

KEY BISCAYNE

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For President Nixon - attempting to "get away from it all" today at Key Biscayne - more of the same problems that plagued <sup>June</sup> back in Washington. Including, first and foremost - the growing controversy over Supreme Court nominee Clement Haynsworth.

Adding fuel to the fire - a letter from Republican Senator Clifford Case of New Jersey; joining Republican Senator Brooke of Massachusetts - in publicly urging the President to withdraw Haynsworth's name. The only way - ~~and~~ said Case - to restore "public confidence in the Supreme Court."

The Florida White House later stressed - no change. White House News Secretary Ron Ziegler saying again - as he has said almost daily: "The President stands by Judge Haynsworth - and is confident the Senate will confirm." Mr. Nixon has told Republican leader Hugh Scott he intends to do all he can to accomplish that.

But Democrat Senator Birch Bayh of Indiana, who has been critical of the appointment from the beginning, now says he will actively seek to prevent it. Bayh indicates that he thinks the

charges against Haynsworth are just as serious as those that compelled Abe Fortas to resign from the Supreme Court last year.

## RAILROADS FOLLOW KEY BISCAIYNE

Turning to another pressing problem - the President today intervened for the first time in a labor dispute. Blocking for at least sixty days / a scheduled strike against seven major railroads; / a strike that had been set to begin - just a few hours from now. / The White House further expressing confidence - that the two sides "will be able to reach an agreement during this sixty-day period."



SAIGON-PARIS

Reaction to Senator Mansfield's newly-stated Vietnam  
viewpoint - a study in contrast today. / In Saigon - the  
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~~Thieu~~ government refusing official comment. Calling the  
Senator's stand / "only the idea of an individual."

Reverse side - from Paris / Enemy sources there saying  
Mansfield was perfectly right / in demanding a faster U.S.  
troop withdrawal / in demanding also / less "kowtowing" to  
Saigon. / But the Senator's call for a unilateral U.S.  
ceasefire / starting now / something else again. A Communist  
spokesman reasserting Hanoi's stand that there can be no  
armistice / short of an overall agreement on pending  
political and military issues.

STOCKHOLM

~~Stockholm~~ - Another twelve American deserters and draft-dodgers - were granted refuge today in Sweden. / Raising to nearly three hundred the number now there / as compared to fifty or so of their mates who have since returned home.

Elsewhere in Stockholm / a meeting of the ruling Social Democratic Party; hearing today - an official defense of Sweden's "open arms" policy. / Interior Minister Eric Holmqvist admitting that the American expatriates / can not be classed in any way as "political refugees." / Nor is this "a means" - said he - "of expressing the government's view on the Vietnam conflict." "We do it" - he ~~said~~ <sup>insisted</sup> - "because of our basic humanitarian stand."

BONN

~~At Bonn~~, West Germany - it's all but official. The pivotal Free Democrats voting overwhelmingly ~~today~~ - to support Social Democrat Willy Brandt for election as Chancellor. Thereby assuring the <sup>former W. G.</sup> ~~former Berlin Mayor~~ - at least a two-vote majority in the new German Parliament.

That taken care of /- Brandt paid a visit to West German President Gustav Heinemann; / the man who now must nominate him / to the office he has <sup>in effect</sup> already won.

NEW DELHI

The oldest living disciple of Mohandas K. Gandhi -  
back in the news tonight at New Delhi. Eighty-year-old Khan  
Abdul Ghaffar Khan / entering into a three-day fast reminiscent  
of his idol and mentor. / A protest - said he - against the  
general atmosphere of violence and discord in present-day  
India. / At the same time - he added - an effort to remind  
Indians of Gandhi's total dedicat<sup>ion</sup>~~ion~~ to non-violence and  
tolerance.

This - ~~as you know~~ - in the midst of a national celebration  
- marking the one hundredth anniversary of Gandhi's birth.



ATHENS

For the people of Greece - a return today to democratic freedoms / in a manner of speaking, ~~anyway~~.  
Greek strongman Premier George Papadopoulos / declaring an end to martial law and press censorship. / Returning to civilian jurisdiction / - all crimes except those "against public order and security."

However, Papadopoulos retained for himself / - the power to decide what constitutes "public order and security."  
Causing many to wonder / - if ~~they were~~ really any freer than before. / the Premier Papadopoulos himself - adding to the doubts. *+ Greeks really are much*

Comparing Greece to an accident victim - who has just left his cast and is now in a splint. / The Premier asserting: "We hope he will not fall - and break his leg again."



## GENEVA

From Geneva, Switzerland - the site of that continuing U.N. Disarmament Conference - a report today - well, hopeful, at least. The U.S. and Russia said to be "very close to final agreement" / on a joint draft treaty banning nuclear weapons from the world's seabeds. / Western officials adding that the measure will probably reach the full conference - sometime next week or the week after for sure. / And so another small step - along the road to trust and mutual understanding.

DOVER

For the first time in a generation - the British press was crowing today about a Royal Navy victory. The British minesweeper Belton seizing and escorting back to Dover Harbor - a French trawler suspected of fishing in British waters. An event heralded by British headline writers - as something of a "little Trafalgar."

In point of fact though - the trawler outraced the minesweeper in an earlier encounter this week; and it was about to escape again - when the British ship fired six shells from its anti-aircraft gun. The French captain - promptly heaving to; in the words of his captors - "obviously a very frightened man."

Luckily - for the British - Warren the Captain didn't know the shells were only blanks.

## WATKINS GLEN

Coming up this weekend - the Indianapolis of international road-racing. At Watkins Glen, New York - the Grand Prix of the United States. In conjunction with which - a seminar today of top drivers, past and present. Among them, Britain's famed Sterling Moss - who asserted flatly that "Americans are terrible drivers." Why? A strange reason. The main trouble - said he - they're too disciplined. Except in rare cases - obeying en masse the posted rules and regulations of the road, such as speed limits, stop signs, lane markers and so on. All of which leads to boredom - we are told; and then - when the unexpected occurs - disaster.

A good many American police officers might give Sterling Moss an argument on that one.

Dallas Townsend saying goodnight.