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QUETTA

When he served at the United Nations - Pakistan's Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was a man full of surprises; often confounding - both friend and foe alike. And now that he's President of Pakistan - he's still at it.

In a speech today at the Baluchistan capitol city of Quetta - Zulfikar Ali Bhutto offered to resign in favor of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman of the new state of Bangladesh. Said he: "I am ready to step aside now and hand over power to Sheikh Mujib - if that will preserve the oneness of Pakistan." Bhutto adding that this is "a sincere offer - which should be treated as such."

SAIGON

In Vietnam, the U.S. Command today announced additional troop withdrawals - totaling last week nearly six thousand men; with nine thousand more - soon to follow. This in line with President Nixon's pledge ^{to} cut total U.S. troop strength - to a hundred and thirty-nine thousand men by the end of January.

In the air war - an American jet today destroyed ~~the~~ a radar tracking station in North Vietnam. Three additional jets - blasting enemy missile sites in Southern Laos.

JERUSALEM

In the Middle East - at a high school rally in Jerusalem; Madame Golda Meir said Israel could agree to a reopening of the Suez Canal - if that's what it takes to break the present Arab-Israeli impasse. This seen as another indication - of Israel's new flexibility. However, the Lady Premier said "a reopening of the Suez Canal" - should also mean "a formal end to the war between Egypt and Israel."

Meanwhile, in Cairo, Egypt's new prime minister - Aziz Sidky was announcing the formation of a new thirty-one-man Cabinet. Its main task - said he - to place Egypt on a war footing - now.

DRUG

From a Federal grand jury in New York - the filing of charges against twenty-three persons; two Americans - and twenty-one French nationals. This involving an attempt to peddle some fifteen hundred pounds of heroin - worth nearly Three Hundred Million. Officials in Paris and Washington further charging that the accused - were all members of a vast international drug smuggling ring.

TORONTO

~~UP~~ At Toronto - a special news conference today ~~was~~
called by seven young men ~~^~~ who claim to represent U.S.
draft dodgers and deserters now living in Canada. The
Toronto seven charging that talk of amnesty for such fugitives
- is fast becoming "a political football" in Campaign ' Seventy-
Two; when the main issue - they contend - is still the
continuing war in Vietnam.

The seven adding, what's more, that any question
of amnesty - is, in and of itself, "ludicrous." Demanding
instead "totally non-punitive restoration of civil rights" - if
they are ever to return home.

WASHINGTON

In Washington ~~again~~ - the Supreme Court heard oral arguments today - on the Constitutionality of the death penalty. Law Professor Anthony Amsterdam of Stanford University - charging that capital punishment is tantamount to "boiling in oil." Adding, therefore, it is clearly "cruel and unusual punishment" - which is prohibited by the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution.

~~Reverse side~~ - from Mrs. Dorothy Beasley, ~~the~~ Assistant Attorney General of Georgia, - ~~she~~ cited the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution, ^{which says} ~~this - said she~~ - specifying that "no one may be deprived of his life, liberty or property - without due process of the law." Mrs. Beasley adding: "If there is due process of law - then a life can be taken."

WHITE HOUSE

At the personal command of President Nixon--a general tightening of Administration security; so announced today--by White House Press Secretary Ron Ziegler. This--said he--in order to prevent leaks of information--such as appeared recently in connection with secret deliberations on the Indo-Pakistani war.

The President ^{is} quoted as saying--we must "make absolutely sure" that such information does "not flow from private meetings." ~~But~~ Ziegler adding on his own: "We can't operate effectively--when these things become public."

DETROIT

After a long illness - death came today to the last of Detroit's famed Fisher Brothers. Edward F. Fisher - one of six brothers who started out with their father - building wagons and carriages; and then - a few years later - founded their own firm. The Fisher Body Company - building quality bodies for the fledgling automobile industry; becoming eventually - a separate GM division. In later years, the Fishers pouring back into Detroit - via philanthropies - much of the fortune they had amassed there.

Edward F. Fisher - the last of a line - age eighty.

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From a panel of scientists appointed by U.S. Surgeon General Jesse Steinfeld comes a report dealing with "Television and Social Behavior." It tells us that TV violence - can and does cause aggression among children. But "only on some children" - those who are "predisposed" to aggression - and, "only in some environmental contexts."

The report also says: "Such tentative and limited conclusions leave many questions unanswered." In other words - the jury is still out.

TRUE

On the Howard Hughes front - here we go again.

True magazine announcing today that it plans to publish in its April issue - the personal recollections of Noah Dietrich, for thirty years personal adviser to and confident of Howard Hughes.

MALDEN

At Malden, Mass. - a weekend burglary at the home of the Reverend Roger Daley. The perpetrators - stealing a tape player, two speakers and nine tapes.

Reverend Daley saying today: "I hope they listen to those tapes." "Four of them are sermons," Warren.

SAN DIEGO

Women and cigarettes - the subject of a conference today at San Diego. Resident expert - Chairman Horn of the National Clearinghouse for Smoking and Health; who said that contrary to public opinion - many people actually lose weight when they give up smoking. Horn explaining that "success in controlling one area - frequently leads to success in controlling another area."

He then added, however, that these fortunate persons are seldom women; which may explain - said he - the fact that "it is almost impossible for a woman who is a heavy smoker to quit." Perhaps the best advice to these women - he continued - just to try to cut down slowly. And so long until tomorrow.