

PEKING

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The President's "Journey for Peace" - Part Two.

President Nixon met today with Red China's Premier Chou En Lai - for a total of three hours and fifty minutes.

This nearly the double the time - originally planned.

White House News Secretary Ron Ziegler - later fended off all questions about the substance of the talks. Instead, he referred reporters to a communique - to be issued at the end of the President's visit. It was noted, however, that Ziegler was, quote - "smiling broadly."

First Lady Pat Nixon - enjoyed a round of sightseeing; after which she and the President attended a two-hour performance - of the revolutionary ballet, "Red Detachment of Women." The Nixons received a standing ovation - we are told. Also making their first public appearance with the President's party - Madame Chou and Madame Mao.

Most noteworthy of all perhaps - the fact that the

President's visit is being widely heralded by Red Chinese press, radio and TV. This - according to an old Chinese hand - an "unprecedented" event; indicating "that China's leaders have decided to deal in earnest" - with the purpose of the President's visit; specifically, "to set aside long-term problems - and work on issues which they hope can be solved soon."

HIJACK

On-again off-again reports out of the Persian Gulf country Yemen - about the passengers on that hijacked airliner. Now the latest - from Yemen - that everybody has been released. One of them - nineteen-year-old Joseph Kennedy the Third - son of the late Senator Robert Kennedy. He looked ruffled and tired when he - and the others - entered the airport lounge at Aden a short while ago. In a brief comment to newsmen - young Kennedy said - "it was just too much." And then Yemeni government officials hurried him along - with the others.

SENATE

In Washington - the Senate Judiciary Committee opened hearings today - on the ^{nomination} ~~nomination~~ of Richard Kleindienst as Attorney General. Lead-off witness - Richard Kleindienst; who said, among other things, he would oppose if confirmed - "the legalization of possession or use of marijuana." Kleindienst asserted that marijuana "is a euphoric substance - that permits young people to depart from reality;" and thus legalization - said he - would only help to unravel "the fabric of a strong society."

Kleindienst also voiced strong support for the use of electronic bugging devices - in cases involving national security. But he pledged that he alone would "assume full responsibility" - for any such bugging without a court order.

ENVIRONMENT

The latest on the environmental front - a government proposal for tight restrictions on the lead content of gasoline. The Environmental Protection Agency wants a phased reduction the present lead content - of all premium and regular grades of gasoline - and further that by Nineteen-Seventy-Six - most of the nation's gas stations be required to offer the sale of low-octane UNLEADED gasoline - hearings will be held - before such regulations are put into effect.

ALDERSHOT

A detachment from Britain's Sixteenth Parachute Brigade - the unit involved in Northern Ireland's recent "Bloody Sunday." As a direct result, the officers' mess at Brigade headquarters - Aldershot, England - today the scene of an IRA terrorist bombing. But instead of getting British fighting men - the blast killing an Army chaplain; also, claiming the lives of six civilians employed there - five of them women.

BRAZZAVILLE

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In the former French Congo - now simply the Congo Republic - an attempted coup today; with a band of so-called "right wing tribal and army elements" - attempting to oust that country's present Marxist regime. According to Radio Brazzaville, however - the coup failed and "everything" is now calm. A spokesman adding: "We don't get excited about these things - they happen all the time."

QATAR FOLLOW BRAZZAVILLE

But another coup that apparently worked - one that occurred today in the oil-rich Sheikhdome of Qatar in the Persian Gulf. Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani - up to now the deputy ruler of Qatar - ousted from office his cousin - Emir Ahmed Bin Ali Al Thani. The latter was on a hunting trip in Iran - when he learned that Sheikh Khalifa had bagged his throne.

**SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "VENEZUELAN-
CITIES"**

*Next - Lowell Thomas; checking in tonight -
from Caracas in Venezuela. Lowell...*

**SUGGESTED FOLLOW UP TO THOMAS TAPE "VENEZUELAN-
CITIES"**

Thank you, Lowell.

A final note - in a moment.

HOLLYWOOD

Coming up soon - another Oscar-time in Hollywood.

The nominations - announced today. At the head of the list

- with eight nominations each - "Fiddler on the Roof" -

"The French Connection" - and "The Last Picture Show."

While the nominees for best actor and best actress -

including George C. Scott and Glenda Jackson - who took it

all last year. This raises for the first time in the history

of the Academy Awards - the possibility of double back-to

back winners.

Now for Lowell Thomas - so long until tomorrow.