

Tuesday, June 12, 1973

LANSING

At Lansing, Michigan - Spiro Agnew on world trade.

The Vice President urging speedy congressional approval - of a pending trade bill; one to give the President sweeping powers - to regulate tariffs and quotas.

Vice President Agnew saying: "This administration is not seeking a trade bill that will make it possible to bind up the status quo" for the reason - he continued - "that the status quo has never been a very safe place to remain." But the ultimate goal - he added is - "a completely open world economy." The Vice President saying: "We want each country to do what it is best suited for - so that all of us, here at home and around the world can derive the greatest benefit from man's productive capabilities."

SENATE

Former Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans - was a reluctant witness today at the Senate Watergate hearings. The Finance chairman of the committee to re-elect the President - attempted to delay his appearance at least for the time being, on the ground that it might jeopardize his right to a fair trial - in connection with a criminal indictment still pending in New York.

His request was quickly denied, however. Whereupon in a brief statement he said he was not involved in the Watergate bugging scandal or any other illegal act in the handling of more than forty-five million - in campaign funds. "As chairman of the committee - said he - "had no responsibility in connection with the internal handling of funds, banking, recording, accounting and reporting. I did not make entries in the books - or even see the books" he continued; "and I did not prepare the public reports - and did not review them except to scan their summary pages."

Under questioning though - Stans admitted to giving

seventy five thousand in cash - to President Nixon's personal lawyer Kalmbach. This - shortly after the Watergate break-in. Stans saying that Kalmbach told him: "I'm here on a special mission - a White House project - I need all the money I can get." Kalmbach was also quoted as saying: "This has nothing to do with the campaign - I'm asking for it on high authority - you'll have to trust me."

The money in question - allegedly used to help "pay off" the Watergate defendants.

IMMUNITY FOLLOW SENATE

In another development Watergate figures John Dean and Jeb Stuart Magruder - today were both granted limited immunity from prosecution. This - by order of Federal Judge John Sirica; to facilitate their appearances - before the Senate Watergate committee. Judge Sirica denied however, a government request for a broadcast blackout on the Senate proceedings invoking Dean and Magruder. Special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox arguing that such a blackout was necessary - to guard against the possibility of "complete amnesty." To this the Judge replied - there are as yet - "no indictments," no ~~defendants~~ ^{defendants} and no trial."

Adding: "The court cannot act on suppositions."

WHITE HOUSE

At the White House President Nixon met again today - with his top economic advisors. This amidst reports that the President is planning a nationwide broadcast tomorrow night; supposedly then to order - a sweeping economic freeze. The White House refusing, however - either to confirm or deny that such is indeed the case. Saying only: "The President has decided - some action is necessary."

At the same time, an announcement came today that the President plans to send to Congress within a week or ten days his long awaited energy message - including proposed steps for conserving short supplies of gasoline, oil and electricity. A White House spokesman adding that the President's message - will also call for the creation of a new cabinet level Department of Energy and Natural Resources.

PARIS

On the peace front at Paris - another meeting today between Henry Kissinger and Hanoi's Le Duc Tho. Four hours later still no agreement. Dr. Kissinger merely saying: "We meet tomorrow - at twelve noon."

EARTH ORBIT

In the flight of America's Sky Lab

space station - "operation big picture" continues.

The three sky lab astronauts - taking another photo

sweep today across the U S; starting out over

— The Black Hills - Mt. Rushmore —
South Dakota and ~~and~~ ending up in the Atlantic

Ocean off Chesapeake Bay. This an attempt to

complete comprehensive surveys of specific areas -

from the vantage point of a platform in space; thereby

to enabling man to cope with developing problems -

such as mineral shortages, energy needs, food

production, pollution and so on. Indeed, today's

picture-taking session - clearly showing^s the pollution

flowing into Lake Erie from Cleveland and Detroit;

also, helping to clarify the nature of "urban sprawl"

which is now developing around Pittsburgh and the

Washington-Baltimore area.

COLERAINE

At Coleraine in Northern Ireland - once a quiet country town - a tremendous explosion today outside a local newspaper office. A police spokesman listing at least six dead - and more than thirty injured - adding: "There may have been more dead but the mutilations were so horrible ~~that~~ it's difficult to add up. ~~The police~~

He also said there was a "warning given" - but in terms so vague and time so short it was impossible to clear the area.

And then - just a few minutes later - a second explosion at a nearby gas station; causing extensive property damage - and shattering a few more nerves.

Today's terrorist blasts in Col^leraine apparently triggered^{ed} by a bombing two weeks ago at a Roman Catholic school.

MILLERSVILLE

At Millersville, Indiana -- a special training school for ~~and~~ police canine teams. The current enrollment including patrolmen John Dockery of West Orange, New Jersey and his partner "Moose", a Bouvier Des Flandres Dog. Officer Dockery and Moose taking a course in tracking - when the dog suddenly bolted from the class - leading his master to a ~~manx~~ nearby field - where three youths were busily cultivating a marijuana patch. All three - quickly booked on drug charges. Thanks to Moose and his educated nose - caught in the act.

UNISEX POLICE

Coming soon - the nation's first unisex police force, as approved by the city council of Los Angeles - after nine months of study and debate; providing that men and women officers - shall perform, henceforth, the same duties, including dangerous patrol work; and also - meet the same qualifications.

Women now on the force will be exempt from the standards. The lady cops demanding and getting - a so-called "grandmother" exclusion. Why, grandma! What big eyes you have! - what a big gun you have!

SHREWESBURY

A massive search was under way today for three Indian elephants. - ^{They}~~who~~ disappeared into a heavily wooded area near Shrewesbury, Mass.

The three Pachyderms ^{were} enroute to an amusement park when they broke their chains and lumbered off; heading in a southerly direction - ^{into}~~in~~ the New England equivalent of bush country. Police saying the only lead so far ^{comes}~~is~~ from a chap who said he saw "what appeared to be an elephant." ¹ ~~The~~ Police adding ^{Bill:-} He wasn't drinking then! - ~~but he had a~~
~~few after~~ ~~ward.~~

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PRINCETON

Princeton University was holding today - its
two hundred and twenty sixth commencement. This
year's graduating class - numbering more than fourteen
hundred; including the first group of coeds ~~to~~ ever
to spend a full four years at Princeton. ^{The new} University
President, William Bowan, saying: "The women among
us have now added their gifts for fallibility to our
own - and we are far better for it." But women
generally are infallible - aren't they?