

Monday, April 2, 1973

BOYCOTT

In homes and restaurants across the country - the meat boycott is on. In place of steaks and chops or even ground meat we hear millions are feasting on such as egg plant, parmigiana, tuna casserole, baked ziti, macaroni and cheese - and - you name it! The nationwide housewives' revolt is already forcing layoffs at meat packing plants; while the price of hogs - at St. Louis, for example, dropped as much as four bucks per hundred weight; with the price of beef expected soon to follow.

Meanwhile this was the final day of economic hearings before the House Banking Committee. Today's witnesses - including Treasury Secretary George Shultz, Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz, and Director John Dunlop, all of the Cost of Living Council. One and all agreeing that unexpected food-price increases - has struck a body blow at President Nixon's anti-inflation program; and they predict food prices will level off and then maybe drop during summer and fall.

BOYCOTT - 2

The Senate this evening defeated - by thirty-nine to thirty-seven - a proposal to freeze wages, prices, rents and interest rates for the next six months.

SAN CLEMENTE

South Vietnam's President Thieu is at San Clemente for his two days of talks with President Nixon. His reception included full military honors - complete with booming cannons.

President Nixon saying: "We meet to work toward the building of peace - a peace for your land and your people who have suffered so much - and a peace to contribute to peace in the world."

In response Thieu paying tribute to massive U.S. assistance over the past decade adding that South Vietnam is now strong enough to defend itself - without U.S. troops.

WATERGATE

Chairman Sam Ervin of the Senate ~~who~~
special Watergate committee ^{today} rejected ~~out of hand today~~
an attempted ~~was~~ White House compromise; refusing to
confer informally with White House aides rather than
question them under oath. Ervin saying: "I am not
willing to treat a White House aid differently or
elevate him to some position above the great mass
of the American people." Ervin adding: They are
not "royalty" or nobility.

The Senator also criticized President
Nixon - for attempting to shield his aides from
congressional examination. That is not executive
privilege - said he - that is executive poppy-cock.

WATERATE ADD

*Reaction from the Western White House -
about what you might expect. Press Secretary
Ron Ziegler citing "irresponsible leaks of tidal
wave proportions" - from Ervin's own committee
Ziegler adding: "We do not intend to try the issues -
on television shows at press conferences, by leaks,
inuendo or by over statement."*

MANSFIELD FOLLOW WATERGATE

~~As you know,~~ The controversy over ~~the~~
Watergate ~~affair has also held up the~~ ^{still holds up} confirmation
of L Patrick Gray ^{to} ~~as~~ head ~~of~~ the F B I. ~~The~~

Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee ^{have been}
attempting to kill his appointment. However, Gray
receiving a big boost today - from an unexpected
source. Senate Majority leader Mike Mansfield -
saying he will try to bring the Gray nomination to
a vote by the full Senate; will do so - even if the
judiciary committee turns him down flat. Mansfield
observing that Gray has been "candid with the committee
when he could." Adding, "frankly, I feel a little
sorry for him."

SUPREME COURT

The U.S. Supreme Court refused to intervene today - in a verdict blocking construction of that proposed Alaskan oil pipeline. No explanation. The High Court - merely reaffirming an earlier Appeals Court ruling. This in compliance with the Nineteen Twenty law - limiting rights of way across public lands to a width of fifty-four feet; where the oil people need two hundred feet.

Whether the pipeline will be built seems to be up to Congress. Chairman Scoop Jackson of the Senate Interior Committee, has already introduced the necessary legislation. Mike Mansfield observing that in view of the present energy crisis Congress will probably act.

MEMPHIS

From Dubuque, Iowa to New Orleans -

*the rain swollen Mississippi ~~River~~ was on a rampage
today hitting flood stage or above - at virtually
every dyke and levee along the way. This including
a high at Memphis & unmatched since Nineteen Thirty-
Seven; ^{with the} ~~and the river's~~ crest there - still to come.*

WASHINGTON

Washington again - a proposal today from
the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration;
^{this to}
~~a proposal~~ setting federal safety inspection standards -
for the nation's nearly one hundred million used cars.
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~~this~~ ^e ~~including~~ uniform brake, tire and steering
and safety tests. In the words of the Safety
Administration - the first step in establishing uniform
safety standards - applicable to all vehicles.

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STOCKHOLM

Soviet Premier Kosygin arrived in Stockholm today for the start of a five day official visit. ~~to Sweden~~ He was met by Sweden's Premier - Olof Palme; and ~~he~~ lunched with ~~Sweden's~~ King, Gustav. ~~the Sixth Adolf~~ Along the way, Kosygin telling newsmen: "The ~~key~~ questions of peace are the most important." In turn, Swedish officials stressing the ~~so~~ cordial and neighborly relations - said to exist between Stockholm and Moscow.

Kosygin's arrival was not entirely applauded though. Indeed, the Swedish action group for Soviet Jews ^{were} ~~are~~ staging a mass demonstration, ~~outside Palme's~~ ~~office.~~ And ~~this was later~~ followed by a ~~second~~ demonstration by a group calling itself the Swedish Freedom Council. ~~The latter~~ demanding Soviet withdrawal from Eastern Europe.

DIPLOMAT

One of the many problems facing President Nixon these days is the selection of a new U.S. Ambassador to Russia. Top candidates are said to be: Malcolm Toon, now our Ambassador to Hungary; and Walter Stoessel - now Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs. Both are said to be eminently qualified; but both - apparently doomed to rejection. The main reason - we are told: The President's recent selection of David Bruce - to head our new diplomatic mission in Peking. The Russians want someone equally renowned and with the expertise to help in expanding trade between the U.S. and Russia; someone who might also have some good ideas - on developing Siberia. The Kremlin going so far as to suggest just who that "someone" might be! Who?

His name - David Rockefeller.

The youngest of the Rockefeller brothers - now President of giant Chase Manhattan Bank. If he should go - wouldn't that be a switch?

GENEVA

At Geneva = a meeting of the ~~United~~ United Nations commission on human rights; approving today the draft of a resolution - aimed at the Union of South Africa; a resolution declaring Apartheid - "a crime against humanity."

Final approval - coming on a vote of twenty-one in favor two against, five abstaining. The U S and ~~the~~ Britain both voting no. France Italy, the Netherlands, Austria and Norway simply refusing to commit themselves.

The resolution now goes to the commission's parent body - the U N economic and social council; if approved there - then on to the U N General Assembly

DACCA

Dacca - final summation - today - from the out-going head of U N relief operations in Bangladesh. Dr. Victor Umbricht reporting the distribution of one point seven million tons of food - over the past year; most of it from the U.S.

Dr. Umbricht says Bangladesh - will escape famine this year; and in four years will be self-sufficient.

NEW DELHI

From New Delhi India police report the results of a study of suicides over the past year. The figures showing that twenty five men took their lives - because of, quote, "differences with their mothers-in-law. Bill - would you call that just taking the easy way out?"

RAINBOW

From the U S food and drug administration -
an order today, in effect, banning the use of diet
drugs containing amphetamines. This as part of
a drug crackdown - aimed at drying up the supply
of injectible amphetamines.

The drugs newly banned ^{or} said to account
for more than seventy percent of all diet prescriptions -
including the so-called rainbow pills ← that ~~are~~
come in ^{an} ~~a~~ assortment of colors for dieters.

So, right [^] this may mean the
^ across the nation; ~~the~~ [^] end of the rainbow.
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