

Tuesday, April 16, 1974

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Middle East situation appeared to be heating up again today. We are told Russia is now insisting on full participation in all future negotiations. Furthermore, the Soviets are reported to have agreed to arm Syria with sophisticated new weapons. And then, today the Egyptians were threatening to fire long range rockets into Israeli cities -- if Egypt comes under any new attack.

CALLEY

Army Secretary Howard Callaway announced today that he is reducing Lt. William Calley's My Lai massacre sentence to ten years instead of twenty - on the grounds that Calley may have sincerely believed he was only obeying orders when he killed ~~seventy-two~~^{the} South Vietnamese civilians at My Lai. The new sentence now makes Calley eligible for parole in six months. It also clears the way for a final review of the case as promised by President Nixon.

The FBI today named escaped convict Donald DeFreeze - believed to be the mysterious SLA chief, "Cinque" - as one of the nine bandits who yesterday robbed a San Francisco bank of ten thousand dollars. Named also as ^{you no doubt know by now} ~~material witness~~ was twenty-year-old Patricia Hearst, who was identified from photographs as one of the group who entered the bank, armed with semi-automatic rifles. [¶] Officials ^{also say} ~~say, however,~~ Miss Hearst may have been acting under duress because one picture, taken by the bank's automatic cameras, shows another bandit pointing a gun at her. She was kidnapped by the SLA more than two months ago, and since that time has issued a statement - also perhaps under duress - that she intends to join the revolutionary group which kidnapped her. [¶] Says her father, newspaper publisher Randolph Hearst - "this is one of the most vicious things I've ever seen. - She was a lovely child -

and sixty days later we have a picture of her in a bank
with a gun in her hands.!" ~~How do you think she~~
~~feels?~~ *Yes, incredible,*

Special Watergate Prosecutor Jaworski today asked the Federal Court to issue a subpoena to President Nixon - demanding tapes and documents of sixty-four conversations which - Jaworski says - deal with the Watergate conspiracy coverup. The prosecutor further says the evidence is needed for trials scheduled to begin next September. ~~But~~ Key Biscayne, a White House spokesman says President Nixon will hand over to the House Impeachment inquiry, evidence that proves his innocence in the Watergate coverup. But he will not comply fully with a subpoena for more than forty taped conversations.

MARKET

Stocks on the New York Exchange scored their best gains in nearly six weeks - boosted along perhaps by the belief that interest rates may have gone about as high as they can go. The Dow Jones rose more than seventeen points and the average common share added fifty-five cents.

HEROIN

In Paris, French and American narcotics agents struck another blow at the French "connection" - ^{what is termed} seizing forty-four pounds of pure heroin which had been destined for black market street sales in the U.S.

Such sales would have brought an estimated eight million dollars. Three alleged French drug bosses were arrested.

ANIMALS

A Wisconsin congressman - Henry Reuss - says the World Bank is financing a huge land clearing project in Malaysia that is driving elephants, wild ~~buffalo~~ ^{-the sladang-} and rare Bengal tigers from their jungle homes. Reuss says he's written World Bank President Robert McNamara about the sixty million dollar project which - the congressman claims - threatens the tiger and ~~the~~ ^{the} powerful sladang ~~buffalo~~ with extinction. Both are already classified as endangered species.

PAINTING

The Mona Lisa is on the move again - this time to Tokyo for exhibition at the Japanese National Museum. Midst tight security precautions, a special Air France Boeing 707 left the Paris Airport, carrying Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece out of France for only the third time since it was painted in the Sixteenth Century. First time was in Nineteen Eleven when it was stolen and kept in hiding in Italy for two years before being recovered. ^{Also} ~~And~~ the Mona Lisa came here twelve years ago for exhibition in New York and Washington. Are you a Mona Lisa fan, Bill.

MERCHANDISE

The Want-Ad section of just about every big city newspaper has a page or two devoted to fad merchandise - merchandise that has suddenly gone out of style - leaving the manufacturer - or dealer - stuck, with huge quantities of clothing, costume jewelry, or whatever on his hands - and now he's offering to sell at rock bottom prices. These offerings are scanned eagerly by pitch men - free lance sales hustlers and shop keepers - all looking for bargains. They find, for instance, one million "streaker" buttons are available at cut-rate prices. So are a whole collection of oil paintings on velvet, - ten speed bicycles, - tons of panty hose - and unisex belts." ^{Also - how's this?} ~~And perhaps the~~
~~most intriguing - and certainly the most exotic - offering~~

Quote:-
~~was~~ "beautifully packaged, low priced shoe polish from the Peoples Republic of China." ^{And s-l-u-t-m.}