

Tuesday, February 26, 1974

WHITE HOUSE

President Nixon today signed a document - formally setting March twenty-ninth as Vietnam Veterans' Day. The President noting with a smile: "There are some who quarrel with the phrase I use often - peace with honor." "But because the U. S. fought in Vietnam" - he continued "because we proved we could be a dependable ally - two-hundred-and-fifty million people in Southeast Asia - now have a chance to remain free."

That date, March twenty-ninth - the first anniversary of the day when the last American service man - was withdrawn from Vietnam.

TROOPS FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

The President also today sent to Congress a message in compliance with a bill passed last year. The President saying the cost of maintaining U.S. troops in Europe - still amounts to over two billion a year; which means by law, he could be forced to withdraw some of them. The President stressing that other Nato members are searching for a way - to help balance the account.

SUBPOENA

President Nixon formally rejected today -

*a subpoena to appear as a witness in the California trial
of his former aide - John Ehrlichman. The President's ^{lawyer}
citing the threat of similar ^{subpoenas} ~~subpoenas~~ from courts across
the land; - adding that the President's first responsibility
must remain major domestic and international interests.*

DAMASCUS

Following talks with various British leaders - Secretary of State Kissinger flew from London to Damascus saying he hopes "we can begin progress - toward peace between Syria and Israel." This to him now "the key problem in the Middle East."

SUEZ

*In the Middle East - on the east bank of the Suez
- an Israeli tourist bus today mistakenly wandered into
Egyptian territory. Its passengers - including twenty-
eight American Jews who were held for eight hours have
been released. Quite a scare - but apparently no harm.*

MOSCOW

Moscow announces special decorations for Soviet troops on the Sino-Russian border in Asia. Kremlinologists believe this an indication that "either something has happened" along the Chinese frontier - "or they are advertising their readiness."

ASMARA

Ethiopia's second largest city - Asmara, the capital of turbulent Eritrea Province - was seized today by ~~the~~ Ethiopian army units led by junior officers. The bloodless take-over following weeks of pay demands - also, four days of public riots in protest against runaway inflation. Army officials insisting, ~~however,~~ the mutiny was not directed against Emperor Haile Selassie. - ~~only for more money.~~

ALDRICH

New York City - the death of one of the foremost figures in the world of American ~~finance~~ finance and diplomacy. Winthrop Aldrich who was chairman of the National Monetary Commission - and helped to found the Federal Reserve System. He was also an Uncle - to the five Rockefeller brothers. As a lawyer he ~~sp~~ specialized in problems of high finance, eventually heading the giant Chase National Bank, and topping his unusual career as Ambassador to the Court of St. James, under President Eisenhower. Winthrop W. Aldrich - age - eighty-eight.

GOLD

The soaring price of gold in western Europe - continues to astound the experts. In London now up to a hundred and eighty-one dollars - a gain of more than sixty dollars an ounce just since the first of the year.

YUKON

Today did you know, is the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Robert Service, the poet who wrote The Spell of the Yukon, the Cremation of Sam McGee and the Shooting of Dan McGrew, and countless others of the Days of '98, in the Yukon. And with the way the price of gold is soaring maybe tonight the boys once again are whooping it up - in the Malemute saloon at Dawson, at Fairbanks, and at Nome.

As a writer of rhymes, the Kipling of the Yukon earned more turning out his verses than any ~~poet~~ poet who ever lived. The Shooting of Dan McGrew - that one poem brought him a half a million in royalties - ~~far~~ far more than the Klondike gold seekers he immortalized.

NEW HAVEN

I hope Lanny Ross is listening to this! Through the tables down at Mory's, to the place where Louie dwells - an all pervasive gloom today. The fabled haunt of Yale men - for more than a hundred years - losing its Club liquor license by order of the Connecticut Supreme Court. This on the grounds that Mory's is not really a Club by present-day legal standards. It also follows a women's Lib challenge of Mory's "men only" rule. So Bill, Lanny Rudy Vallee and other Whiffen Poofs tonight are no doubt singing - "Bah, bah, bah!"

NEW DELHI

Time was when Rome was famous for its pinchers and patters. Women tourists had to be ever on their guard. Now New Delhi is having an epidemic of so-called "Goondas" - or "Eve teasers;" especially in crowded buses.

So karate classes are being held in many schools and colleges. Also, any "Goonda" caught in the act, henceforth, to be manacled, hand and foot and paraded "frog fashion" - to the nearest jail.