

Tuesday, July 13, 1971

HOUSE

In Washington, by a vote of two-twenty-six to one eighty-one - the House today rejected an attempt to cite the CBS network and its President Frank Stanton - for contempt of Congress. Instead, sending the contempt recommendation back to the House Commerce Committee - which originated it; in effect, killing it. This marking the first time in Congressional history - that the full House has failed to back one of its own committee on such a matter.

NEW YORK FOLLOW HOUSE

And so a telling victory - for CBS and its President; who refused to supply the committee with so-called "out-takes" -- from the making of that [REDACTED] controversial TV documentary THE SELLING OF THE PENTAGON. Citing in defense of said stand - constitutional guarantees of freedom of the press.

Doctor Stanton now saying: "We are very pleased by the decisive House vote." Adding: [REDACTED] As responsible journalists, we shall continue to do our best to report on public events in a fair and responsible manner."

HELSINKI

At Helsinki - another session of Salt talks today we are told: "In a very serious and constructive atmosphere." This - according to diplomatic sources; who add that "the two sides getting down to negotiations; discussed the broad outlines of a possible draft treaty dealing with anti-ballistic defense systems. Also bearing in mind that "certain measures" must be taken - to curb offensive weapons as well.

These same sources add that difficult negotiations still lie ahead; because the issues involved - are "difficult, highly technical and complex;" as further indicated by the fact that both sides - have now agreed to a week's recess in the main talks. This to permit joint meetings of scientific experts and technical advisors who will try to work out detailed recommendations that hopefully will please both sides.

PLAIN OF JARS

Near the Plain of Jars in Laos - the discovery of another enemy massacre. With North Vietnamese troops said to have wiped out an un-defended village; killing some fifty civilians - mostly women and children. This apparently the bitter truth about an action which the enemy earlier held as a great victory. ^{The} Communist Radio boasting that - scores of enemy troops were annihilated.

SAN CLEMENTE

Here at home - at San Clemente - President

Nixon conferred today with Henry Kissinger, his
chief foreign policy advisor. Getting a quick run
down on the results of Kissinger's just-concluded
round the world tour. The President later meeting -
~~with~~ Secretary of State ~~William~~ Rogers ^{with} the
White House indicating ~~that~~ this is the start of a
series of conferences -- that will help to chart
^{and place}
future war strategy.
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BEIRUT

From Palestinian guerrilla headquarters

*in Beirut - a charge today that Jordanian troops have
~~just~~ launched an all-out assault ^{in an} ~~to~~ attempt~~ing~~ to wipe
out the last Palestinian guerrilla strong hold in
northern Jordan. The Palestinians adding that: "Casualties
are in the hundreds - and fires are burning in the
Jerash and Gaza camp area.*

*Meanwhile, Egyptian jets buzzing Israeli
positions along the Suez Canal - a third straight day.
Drawing Israeli anti-Aircraft fire -- but again
apparently no hits.*

RABAT

^{high}
Ten ranking officers who allegedly led ^{the} ~~off~~

unsuccessful coup against King Hassan of Morocco

- led before a firing squad today at Rabat. At the last minute - some of them shouting: "Long live the King! Long live Hassan!" But there was no turning back. At the sound of "fire" - a volley of shots and the deed was done.

King Hassan later ordering a call-up of reservists - to strengthen his Loyalist forces. Also, sealing off Casablanca harbor in an attempt to prevent any additional plotters from fleeing the country.

SEOUL

At the close of two days of talks in Seoul -- a joint communique today; from U S Defense Secretary ~~Malota~~ Laird -- and his South Korean counterpart, Jung Naehiuk, asserting that South Korean forces "must remain alert and strong - to deter North Korea from renewed aggression;" adding that the U S will give "prompt and ~~an~~ effective assistance in the event of any such attack. Also, pledging U S ~~an~~ aid to permit "an orderly modernization" of South Korea's armed forces; with the ultimate goal - to make them completely "self-reliant."

LAKENHEATH

Lakenheath, England - a verdict of guilty today - in the court martial of U S Air Force Captain Thomas Culver, for taking part in a recent anti-Vietnam war demonstration in London - also, inciting other airmen to demonstrate; ~~with sentencing~~ expected tomorrow. Captain Culver facing a maximum penalty - of four years at hard labor and a dishonorable discharge.

CAPE KENNEDY

*At Cape Kennedy- a mock launch of the
U S Apollo Fifteen Moon ship - on the button! A
simulated blast-off this morning. The real thing in
thirteen days.*

YELLOWSTONE - GRAND TETONS

In the great American West - it's been a rough twenty-four hours for vacationers. Starting with the death of a Washington man - at Yellowstone National Park who was attempting to take a closeup picture of a sleeping buffalo. The bison suddenly awoke and charged.

And then at nearby Grand Teton National Park - two mountain climbers attempting to scale the Symmetry Spire; got into trouble, and both fell to their deaths. Raising the Tetons toll to six for the past two months.

GRASS VALLEY

*But worst of all - a mad rampage at
Grass Valley in remote northern California; where
a man armed with a hand-sickle -- hacked his way
through a darkened camp ground; in the process,
slashing to death two campers a man and a woman -
also, injuring three others.*

*At last report - the man still at large,
~~and~~ ^{with} police urging tourists to stay away.*

NAIROBI

In honor of visiting U S Vice President

Agnew - a glittering state luncheon today at Nairobi; after which - an age-old ceremony; with the Vice President made a "blood brother" of Kenya's President Jomo Kenyatta - also, an elder of Kenyatta's Kikuyu tribe.

Along the way, Vice President Agnew presenting the President Jomo Kenyatta with a brass lamp - an exact replica of one owned by George Washington. And in doing so observing that - "Kenyatta is the George Washington of Kenya." In return - the Vice President receiving a monkey skin cloak - a carved wooden elephant - and a carved wooden rhinoceros. In responding he of course noted how the elephant is the symbol of the Republican party, - and he said the rhino has a fighting spirit he greatly respects. As for the monkey skin? Bill Martin, no comment.

LANSING

In the Michigan State Legislature - an attempt to repeal an old Homestead law dating back to Eighteen Forty-Eight; a law forbidding a man to sell his home without the prior approval or knowledge of his wife.

Today the bill's backers failed to reckon with six lady legislators; who mounted a massive attack on the measure, even threatening to call in the wives of male legislators - and then see if they'd still have the nerve to vote for this bill. So the bill was finally defeated. Proving, I guess, that a man's home is his castle - up to a point, if the little woman says so.