

Thursday, February 8, 1973

PENN CENTRAL

Here in the East - another crippling rail strike today. The United Transportation Union - closing down the bankrupt Penn Central Railroad; thereby forcing an estimated two hundred thousand commuters - to look for other ways of getting to work.

Here's the latest: The House and Senate passing emergency legislation - clearing the way for another ninety-day cooling-off period; which means that, hopefully - the trains soon will be rolling again.

STATE

Secretary of State ~~William~~ Rogers ^{was} a witness

today before the House Foreign Affairs Committee; there observing that the Vietnam cease-fire agreement - has held up reasonably well "so far." And this - said he - "certainly supports our expectations - that the agreement will work, that the South Vietnamese people have a reasonable chance to sort out their own political destiny, and that peace with honor is being achieved."

Rogers also referred briefly - to American prisoners of war; saying the first of the prisoners should be released - "within the next few days." Rogers adding that "massive and complex economic and political problems" - remain to "be resolved." But "we believe" - said he - "this will be accomplished."

And then a question about Swedish Prime Minister Olaf Palme - and the way he has criticized U.S. policy in Vietnam. Rogers replying angrily: "What would be best for Sweden - would be for their Prime Minister to stop

making gratuitous remarks which are not welcome at all."

Rogers adding that Palme's statements "have been

*outrageous - and the Prime minister would be well advised
not to say so much."*

BANGKOK-KUALA LUMPUR FOLLOW STATE

In the meantime - Henry Kissinger was arriving today in Bangkok; there conferring with the U.S. Ambassadors from Thailand, South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos - before flying on to Vientiane; and then - Hanoi and Peking.

While Vice President ~~Spive~~ Agnew ^{was} conferring today with Malaysian Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak. The Vice President later issuing a statement - saying he and Razak had found a "basic harmony of views." "We are both committed" - ^{said he} ~~has mentioned~~ - "to the maintenance of peace and sovereignty - and the encouragement of regional cooperation."

HUSSEIN

In the wake of his talks with President Nixon -

Jordan's King Hussein discusses the prospects for peace in the Middle East. The ~~tough~~ young monarch saying today - he is ready for separate talks with Israel. ~~He~~ ^{Provided} said he - provided ~~that~~ the main principles of a settlement - can be agreed on ⁱⁿ advance.

*also saying:-
Hussein ~~added however~~ "We have gone as far as we can in public." "Now is the time" - he continued - "to sit and wait a little - to see what quiet diplomacy can accomplish."*

MOSCOW

From the U.S. Embassy in Moscow - a year-end trade report; noting today that U.S. sales to the Soviet Union - more than tripled during the year just past. The full figure for Nineteen-Seventy-Two - coming to more than Half-a-Billion.

Officials adding that Russia is still to receive this year - nearly One Billion Dollars' worth of U.S. grain.

*Which means that total trade for 'Seventy-Three ^{may} ~~be~~ ~~it~~,
~~it could~~ ^{even} triple again.*

BROOKLYN

A related item - from Brooklyn, of all places.

The Brooklyn Longshoremen's Union welcoming into port today - the Soviet freighter Novgorod; first Russian cargo ship to enter the Port of New York & in more than twenty years.

The longshoremen thus breaking their own boycott - dating back to the Korean War; unloading some three hundred tons - of canned fish, caviar, bicycles, books, sewing machines and plywood. Union President Anthony Scotto saying: "If it's an option to trade with them or fight them - it's better for the world if we trade."

BONN

On the money market at Bonn - another run on the dollar today; forcing the West German Central Bank - to buy up a record ~~One-point-Seven~~ Billion in U.S. currency. The bank's total dollar purchases over the past week - now coming to nearly ~~Three-and-a-Half~~ Billion; a desperate attempt - to head off an upward revaluation of the West German mark. But how long they can keep on buying - well, only time can tell.

HAIFA

Pollution comes to Israel. The story - as reported today from Haifa. Israeli officials noting that local industry - has been pouring untold tons of waste into Haifa Bay; to the point - we are told - where fish caught there - now contain four times the amount of mercury ~~is~~ allowed under U.S. health standards.

Haifa Bay, by the way, ^{is} the main fishing ground for the grouper - Israel's most popular edible fish. According to one official - "a delicacy, one of the best we have in this country." But a delicacy now threatened with being banned - said he - "in order to safeguard the public."

TAMPIN

From the town of Tampin in Malaysia - the story of a blood feud over land rights; finally coming to a head - in a frenzy death.

Sixty-year-old Idrus Bin Hassan - first shooting the head of a rival clan; then - five of his ^{kinsmen.} ~~fellow clansmen~~

In each case - also hacking his victims with a bolo knife.

When police arrived - holding up on the bank of a canal; ^{he} killed three officers - before he himself was finally shot to death.

In all - ten dead. District Police Chief Ghazali Yacob exclaiming: ^{"By the beard of Allah"} ~~"My God"~~ it's the biggest thing we've ever had here."

FALKLAND ISLANDS

Here's one - a census report of sorts; from the
— *in the Antarctic*
Falkland Islands - off the coast of Argentina. The sheep
there outnumbering people - by a ratio of three hundred to
one; an estimated six hundred thousand sheep - as compared
to barely two thousand British colonists; together ~~though~~
producing an estimated four million pounds of wool - each
and every year.

All this - according to the National Geographic;
which adds that island cooks - have learned to prepare an
infinite variety of dishes based on lamb and mutton. Indeed,
lamb and mutton are known locally - as the "three hundred
and sixty-five diet;" meaning literally - every day.

LONDON

Dr. Henry Beric Wright - a London psychologist; also, the head of an operation - called the Institute of Directors' Medical Center; which means that he sees mainly - "the men at the top" in British business and industry. Dr. Wright now sharing with the rest of us - some of his insights and observations.

The man who ranks Number One in his firm - said to be generally "tough, unpleasant, lonely and unhappy." Dr. Wright adding that "top people" - are "often a bit manic-depressive or obsessional;" and thereby "produce an awful lot of stress - in their subordinates." End result - says Dr. Wright - it's not Number One "but usually Number Two who cracks up."

WASHINGTON

Washington again - a post-mortem on trials and tribulations of Federal service; with ousted Commerce Secretary Peter Peterson - discussing his recent sojourn in the Nixon Cabinet; coming to the conclusion that hard knocks and all - it was well worth it.

observing:
Peterson ~~adding~~: "The experience may have been costly - but it was also priceless."

LOS ANGELES

Police Chief Edward Davis of Los Angeles - the target of increasing criticism from women's libbers. The feminists charging that Chief Davis has failed to hire a single lady cop - since he first took office nearly four years ago. Adding that, in fact, vacancies for female officers - have actually been used to add on more men. ^{HP} Now - an official response:-

In a letter to the local Board of Police Commissioners - Chief Davis urging a "unisex" police force. Which means - said he - there would be no "police men" or "police women" - only "police persons." The Chief specifying, however, that each of these police persons - must meet the same physical requirements and follow the same training procedures. Minimum height - five-eight; minimum weight - a hundred and forty; minimum chin-ups - eight; minimum time for running the mile - six minutes, and so on.

By the way, that last - also bringing up the

question of uniforms. Chief Davis asserting that high heels - are strictly out. Adding that men and women must wear the same type of uniform - if they are both to fulfill their official duties.

The Chief further declaring that these rules are necessary - or he'll end up running, quote, "a department of midgets."

SAN BERNARDINO FOLLOW LOS ANGELES

*In the same vein - this next from San Bernardino;
where a basketball game was in progress - San Bernardino
Valley College versus San Diego City College; the home team
a comfortable
leading by twenty-nine points - when Coach Ray Blake sent
in an unexpected sub. Not a boy - but a girl named Sue;
Sue Palmer - a comely blonde - five-four; a recent
San Bernardino
addition to the team - who quickly lined up at guard.*

*She never got to play though. The opposing San Diego
players taking a vote - whereupon they walked off the floor.
With ~~Coach~~ Coach Blake promising Sue - she'll soon get another
chance. "We'll stoop to anything to win" - said he.*