

Friday, November 12, 1971

WHITE HOUSE

*At the White House - another surprise press conference, with President Nixon telling of the withdrawal of an additional forty-five thousand men from Vietnam by February One; a move aimed at cutting over-all U.S. troop strength in Vietnam - to a level of a hundred and thirty nine thousand men.*

*The President stressing, however, that U.S. "air power will continue to be used" - as long as necessary. Adding that the U.S. will retain a residual force in Vietnam unless and until there is a negotiated settlement. But once that's accomplished - he went on - the U.S. will withdraw its support forces not only from Vietnam but also from other Pacific bases.*

*Turning next to domestic matters - the President predicts that his Phase Two for economic controls will succeed. Further, that the nation's rate of inflation - will be cut in half in Nineteen Seventy Two. This - said he*

- mainly because of "enormous public support."

## TAY NINH WEST

*In South Vietnam - another milestone in the U S "vietnamization" program. The U S command - closing down a camp called Tay Ninh West; its last border outpost - capable of shelling enemy ~~the~~ targets in nearby Cambodia; thereby marking an end to U S involvement - in the ground fighting in that country.*

*On the political front, an advance peek at President Thieu's scheduled address Monday - to a joint session of the South Vietnamese Senate and House. Government sources saying the President will announce - a thirty-eight percent devaluation of South Vietnam's currency. This - we are told - the first step in a series of economic reforms - aimed at reducing Saigon's present <sup>dependence</sup> ~~dependence~~ on U S aid.*

UNITED NATIONS

For the leaders of Red China's new delegation to the U N - it was time today for a few diplomatic amenities, ~~these~~ including a ceremonial visit - with Adam Malik of Indonesia, the current president of the U N General Assembly; ~~then~~ <sup>also</sup> a tour of the U N headquarters building - chatting with fellow diplomats - ~~also~~ <sup>and</sup> making arrangements for formal certification at the bedside of hospitalized U N Secretary General U Thant. All <sup>this</sup> ~~was~~ with calm and dignity; - ~~and~~ strictly according to protocol.

Incidentally, we are also told that the newly arrived Red Chinese - are avid readers of U S newspapers and news magazines. And what do they turn to ~~first~~ first? Why, the stories about themselves - what else!

AGNEW

*Here at home - Washington - a meeting of the Northeastern Republican Conference where the main speaker - Vice President Agnew, charged that the nation's news media has been and is helping the Democrats conduct a "total propaganda war - aimed at misrepresenting" the accomplishments of the Nixon Administration.*

*Case in point - said the Vice President a number of recent articles "distorting" the Nixon record on school lunches. Vice President Agnew adding that the press generally - has ignored an administration attempt to obtain better jobs for American Indians; while at the same time - said he - giving "full coverage" to Democratic attacks on existing Indian programs.*

*This - says Agnew is clearly a "calculated and dedicated effort by the enemies of this administration - to deprive the American people of the truth."*

## ANTOFAGASTA

*For Cuba's Fidel Castro - a visit today to the salt mines at Antofagasta, Chile where he also saw a few copper mines opened up and developed by those North Americans. Castro's welcome to the interior of Chile - failing to match what he received in Santiago. He was also target of a petition filed today with Santiago's Mayor Ignacio Lango. Opposition leaders in city council - the majority in fact - suggesting - urging Castro to hold "free, secret, and democratic elections" in Cuba.*

**PENNSYLVANIA**

*Washington, Pennsylvania - the first defendant in the slaying of mine union official Jock Yablonski - his wife and daughter found guilty today of first degree murder.*

*Aubran Buddy Martin now facing a sentence that may turn out to be either death or life in prison.*

## **FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON**

*Former Georgia Governor Lester Maddox has embarked on a series of speaking engagements at colleges across the land; with his latest appearance - at Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey. Governor Maddox recalling that he had to walk barefoot to school - once packed peanuts for three cents an hour - never knew he was under-privileged and disadvantaged till some politician told him.*

*Governor Maddox adding that he saw "no difference between racial problems in the north and those in the South. Further contending that "black people can get ahead in America" because they now have the opportunity to do so. Also that all worthwhile persons are controversial - himself included. The articulate exGeorgia Governor saying if a man doesn't have "a little controversy about him - then he's not worth anything." That - from Lester Maddox.*



GENEVA

From the World Health Organization in

Geneva - a report today that Hong Kong flu is again sweeping across Europe and heading West. The same type of flu - that first swept the world back in

Nineteen Sixty-Eight. Only this time - not quite so virulent.

~~but~~ - World Health saying "clinically it is not severe and no deaths have been reported." Nevertheless,

noting that plenty of anti-flu vaccine is ~~available~~ available -

and "for this type should be effective." I was in Geneva a week ago and since then have been half-knocked out by the flu; evidently this same Hong Kong villain.

## FOOD

London again - the publication of a new guide to dining in Great Britain and Ireland; in honor of which - a special dinner for one hundred selected guests; with the menu featuring an assortment of delicacies -- prepared by four of Britain's <sup>foremost</sup> ~~greatest~~ chiefs. One course - for example - ~~consisting of~~ fote de oie braise which <sup>I guess</sup> is fresh goose liver braised in liquor with fresh tangerines and raisins. By the way, the new ~~guide~~ guide listing as Britain's top restaurant - the Box Tree Cottage at Ilkley, England; whose chef Malcolm Reid - was one of those present. Someone

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## *EAST GIPPSLAND*

*This next from East Gippsland, Australia; where the Canberra government maintains a national park - the home of thousands of kangaroo, one of whom has been dropping in lately - at a local pub; bellying up to the bar - to partake of his favorite brew. Joe-Joe - they call him. A roo is usually called Jo-Jo. Observers noting once more, that Joe Joe the Kangaroo - Warren - is a nice quiet drinker; never a bounder.*

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