

Monday, March 18, 1974

VIENNA

Concession in Vienna - as you may have heard by now. Seven of nine Arab nations - agree to end their oil embargoes against the U.S. These including Abu Dhabi, Algeria, Bahrein, Egypt, Kuwait, Qatar - and Saudi Arabia the biggest exporter of all. Only Libya, and Syria - refusing to go along. Syria actually isn't an oil producer.

Today's decision followed weeks of intensive negotiation and diplomatic pressure. If it holds this is expected to ease our current fuel problem. The Arab oil ministers say they'll review their decision June One.

CAIRO

~~For what it's worth this news from Egypt's~~

Egypt

President Sadat ^{is} ~~as~~ quoted in ~~the current~~ Newsweek

~~Sadat~~ ^{as} saying it would be a "real tragedy" - if President

Nixon were impeached. Why? Because - said he - the

Nixon Administration has "revolutionized the thrust of U.S.

policy" - in the Middle East and throughout the world.

Sadat adding: "It would, indeed, be a terrible
tragedy if the American people lost sight of the global
picture - for the sake of narrow domestic political
consideration."

STATE FOLLOW CAIRO

Here at home again - the State Department said today the U.S. "has agreed to assist - in sweeping^{up} mines in the waters of the Suez Canal." A spokesman adding that this assistance - ~~was~~^{is} being provided "at the request of the Egyptian government," ~~and~~ to help speed a reopening of the canal - after seven years of disuse.

PRESIDENT

President Nixon today asked Congress for an additional Fifty-Four Million - in postwar reconstruction aid to South Vietnam. The President saying the added funds are necessary - to meet soaring commodity prices around the globe.

TRAVEL FOLLOW PRESIDENT

*The President will travel tomorrow -to Houston ;
there to decorate the Skylab Three astronauts - Jerry Carr,
Bill Pogue and Ed Gibson; also, to inspect an Apollo
spacecraft and a Soyuz spacecraft - of the kind to be used
in a joint U. S. and Soviet space venture; and then to answer
questions - at a ^{broadcast}~~televised~~ meeting of the National Association
of Broadcasters.*

SIRICA

From Judge Sirica - an order today affecting the disposition of that "sealed report" - from the Watergate grand jury. The Judge ruling that it must be turned over to the House Judiciary Committee - as requested. Nevertheless, allowing two days - for possible appeal.

The report in question - said to deal with the President's handling of the Watergate scandal.. Its specific contents - as yet undisclosed. Sirica noting, however - it "draws no accusatory conclusion." ~~Adding it presents "a simple and straightforward compilation of information gathered by the grand jury - and no more."~~

BELFAST

St. Patrick's Day in Northern Ireland - this year, one of the bloodiest celebrations in recent history. The weekend death toll coming to eight - including two IRA gunmen and three British Tommies. This at a time when the Catholic Church - was attempting to launch a new campaign for peace.

PATNA

Indian Army units were rushed today to Patna - the capital of Bihar, one of India's poorest and most backward states. The Federals reinforcing local police - in an attempt to halt a series of student riots. The violence aimed at protesting - soaring prices and growing unemployment.

LITVINOV

Another Soviet dissident - was allowed today to leave Russia. Pavel Litvinov, the grandson of Russia's wartime foreign minister, Maxim Litvinov - flying to Vienna along with his wife and two children. Heading for self-exile - here in the U.S. Litvinov recently served ^{ed} ~~ing~~ four years in Siberia - for taking part in a protest against the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia.

SAFETY

The nation's automakers today were given another year, at least - in which to prepare for the mandatory installation of air bags. The Highway Traffic Safety Administration setting as its new target date - September One, Nineteen-Seventy-Six.

CLEVELAND

A new space age windmill - will soon be constructed at Cleveland, Ohio. The announcement coming today - from the U.S. space agency. Which said the windmill will have a hundred and twenty-five-foot rotor - mounted atop a hundred-and-twenty-five-foot tower.

Estimated cost - nearly a Million Bucks. An attempt - we are told - to ^{see} if it's economically feasible - to harness the wind to make electricity. I thought Midwest farmers - in the days when windmills were common - I that they found it was feasible - if you were where the wind blew!

GRACEHAM

Rural Graceham, Maryland - still the center of a massive bird invasion. Millions and millions of blackbirds, grackles and starlings - thick enough to turn night into day. Also, drawings crowds of curiosity-seekers - from all over the state. Local official Donald Lewis saying: "The people problem - is getting as bad as the bird problem."

At the same time, a flood of advice - on how to get rid of the birds. ^{Bill -} One writer - suggesting ^S~~ing~~ "ten thousand starving cats."

BOSTON

From Boston University - a report today tells of the development - of inexpensive, stainless steel, plastic-coated artificial teeth; said to be just perfect - for dental transplants. We are told that fully twenty per cent of all adult Americans - have teeth like stars; - they come out at night! And so long until tomorrow.