{was}
Richardson ~~X~~ the main speaker today at that White House
Conference on Aging; ^{and} ~~there~~ reporting that a recent H.E.W.
survey has shown "substantial deficiencies" - in the nursing
homes of thirty-seven states and the District of Columbia;
adding that the government has now set a February One
deadline - for the implementation of significant improvements.
If not - he continued - the government "intends to initiate ^{ti} a
procedure - that could ultimately result in withholding all
Federal Medicaid funds."

ROME

At the second session of that Group of Ten meeting in Rome - it was nine against one today. America's nine major trading partners formally demanding a devaluation of the U.S. dollar - as part of any solution to the present world monetary crisis.

~~But~~ The U.S. position? - as adamant as ever. With our side again offering to remove a ten per cent U.S. surtax on imports - only if all the other countries revalue their own currencies upward. *So far - no decision*
~~And the response to that - simply:~~

~~"Hicetentus."~~ ~~As of tonight - a Mexican stand off~~

STAMPS

In case you haven't looked lately - only twenty-two shopping days till Christmas; which means it's also just about time - to start sending out your annual season's greetings. To speed this up there's a new self-sticking postage stamp. You don't have to lick'em.

Ah, but these new stamps so far are available only in Sierra Leone, Africa and the Polynesian kingdom of Tonga. Each stamp requires a separate more expensive backing paper in order to preserve its "stickem." The manufacturers, two British firms, plan to sell advertising on the back-up paper. Now, if they can convince advertisers - also, the U.S. Postal Service - then they'll have'em licked.

BEVERLY

In the town of Beverly, Ohio - a cable television firm by the name of Sahdix Radio; which generally broadcasts all night long - unattended - a picture of a couple of dials showing the time and temperature. I saw "generally" - because last midnight there was a slight alteration. Person or persons unknown - breaking into the Sahdix broadcasting studio; pasting over the time and temperature dials - the pictures of two nude women.

Perhaps most surprising of all though - the pictures continuing to be shown all night long; till eight o'clock this morning - when a new crew reported to work. Officials ^{saying DON} ~~explaining~~ apparently no one complained.

HELENA

At Montana State University - the development of an ultra-modern technique for thwarting Twentieth Century cattle rustlers. This by means of a miniaturized electronic device - which is force-fed to each newborn calf; said device eventually finding its way into the calf's second stomach - where it lodges permanently.

Thus the calf emitting a steady signal - as distinctive as any brand; a signal that can further be checked out at any time - by electronic sensors. And so - if a rustler attempts to market stolen stock - flip goes the switch; and (a policeman says-- "gotcha."

And that's the latest from Montana State University - where the cows that used to go "moo" are now going "beep, beep, beep."