

Friday, September 27, 1974

SANTO DOMINGO

At Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic - another in the series of terrorist acts currently sweeping the globe. Leftist guerrillas seizing American Diplomat Barbara Hutchison - then driving to the Venezuelan consulate, which they also siezed along with ten additional hostages. The guerrillas - more than twenty, in all; demanding the release of thirty-eight of their comrades - jailed members of the so-called Twelfth of January liberation movement in Santo Domingo.

The guerrilla leader, Radámes Mendes Vargas, once hi-jacked a commercial plane to Havana. He is now telling the authorities, that the Venezuelan Consulate is now mined, and "if the police attack it ~~it~~ they will be destroyed."

BUENOS AIRES

Buenos Aires - the brother of an ex-Argentine

President was kidnapped today after a bloody gun battle.

Leftist lawyer Silvio Frondizi - apparently abducted by right

wing extremists. His son-in-law fatally wounded - in a

vain attempt to beat off the kidnappers.

WASHINGTON

In the ~~grand~~ ballroom of the Washington Hilton a meeting today perhaps unprecedented in ~~all~~ U S history. President Ford presiding at an economic summit - attended by some eight hundred business, labor and government leaders from ~~east to east,~~ ~~west across the~~ ~~country.~~

~~Said~~ The President: ~~himself~~ ~~setting the tenor~~ ~~of the parley.~~ "Today's conference - is wide open," ~~said he.~~ ~~Adding.~~ "All views and opinions are invited - inflation is a problem which we must deal with patiently and persistently." ~~Then he added: -~~ "In this battle, there is no substitute for candor and hard work." ~~Whereupon~~ - a flood of conflicting views.

One of the strongest - from Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield, who called for an immediate resumption of wage and price controls. ~~Said,~~ ~~^~~ Mansfield saying ~~we're~~ we're now in an economic emergency" =

**and the government's failure to cope with the problem
is like playing with social dynamite."**

DETROIT

U. S. Energy Czar John Sawhill, the speaker today at the World Energy Conference in Detroit, today told of U. S. plans to spend a billion dollars in an effort to harness the sun's rays as a source of power. Sawhill saying:

"It appears possible that by the year Two Thousand - solar energy systems may be capable of supplying a considerable percent of the total power we need."

VATICAN

At the Vatican in Rome - Pope Paul today opened the 4th World Synod of Bishops. The seventy-seven year old Pontiff - appearing frail and weak - his voice extremely hoarse. An aide remaining at his side throughout - helping him keep his place as he read his official greeting. The Bishops to discuss for thirty days - their problems in spreading Catholicism throughout the world.

At the University of Tokyo - ~~a meeting of~~
 earthquake experts ~~earlier~~ ^{this} ~~in the week~~ ^{came} ~~coming~~ to the
 conclusion that Japan could be hit by a major earthquake -
 "at any moment."

Today at noon - ~~the scientists'~~ ^{their} prediction ~~coming~~ ^{did come}
~~at least partially true.~~ ^{Tokyo was hit by} ~~First~~ a shock wave ^{and then} ~~in Tokyo~~
~~followed~~ ^{northern} another on the ^{Each} island of Hokkaido. ~~some hundred~~
~~miles to the North. Nobody hurt apparently - but the~~
 quake's ~~each~~ measuring four on the Japanese scale, ^{but} ~~of~~
 the seismologists say ~~these~~ may be an indicator of
 seven. ~~An indication - we hear - that there may be, worse~~
 soon to come.

In the Northern Pacific - somewhere off the coast of Japan's Aomori Province - a crippled ship is circling ~~stoutly~~ ^{swinging out of control} ~~aimlessly~~ tonight. The Japanese nuclear ship Mutsu - for nearly a month now, a ship without a country.

The reason, a leak in its nuclear reactor. The Mutsu ^{did} attempt ~~ing~~ to return home for repairs - but Japanese fishermen refus^{ed} ~~ing~~ to let it ~~land~~ ^{move south}; fearing its nuclear malfunction - might lead to radio active pollution of vital fishing grounds.

~~And now the latest.~~ The skipper of the Mutsu - ~~today~~ say^{ing} his crew is suffering from "mental fatigue." The ~~at~~ Japan's Seaman's Union ^{is} ~~has~~ ~~threatening~~ a forced ~~evacuation of virtually the entire ship's complement;~~ giving the Japanese government till Tuesday to find a port for the Mutsu - or else. What else we don't know.

Besides presiding at his economic summit - President Ford was also carrying on with a number of additional duties today. One ~~of these~~ - the dedication of an L B J memorial grove in nearby Virginia. Lady Bird Johnson ^{who} was ~~also~~ there ^d ~~hearing~~ the President say that this was a place where Americans can "pay silent respect - to the memory of a President who served his country and countrymen well."

~~Incidentally,~~ ~~the~~ Reporters ~~once~~ ^{ed} asking Mr. Ford, ~~in~~ ^{if in} ~~light~~ of his busy schedule - doesn't he ever get tired? ~~The President~~ ^{ed the President:-} ~~Replying,~~ ~~in a word~~ "Never!" I wonder if under his breath he might have added:- "Hardly ever"?