

Thursday, May 29, 1975

ECONOMY

Has the upturn finally begun? The answer - the Commerce Department says a tentative yes; because the nation's index of leading economic indicators jumped last month a resounding four-point-one percent; biggest monthly increase - since they first started keeping such figures.

Commerce spokesman James Pate saying: "The size and breadth of the increases is encouraging and with other evidence - suggests that the recession has reached bottom.

Treasury Secretary Simon - in Paris, even more exuberant, was telling a meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development that there are clear-cut signs of recovery in the U.S. Economy. Adding: At the rate shown in our official forecasts the U.S. growth rate may be the highest among member countries - during the second half of this year.

BRUSSELS

For President Ford - in his first full day of European diplomacy - eight hours of grueling talks ~~today~~ with fellow nato leaders in Brussels; also, a formal address - to the full Nato summit.

The President pledging to keep U S forces at present levels in Europe - unless and ~~unless~~ until both East and West agree to mutual troop reductions. Further saying: "The U S, unconditionally and unequivocally, remains true to the commitments undertaken ~~when~~ when we signed the North Atlantic ~~Treaty~~ Treaty; including the obligation of article five - to come to the assistance of any nato nation subjected to armed attack.

~~The President adding that "these commitments are strategically sound - politically essential - and morally justifiable;" and will remain so - for "as long as we continue our common resolve."~~

BEIRUT

Eight straight days of civil strife in Beirut ended abruptly today in the face of a "get tough" ~~the~~ policy by Lebanon's new Premier designate.

Rashid Karami ~~first~~ ordering a cease fire; then sending combined Palestinian-Lebanese army patrols into the ~~streets~~ streets with orders to shoot to kill anyone who disobey^{S.}_Aed.

LISBON

The new leftist military regime in Portugal
today, ^{for the first time} cracked down ~~for the first time~~ on one of
~~that nation's~~ ^{their} ~~political~~ political parties. The ~~the~~ Lisbon
government seizing the headquarters - of an extreme
leftist Maoist group. The Maoists said to be guilty
of "criminal aggression - against the public order."

WASHINGTON

Former North Carolina Governor Terry

Sanford ~~became~~ today - the sixth announced candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination next year. And his first goal - said he - ~~a victory~~^{to win} over Alabama governor George Wallace in the North Carolina primary.

~~Sanford saying of Wallace - "too many people have been cozying up to him." Adding: "He needs to be taken on - and I am the man to take him on."~~

PLANE

The three leading contenders for the "arms deal of the century" - head to head today at the Paris air show. The U S F Sixteen, the French Mirage F-One-E and the Swedish Saab Viggen each attempting to out-do ~~each~~ ^{the} other^s in aerial acrobatics. ~~And the~~ ^{Our} F-sixteen ^{proving to be the} ~~according to most observers~~ ^{classiest} ~~clearly the flashiest~~ of all three.

French officials were quick to note, however, the American craft carried no weaponry; and thus - they said - "at least a ton lighter than usual."

All readily admitted by ^{the head of} ~~Chairman Davis Lewis~~ of General Dynamics ^{the firm that} ~~which~~ builds the F-Sixteen.

"This is a ~~prototype~~ ^{Then} prototype he explained. ^{Adding,} ~~nevertheless, there now can be no doubt~~ our plane is the best in the world."

DENVER

~~You've heard of a May-December wedding?~~

~~Well, this next perhaps in the same category,~~

~~the city of Denver getting~~ buried today under

three inches of snow. The loveliness of May - suddenly

transformed into a wintry wonderland.

One of
~~the~~ ~~most~~

~~weather bureau saying this was the~~ heaviest snowfalls

~~ever recorded in the mile high city~~ ^{this} late in the

spring.

And now

KATHMANDU

That Japanese housewife ~~who became the~~ first
woman ever to scale Mt. Everest ^{was} ~~back~~ back at Kathmandu,
~~in~~ Nepal, today. Mrs. Junko Tabei telling of the
difficulties she had - in keeping up with her sherpa
guide - Ang Tsering, who was first to the top. Also,
saying ~~she~~ she doubted a ~~later~~ Chinese claim - that
a Chinese woman had ~~since~~ scaled ~~the~~ Everest -
from the other side. ~~Why?~~ Because - said she -
"the climb ~~to the summit~~" from the Chinese side -
~~was~~ simply "too long for a woman."

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