

July 19, 1971
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STRIKE

Settlement in Washington. The Communications Workers of America and the Bell System - reaching tentative agreement on a new contract; one that will cost the company - an estimated Four Billion over the next three years. All this - subject, of course, to ratification by the union's full membership.

In the meantime though - the CWA ordering its members to return to work as of midnight tomorrow; which means "the voice with a smile" - will be back in a while.

WHITE HOUSE

At the White House - President Nixon met today with top Congressional leaders. He urged that there be no unnecessary speculation or legislation - that might disrupt the delicate preparations for his planned trip to Red China.

News Press Secretary Ron Ziegler later adding that the main purpose of the President's trip - is that of discussing "matters of mutual interest" with Red China.

And how this will affect Vietnam - said he - well, we'll just have to wait and see.

HANOI FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Incidentally, one of those countries - which is apparently none too happy with the President's forthcoming trip: Communist North Vietnam; as demonstrated today - by the official organ of the North Vietnamese Communist Party; which charged the President with "trying to achieve a ~~compromise~~ compromise between the big powers - in an attempt to make smaller countries bow to their arrangement."

While failing to mention Red China per se - Hanoi added that this "is the traditional practice of the imperialists; to impose their will on others by force - and to rely on their strength as big powers to bully smaller countries." It further stated that the President "has gone to the wrong place" - since it is Hanoi that offers the only "sound basis to end the war." So says Hanoi.

SAIGON FOLLOW HANOI

On the reverse side - from Saigon; where the South Vietnamese government put forward today - a peace offer of its own; urging the North Vietnamese "to start immediate and serious negotiations" - in order to facilitate a "total cease-fire"; to be followed by "supervised elections - to reunify the country."

This came as part of Saigon's observance - of "National Grief Day"; which commemorates the division of North Vietnam - into North and South - at the first Geneva conference held in Nineteen-Fifty-Four. And here at home - the White House later welcoming Saigon's offer; saying it hopes that Hanoi - will respond "positively."

TROOPS FOLLOW SAIGON

Meanwhile, a report today that the U.S. Command - has already passed the half-way point - in its latest troop withdrawal schedule; with the number of returning G.I.'s - averaging about four thousand a week up to mid-June; and nearly three thousand a week - since then; thereby cutting back total U.S. troop strength - to a present figure of about two hundred and thirty thousand.

THIEU FOLLOW TROOPS

Another development : South Vietnam's President

Thieu - formally announced today his candidacy for a second term. In the process, he stoutly refuted a number of charges by retired General Duong Van Minh - with regard to Thieu's participation in the Nineteen-Sixty-Three coup against President Ngo Dinh Diem. Thieu saying: "The charge that I was irresponsible when I was a colonel is a cowardly action - because Minh was a three-star general at the time." And he added: "Furthermore, to wait until the coming elections to tell this - is aimed solely at gaining the sympathy of Catholic voters."

In the Middle East - at Amman - the bitter end. With Jordan's Prime Minister - Wasfi Tel - announcing that the Palestinian guerilla movement in Jordan - has now been crushed. He added that after five days of fighting - "there are no longer any independent guerilla bases in Jordan."

"And from now on" - he said - "we will not allow into the country - anyone who believes in liberating Amman before Tel Aviv."

This drew the immediate anger - of fellow Arab nations. Iraq, for one, closed its border with Jordan - and cut off air traffic between the two countries. While Egypt's semi-official newspaper - Al Ahram - was charging that Jordan has become "an obedient toll within the Israeli plan."

At the same time, an estimated ten thousand Palestinian refugees - staged an anti-Jordan demonstration in the streets of Beirut.

STATE FOLLOW AMMAN

And now this: An announcement that U.S. Mideast trouble-shooter Joseph Sisco - will be flying to Israel next week. Purpose - we are told: To try and get the Suez Canal - reopened again.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE "NEWS OF TIBET"

Next - Lowell Thomas; discussing tonight: an ominous development - in the "land of lost happiness." Lowell

NEWS OF TIBET

(3) L. J. Tape insert

For some years now there have been a few
~~Nowadays there are a number of~~

Tibetans in New York. ~~and~~ They ~~even~~ put out a news

sheet with ^{What} ~~all the~~ information ~~about~~ they can get from

their homeland which since Nineteen Fifty has been in the

hands of the Chinese Reds, ^{with} The Dalai Lama ~~as you~~

~~now~~ living in exile, ^{at Dharmasala over those lofty mountains} ~~across the border~~ on the Indian

side of the Himalayas, ~~at a place called Dharmasala.~~

^Q ~~The most~~ recent news ^{bulletin} ~~sheet~~ from the Tibet office in N.Y.

tells of the arrival of a sixty year old peasant from

what the bulletin ^{calls} ~~refers to as~~ "the country of lost

happiness."

This man, Tsering Dorjee is from Zonga in southwest Tibet. He got over the frontier across the Himalayas into Nepal. He says the Chinese have recently been transporting many metal poles and complicated metal devices to some of the mountain tops on the Tibet-India frontier. No Tibetan is allowed to examine

this material or even go into these mountains. ~~BUT~~,

He says the report is that ~~this is~~ ^{its} electronic equipment ~~to be used at~~ ^{for} listening posts "to eavedrop on communication between Indian Army units."

We also are ~~informed~~ ^{told} that one hundred and ~~one~~ ^{one} Tibetan refugees have now arrived in Canada, ~~and~~

~~Also that the~~ Ottawa ~~government~~ says "these people have probed themselves highly adaptable." The Canadians

~~decided to welcome the Tibetans, and~~ ^{also} are expecting another contingent of a hundred and forty ^{of these fine people} ~~mainly~~ from Central Asia. ~~because of the "extremely good reports from Switzerland about Tibetans who are now living there."~~

SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE "NEWS OF TIBET"

Thank you, Lowell - another story in a moment..

SENATE

Around Congress - the Senate voted today to give another year of life - to the controversial Subversive Activities Control Board. This - by a vote of forty-seven to forty.

And now an answer of sorts - in the person of a little girl, twelve-year-old Susan Davis - of Easton, Pennsylvania, who has collected in the past six months - five million Betty Crocker food coupons; which she then used to purchase five portable artificial kidney machines - for five Pennsylvania hospitals.

This - with the aid of coupon contributors from as far away as Hawaii - in memory of her late brother, who might have been kept alive by such a machine - except that none was available. And while virtue is its own reward - young Susan has just received a bonus, an inscription from her Congressman - to come visit the nation's capital; where one can only hope - the lesson of her example will not be lost.

And now for Lowell - reads Allen Jackson saying

HUSTONTOWN

In an age of big business, big unions, big government - the question is often asked: "What can one man do?" And now an answer of sorts - in the person of a little girl; thirteen-year-old Susan Martz - of Hustontown, Pennsylvania; who has collected in the past six months - five million Betty Crocker food coupons; which she then used to purchase five portable artificial kidney machines - for five Pennsylvania hospitals.

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