

CASH

The White House again -- President Nixon met today with ^{Johnny Cash,} ~~famed~~ country and western singer, ~~Johnny Cash.~~ The latter -- as you ~~may~~ know -- a great campaigner for prison reform; ^{today was} recalling one of his performances at San Quentin → where the prisoners kept calling "for him to come back." Whereupon ^{Mr. Nixon was} ~~the President,~~ recalling his own visit to San Quentin -- when he was running for the Senate in nineteen-forty-eight.

"I was struck by how young they all were" -- said the President. Adding: "Those kids can be saved." ^{Then} ~~And further,~~ pledging every effort to see that once they are out again -- they'll be given "an incentive not to go back."

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WHITE HOUSE

The White House - another surprise news conference today. President Nixon lashing out - at U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim; whom he accused of being duped by Communist propaganda - into criticizing alleged U.S. bombing of North Vietnamese dikes.

The President saying - there may have been some accidental hits; but there have been "no strikes" - "on any major dike areas - the major dams - which are the heart of the system." Adding: "If it were the policy of the United States to bomb dikes - we could take the significant part of them out within a week."

The President further calling the dike issue - an attempted smoke-screen; an effort to cover up - said he - "one of the most barbarous invasions in history;" an invasion - predicated on a "policy of deliberate murder and assassination." About which - Kurt Waldheim has raised not one word of protest - said he. Adding: "Let's

not have a hypocritical double standard."

Still on the subject of Vietnam - the President also lashing out at backers of end-the-war movements in Congress. These men failing to realize - said he - the extent of the bloodbath that would ensue in the event of a sudden U.S. withdrawal. And thus actually hurting negotiations - he went on - at a time when "chances for a negotiated peace are better than ever before."

Turning next to politics - the President refusing to discuss the prior health problems of Thomas Eagleton; but predicting, nonetheless - a McGovern-Eagleton ticket would not be severely damaged. The President recalling: "In Nineteen-Fifty-Two, when another Vice-Presidential candidate was urged to get off the ticket - there were some who thought it would sink the Presidential ticket. It didn't."

PARIS

At the peace table in Paris - an attempt today to get off dead-center. The U.S. declaring a cease-fire - "the key" to an overall settlement in Vietnam; therefore, urging an immediate end to the fighting - subject only to the release of U.S. prisoners of war; also pledging once that's done - a complete withdrawal of U.S. troops.

All - to no avail.

The Communist side again calling for agreement - "on all the military and political questions" involved; adding that only then - "would a cease-fire take place."

COMMERCE

From the U. S. Commerce Department - a tabulation of leading economic indicators over the past two months; said to show an overall increase - of nearly two per cent.

This - according to Assistant Commerce Secretary Harold Passer - a "sustained uptrend;" indicating - said he - "that the present upswing in the economy is a major expansion;" that it will continue - "at least through Nineteen-Seventy- Three."

BLOOD

On the medical front - a solution at last to a nagging problem. Government scientists announcing today - the development of a new blood-testing technique; one that enables a doctor to screen out a potential blood donor - whose blood contains traces of hepatitis.

Dr. Harry Meyer of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration - saying this could save anywhere from fifteen hundred to three thousand lives a year; the same number who have died up to now - said he - from hepatitis contracted during blood transfusions.

CONSUMERS

From the Council of Better Business Bureaus - the results of a study called "the broadest survey of consumer opinion every undertaken;" said to show that the American consumer's biggest complaint - is products that don't perform as represented; followed by false advertising - poor service - misleading labels and so on.

But the study also showing, inadvertently - one more thing: That American consumers are not exactly thrilled - by consumer surveys either. The pollsters mailing out some twelve million questionnaires - but getting back less than seventy thousand; a return rate - of less than six-tenths of one per cent.

JACKSONVILLE

At Jacksonville, Florida - a brief, violent storm; spawning apparently - a number of small tornadoes; one of which hitting in the backyard of twelve-year-old Paul Smith - where he and three other children were playing in a tent.

What happened next - one of those "freaks of nature." The four children, tent and all - hurled high into the air; soaring over the Smith home - twirling round-and-round; till they finally landed on a neighbor's lawn - across the street. A little dizzy - a little shaken up; but other than that - A-O.K., all the way.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "MISSIONARIES"

**And now it's time out - for another special report
from Lowell Thomas. Subject tonight - Evangelism
International. Lowell...**

I've just been chatting with a man who tells me something about the problems facing Christian missionaries these days. To someone like myself who has been accustomed to meeting them all over the world, what he tells me is indeed startling. John Haggai is the head of an organization known as Evangelism International, with offices in London, Sydney, Australia, Singapore, and San Diego. His home I believe is in Atlanta, Georgia - quite a spread. Since World War Two fifty percent of the countries of the world are now closed to western missionaries. John Haggai himself because of his Asian name and Syrian parentage, is able to get into many of these closed areas. He reminded me that the population of our planet is increasing at the rate of seventy-five million people each year, and he says most of these

are in the area where we are not permitted to attempt to reach the people and spread Christianity.

His approach to the problem is to have this undertaken by Asiatics so his organization is using American dollars to ~~ask~~ sponsor non-western, non-white Christian seminars, with the focal center at Singapore. Incidentally, he says that at a cost of ~~one~~ ten dollars American some fifteen hundred people can be reached with the message. Singapore is the base for this activity because it is within three thousand miles of half of the world's population.

SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "MISSIONARIES"

SARITA

Thank you, Lowell.

A final story - in a moment.

Japan's story; a story that actually began 20 years ago - when the Japanese decided to build a new international airport at Narita, Japan.

This an attempt to relieve the congestion - of Tokyo's old international airport some forty miles away. Indeed, the new Narita facility - fully-completed more than six months ago. The local townsfolk and nearby farmers - fighting the project all the way. Succeeding at last in halting the installation of a badly-needed pipeline. Also, blocking the construction - of access roads. Finally, building great wooden towers - on the land adjacent to the airport's main runway.

And there it sits to this day - the new Narita Airport; all dressed up - and in place to go.

NARITA

Here's one - a lesson in fighting city hall, Japanese-style; a story that actually began seven years ago - when the powers-that-be decided to build a new international airport at Narita, Japan.

This an attempt to relieve the congestion - at Tokyo's old international airport some forty miles away. Indeed, the new Narita facility - fully-completed more than six months ago. But local townsfolk and nearby farmers - fighting the project all the way. Succeeding at last-in halting the installation of a badly-needed pipeline. Also, blocking the construction - of access roads. Finally, building giant wooden towers - on the land adjoining either end of the airport's main runway.

And there it sits to this day - the new Narita Airport; all dressed up - and no place to go.