

Monday, February 10, 1975

JERUSALEM

A chill wind swept today through the Middle East - bringing snow, sleet and heavy rain to Israel, Lebanon and Syria. And, the reception that Secretary of State Kissinger received in Jerusalem - was somewhat chilly. Opposition leaders there calling his latest peace mission - an exercise in false security, and demanding new elections to somehow help prevent what they foresaw as a possible sell-out to the Arabs.

However Henry Kissinger did immediately reassure the Israelis that "the survival and security of Israel are basic American concerns." He met with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin - and other leaders. Tomorrow on to Cairo.

HOUSTON


President Ford today set forth on a two day swing through Texas and Kansas - calling for speedy ~~congressional~~ congressional action and massive investment by the Petroleum industry - to help the current energy squeeze.

Said he: "We must take immediate and resolute action - to insulate our economy against a new Arab oil embargo."

The President also said there will be gas rationing - quote "over my dead body."

SAIGON

In Vietnam - to mark the lunar New Year - in
a nationwide address ~~today~~ President Thieu, ~~including~~
a charge^d that the Communists have assembled an
unprecedented force in South Vietnam - since the
signing of the Paris peace agreement. "The problem
facing us ~~right~~ now" said he - "is that we must
defeat" a force much "greater than before."
and better armed



SENATE

Here at home - ~~Thieu's words were echoed~~
~~today by~~ Air Force Chief of Staff David Jones in
testimony before ~~the~~ the Armed Services Committee,
~~Jones saying the Communists have now installed heavy~~
~~concentrations of anti-aircraft weapons in parts of~~
~~South Vietnam; so many in fact, that~~ ^{said} Saigon pilot's
are ~~very~~ reluctant to expose themselves ^{to the fire} ~~in some~~
of the Red anti-aircraft fire.
~~of the areas of their own country where they normally~~
~~operate.~~

ADDIS ABABA

The foreign minister of Sudan, ~~a guest today~~
~~in Addis Ababa~~, Gamal Mohammed Ahmed, ^{today} conferred ^{ed}
with ~~officials of~~ Ethiopia's new military government ~~and~~
^{hopes} ~~apparently attempting~~ to serve as a mediator ^{and} between
the ^M ~~Ethiopian~~ and ^{the} ~~rebellious~~ Eritreans. ~~This following~~
~~more than two weeks of heavy fighting - is around the~~
~~Eritrean capital of Asmara.~~

MOSCOW

With ~~the thirtieth~~ anniversary of victory in Europe
in World War Two - now less than three months away -
~~a fact duly noted by the Kremlin - in a long editorial -~~
~~this past weekend, in the Soviet Communist party~~
~~newspaper Pravda.~~ The Soviets ^{are} calling for an all-out
attack on, "quote the bourgeois and opportunistic
ideology of the falsifiers of the war's history."

~~This apparently the start of~~ a new drive
to rewrite the record books. ~~Indeed, the Old Kremlin~~
~~said to be planning to mark the upcoming anniversary~~
~~"- with one of the biggest propaganda campaigns of~~
~~its fifty-seven year history."~~

CAPE CANAVERAL

At Cape Canaveral - the start of final U S training for that ~~max~~ up-coming U S and Russian space flights. Cosmonauts Alexai Leonov and ~~the~~ Valeri Kubasov -- again teaming with ~~astronauts~~ astronauts Tom Stafford, Vance Brand and Deke Slayton. The Russians also taking part in a brief welcoming ceremony where in Leonov pledging: "We will do out best."

THE DEAF OLYMPICS

Have you ever heard of the Deaf Olympics? They are held in a different country once every four years; between the regular Olympics. Deaf mutes maybe but they are not deaf and dumb. They are far from dumb. This time the Eighth Winter Games for the deaf took place in the Adirondacks, at Lake Placid, with teams from eleven countries.

To see them perform is fantastic, but to be with them when not skiing and skating may be even more extraordinary. I was with five or six hundred of them. The huge dining room at the famous Lake Placid Club absolutely silent although all of them were talking - with their hands. The rest of us would not be able to converse because of language problems. But these deaf Olympians have their own international sign language. So, the Japanese were talking away to the Russians, the Swedes, Swiss and Americans also conversing and so on.

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How could they dance if they couldn't hear? The orchestra was the noisiest electric band I ever heard, and the five hundred or more deaf athletes in the Lake Placid Club ballroom couldn't hear ~~the~~ note of it. But they got the throb, the beat. As they danced they talked with their hands, waving them.

At the Deaf Olympic games an eighteen co-ed team from Russia rolled up quite a score, which really meant nothing. It was an individual rather than a team thing, and the star was Helene Sonderegger, a Swiss, who won three gold medals for the downhill, slalom, and giant slalom. The Deaf Olympics! Run by the C I I S - Committee International Sports Silence.

And now this....

OSWEGO

Old man winter was in upstate New York and New England today. Oswego New York getting two feet of snow. The mercury twenty-one below at Newport, Vermont; twenty-five below - at Concord, New Hampshire; minus twenty-seven at Greenville, Maine. Perfect snow for skiing. Areal old time winter!