

Friday, March 30, 1973

REACTION

Reaction to President Nixon's new ceiling on meat prices was mixed today.

While housewives were generally applauding the President's action - they were also insisting a meat boycott is still on. Boycott spokesman Gertrude Rebele of Tewksbury, Mass. saying: "Our position - is to get meat down where it was in February - Nineteen-Seventy-Two."

While President Herrell DeGraff of the American meat Institute was calling the meat controls - "very unfair to meat retailers." DeGraff adding: "The new controls will bring more problems."

Next - Chairman Wright Patman of the House Senate joint economic committee, urging a roll-back on all food prices - and a freeze on rent and interest rates. Patman going on to say "the entire economy is in need of a strong enforceable program - and this cannot be accomplished by a freeze on a few items."

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - another development in the ^cWatergate ~~bugging~~ affair. President Nixon ^{is} authorizing past and present White House aides to testify, if called - before a federal grand jury. The President's action - ^{so} announced by Press Secretary Ron Ziegler. This in response to what he called "unsubstantiated and uncorroborated charges," linking the White House with the Watergate incident.

Ziegler adding: "The President wants it made clear - it has not been, is not, and will not be the objective of the White House ~~to~~ to cover up or with hold any information on the Watergate matter."

The President later flying to the Western White House at San Clemente - there to await the arrival of South Vietnam's President Thieu - who is flying in from Saigon. The two ~~men~~ ^{are} planning two days of talks on U S post war aid.

SAIGON

there was
In Vietnam ^λ a sign today that maybe, just
maybe things are working out. At any rate, Canada ~~has~~
accusing the Viet Cong of deliberately blocking
~~in~~ official investigations into alleged cease fire
violations - Canada's accusation drawing the backing
of all three ~~of its~~ fellow members ~~A~~ on the Viet Nam
International Commission for control and supervision.

For the first time - a solid front.

CORONADO

With the lid now off - returned POW's across the country today were telling of their harrowing experiences; how they were beaten and tortured - at the hands of their Communist captors.

The despair they felt at times - perhaps best reflected in the words of Captain Harry Jenkins of Coronado, California. "Many times" - said he - "I prayed for death and envied my fallen comrades." Captain Jenkins adding: "Death was the easy way out - it's not being able to die - that gets you."

Another returned prisoner - Captain Howard Rutledge of San Diego to day was condemning the "constant stream" of Americans coming to Hanoi. Said he: "I'm talking about the Ramsey Clarks, the Jane Fondas, the Cora Weisses." Then he added: "Not only did they prolong the war - they caused us a great deal of difficulty."

GREENWOOD

From Missouri on down - the flood waters
of the rain swollen Mississippi and its tributaries
- slowly began to ~~recede~~ recede today; ~~whereupon~~ ^{and then}
a fresh rain-laden storm ^{came} ~~γ~~ roaring out of the Rockies.

The National Weather service issuing a flash flood
watch for the entire state of Mississippi. At Greenwood,
Mississippi an official of the U S corp of engineers
saying: If we ~~do~~ get more rain - it will be catastrophic. "

FRANK STANTON

One of the giants of the U.S. Broadcasting industry is moving on - Frank Stanton - retiring today as Vice Chairman of CBS. Frank Stanton's career at CBS - spanned nearly forty years; beginning in Nineteen Thirty-Five after he completed his college work at Ohio Wesleyan University and then a PHD from Ohio State. It took him only eleven years to reach the top, becoming President of CBS and holding that post till he moved up to Vice Chairman two years ago. Along the way - Doctor Stanton picking up a myriad of awards. In Nineteen-Sixty-One a Peabody Award for helping bring about the "great debates" between JFK and Richard Nixon. In Nineteen Sixty Seven - an American Institute of Architects award for significant achievements in the advancement of man's environment, architecture and the allied arts. In Nineteen Seventy One - the Paul White Memorial Award,"for courageous and determined efforts in defending broadcast journalists constitutional rights." And

just last year - a second Peabody Award - for his
defense of "the peoples' right to know."

For many years he has been the voice of the entire
broadcast industry. In some way the Radio and TV giant
to whom everyone in this new world of communications turned
for advice and help.

TUNIS

Four ships of the U. S. Sixth Fleet - under the personal command of Fleet Commander Gerald Miller - were spear-heading flood relief today in Tunisia. - ancient Carthage. Admiral Miller's flagship, the U. S. S. Springfield - which is anchored in Tunis Bay - serving as a nerve center of the operation. Sending helicopters into the stricken areas of northern Tunisia -filled with food, clothing, tents and medicines. The choppers also rescuing those still trapped by flood waters and bringing back the sick and injured for treatment.

The flooding in Tunisia and parts of neighboring Algeria caused by four straight days of heavy rain. First reports indicating more than a hundred dead and tens of thousands left homeless. In some places - we are told, whole villages ending up completely submerged.

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN

This next - from the slopes of remote Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina; where a pair of geologists from Appalachian State University - has just discovered thirty to forty parallel grooves, each about a foot long. These - according to Dr. Jim Burkland and his colleague, Dr. Loren Raymond ~~are~~ "the first positive evidence" of ice age glacier activity "south of New York". A discovery - said to "necessitate a re-writing of all geology text-books."

NEW YORK

The death of the one person who perhaps
changed the shape of American women more than any
other - is reported today ^{from} ~~in~~ New York. Mrs. Ida
Rosenthal ^{- born in the Ukraine -} _^ the woman generally credited with popularizing
the bra. With her late husband William - founding the
Maiden-form company; eventually turning out millions,
if not billions, abroad - in every size, shape and
description.

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Mrs. Ida Rosenthal, ^{age} ~~she was~~ eighty-seven.

HAUPPAUGE

Today's most quotable quote comes from ^{Hop-pawg} Hauppauge, Long Island, where Vice President Spiro Agnew was addressing a Republican fund raising dinner. Bill - the price of meat has gotten so high said Spiro Agnew - that "two Swiss steaks have just opened a bank account in Zurich."

LONDON

From London - the story of a young American student in search of his past. Twenty five years old Mike Archdale who hails from Miles City, Montana - writing a letter to the British Tourist Authority, asking help - in tracking down his long lost British relatives. Mike explaining how his grandfather Lionel Archdale immigrated to the U.S. from County Armagh - Northern Ireland - at the end of the last century. That's all he knew. As luck would have it though - Mike's letter reaching a public relations officer at the Tourist Authority; one Gilbert Archdale - also twenty five; who quickly checked his own family tree - and then dispatched a return letter to his fellow Archdale. "Hello" - said he - "I'm your cousin." And so long until Monday!