

NIXON

Fri. Aug. 17-73.

President Nixon ^{is in} ~~flew to~~ Florida to spend a weekend before embarking ~~on~~ upon ^{up-coming} ~~a greatly expanded~~ program of personal appearances. His express purpose is to hopefully turn the nation's attention away from Watergate and toward matters he ~~unavoidably~~ considers more important. His first speech comes Monday - before some four thousand five hundred delegates at the Veterans of Foreign Wars convention in New Orleans and that address, appropriately enough, will deal with foreign affairs. The President's spirits are said to be buoyed considerably by what the White House ~~has~~ terms an overwhelmingly favorable reaction among those who called or sent telegrams ~~to~~ after his Watergate speech two nights ago.

Before leaving Washington, through his lawyers in federal court the President, ^{reaffirmed} ~~reaffirmed~~ his refusal to release those ^{controversial tapes with} ~~tapes of Watergate~~

he had
 conversations with his staff -- tapes sought by
 both the ~~Wax~~ Ervin Committee and special prosecutor
 Cox. ~~The~~ ^{TP} President ^{has} received a report from the
 White House advisory panel on cancer which recommends an
 intensive five year program of scientific research
 aimed at conquering the disease. Already he has
 requested five hundred million dollars for fiscal seventy-
 four to push the war on cancer. ~~It was also announced~~

^{TP} As for his next visit to
~~that he will embark upon his "grand tour" of Europe,~~
~~either~~ ⁱⁿ late October ~~or~~ ^{the purpose of} early November, ^{his mission will}

be to rebuild unity in the Atlantic alliance at a time ~~of~~ when
^{there is} mounting pressure to ~~reduce the current level of~~ ^{bring home some of the} three
~~hundred thousand~~ ^{still} American troops in Western Europe.

~~It is~~ ^{he will visit} ~~stops are~~ expected ~~in~~ France, Britain, West Germany,
 Italy, Belgium and perhaps one or two other countries.

After his Monday address in New Orleans -
 the President will fly on to California for a two weeks

stay at the Western White House where he is expected to hold a news conference and - ~~yes~~ - answer questions about ~~the~~ Watergate.

AGNEW folo Nixon

Vice President Agnew's ~~corrupt~~ personal financial records today were received by a group of federal investigators who are looking into charges of political corruption in the ~~State~~ ^{State} of Maryland. Agnew - a former Maryland Governor - is accused of participating in a scheme involving kickbacks from contractors -- a charge which he ~~denies~~ emphatically denies.

MISSILES

Defense Secretary James Schlesinger told a news conference today that the Russians have scored a major breakthrough in missiles -- catching up with the United States in the ~~area~~ development of I C B M warheads which carry several nuclear bombs capable of being steered to separate targets. Because of this development says Schlesinger, the chances of negotiating controls on multi-bomb warheads have decreased considerably, probably forcing a major revision of our approach to the ~~near-term~~ next round of ~~strategic~~ strategic arms limitation talks.

INDO CHINA

Thailand and the United States plan to start talks immediately on steps to withdraw part of the American war planes and troops now stationed in Thailand. The announcement in Bangkok comes two days after ^{the} American bombing halt in Cambodia which ended all U S military combat operations in Indo China. Some forty-five thousand American troops are now stationed in Thailand along with about five hundred warplanes -- the largest concentration of U S airpower outside the United States.

BRADLEY RADFORD

In Los Angeles, doctors at the U C L A
medical center say General Omar Bradley's condition
is still serious tonight. ^{However they tell us} ~~but over all~~ he has shown
~~decided~~ improvement since undergoing lung surgery
yesterday. In Washington, retired Admiral Arthur
W. Radford - who served two terms as chairman of
the Joint Chiefs of Staff died at ~~the~~ Bethesda Naval
Hospital. ^{Adm. Radford age} ~~He was~~ seventy-seven.

BOMB

Oregon Governor Tom McCall -- a patient at a hospital in ~~the~~ Portland was removed to another hospital in Salem some forty-five miles away today after a nitroglycerine bomb was found on the floor ~~just~~ beneath his room. The precaution was taken although police say the explosive device apparently was not intended to do him harm. An investigation is under way to determine ^{Why such a} ~~the~~ ~~device~~ device was ~~ever~~ placed in ~~the~~ the hospital.

SUDAN

In the Sudan it was a celebration of sorts =

formerly a British colony the Sudan had inherited its

automobile driving ~~rule of the road and driving~~ regulations from Britain

and that ^{meant of course} ~~included~~ driving on the left side of the road.

Today, the Sudanese ^{made the switch -} ~~went over to~~ driving on the ~~right~~

right side, ^{with} ~~and~~ government officials ^{taking} ~~took~~ part in a

ceremony marking the occasion. — quite a ceremony far up the Nile at Khartoum where long ago Gen. "Chinese" Gordon was assassinated by the followers of the Mahdi, and the Fuzzi Wuggis "broke the British Square" next door at Omdurman; and where young Churchill rode in the cavalry charge — with Kitchener — at Khartoum. And now the Sudanese are driving on the right side of the road!

FIRES

A forest fire which roared to the outskirts of the Oregon city of LaGrande was turned back today by more than a thousand residents who pitched in, ^{joining} ~~to~~ _^ help the fire fighters. At one point the flames swept to within ~~one~~ ^a hundred yards of a hospital. ^P National Guard units helped ~~conduct~~ evacuate ~~many~~ residents of LaGrande, which has a ~~population~~ population of about ten thousand. About ten other ^{forest} fires are burning ^{tonight} ~~in~~ _^ ~~other parts~~ elsewhere in ~~separated areas~~ of Oregon, Idaho, and Montana.

TOURISTS

Thousands of ~~tourists~~ travellers were stranded on ^{Vancouver} ~~Victoria~~ Island, British Columbia, today when some two thousand ferry boat workers walked off their jobs. Two American ferry lines are ^{still} operating from Washington state to the island, ^{with} ~~the~~ the waiting time to get aboard ^{estimated at a} ~~at least one~~ full day, ^{and tonight} ~~an estimated~~ ^{some} fifteen hundred ^{cars} ~~motor vehicles~~ and their occupants are stranded. ~~by the strike.~~ I can't think of a nicer place to be stranded than both Victoria and Vancouver served by those ferries!

CHICKENS

A Miami Florida couple is discovering that ~~after all~~, there ^{is} an element of truth in the old saying about ~~hens~~ ^{the chickens} that lay ^{those} golden eggs. Mrs. Kitty Thompson says she and her husband ran an ad in the Miami Herald offering thirty-five laying hens and forty pullets for sale. Several prospective buyers responded and the poultry was sold for three dollars a head. The buyer then sold at least two of them for five dollars each - and, when the word got around, the Thompsons received more than four hundred phone calls from people who offered to pay as ~~no~~ much as twenty dollars a piece for the birds. ^{Down Miami way they call it the New} ~~It's the latest thing in the fast growing~~ "do it yourself" economy.

LANDLADY

In Miami, a fifty-five year old land-lady
was held on charges of ~~the refusal to release~~ false imprisonment
-- police saying that for ~~twenty~~ twenty-five years she
had kept a ^{hostage - a man -} ~~aged man~~ in a shed behind her home -
collecting his social security check and feeding him
so poorly he had to go on foraging expeditions in
It all started when she was 30 and he age 60.
garbage cans. The case came to light when the eighty=
five ~~year~~ year old ~~man~~ Victor Hartman - fell into
one of the ^{big} ~~garbage~~ cans and was too weak to get out.
Miami police say that for several months neighbors
had been complaining about the situation, but ^{Bill -} every
time they tried to find the ^{old gent} ~~aged man~~ he was not ^{there!} ~~found~~.

Mae West - the actress who spoofed sex

in ten motion pictures films during the Nineteen thirties -

celebrated her eighty-first, ~~and~~ eighty-second or

Is she another who insists she's 39. Oh no, Mae
eighty-third birthday today. ~~But she~~ admits to being

only - twenty-six years old. The eternal platinum

— and she insists those curves are
blond with her hour-glass curves, still in place! ~~says,~~

She speaks of

^ "sex as a frame of mind - age has nothing to do with

+ say" adds Mae West's
it - and let me ~~say~~ that I've got a very good

mind." And s-l-u-Man.