

BERLIN

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For the first time in six years - the Berlin Wall was thrown open today for the Easter holiday. The vanguard of an expected half-million visitors from the West - streaming across to the East. Elderly men and women greeting sons and daughters they had not seen in years - and, in some cases, grandchildren they had never seen. Brothers and sisters separated by time and ideology - staging tearful reunions. At one and the same time - a joyful, heart-rending scene.

The visitors often bringing with them - gifts such as coffee, nylon shirts, pantyhose and so on. In contrast to six years ago, they found on the other side - newly-painted road signs and traffic signals - gaily planted flowers - a booming economy.

For both sides - at Eastertime - a time of Thanksgiving.

VATICAN

At the Vatican ~~in Rome~~ - Pope Paul today began five days of Easter activities; receiving more than six thousand pilgrims and tourists - in the Vatican's brand new Audience Hall; also, greeting an overflow crowd of thousands more - in separate halls.

Said the Pope: "Our religion is not simple - it is a monumental complex of natural, historical, human, revealed, supernatural, eschatological, personal and universal truths;" and yet - all Christians are welcome. The Pontiff adding: "We are not merely guests or strangers here - but fellow citizens with the saints and with the family of God."

VIENNA

Exiled Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary - eighty years old today. The Cardinal celebrating his first birthday ~~in freedom~~ in twenty years ^{- celebrating} with a special mass at Vienna, where he now ^I makes his home.

Later on, as he left the church - an elderly nun presented him a bouquet of flowers, white carnations. With tears rolling down his cheeks - Cardinal Mindszenty expressing his warm thanks. "To become eighty" - he added - "is not a merit, but a mercy of the Lord."

To which I too might add - hear! hear! Amen!

SENATE

IT&T President Harold Geneen - ~~again the man~~
~~in the hot-seat today~~; testifying for a second day - before
the Senate Judiciary Committee;

~~Geneen~~ saying he had never discussed
Administration anti-trust policy, ~~as previously charged~~ -
with White House aide Peter Flanigan. Also, denying any
knowledge of a supposed Six Hundred Thousand-Dollar offer -
to help finance President Nixon's re-election campaign.

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~~As for~~ the testimony of Mrs. Dita Beard, an IT&T lobbyist -
Geneen saying it just "doesn't make sense." ~~As for~~ the
out-of-court settlement of that IT&T anti-trust case - "for
the government" - said he - "a damn good deal."

ANTITRUST FOLLOW SENATE

Meanwhile, like Spring, a number of additional anti-trust actions - were blossoming forth today.

First, the Supreme Court deciding in favor of the government - in two important cases; ruling that Ford had violated the Clayton anti-monopoly law ~~in~~ in acquiring certain assets of the Electric Autolite Company; also, barring Topco Associates, a cooperative supermarket chain - from assigning its dealers exclusive sales territories.

And then - here in New York - the Justice Department filing a civil anti-trust suit; charging the nation's major airplane manufacturers - with attempting to eliminate competition in research and development.

WAUSAU

In the state of Wisconsin - it snowed today; in some places - about a foot; which is ~~all right~~ ^{great} - if you like snow; but ~~not so~~ ^{hardly a help} for Presidential campaigners.

For example, Hubert Humprey ~~got~~ ^{got} stranded in Wausau - where he campaigned yesterday. John

Lindsay ending up in Madison - when he wanted to be in

Milwaukee. ~~While~~ ^{Sens.} George McGovern and ~~Edmund~~ Muskie -

~~both~~ traveling by car - ~~were~~ both forced to cancel a number of scheduled appearances. Also, ~~Eugene~~ ^{Sens.} McCarthy and

~~Henry~~ "Scoop" Jackson, ~~is~~ ^{intended} ~~a couple of~~ airborne candidates ~~who found they~~ couldn't get off the ground.

MONTGOMERY FOLLOW WAUSAU

Montgomery, Alabama - a Black political columnist for several Florida newspapers - was named today the chairman of a new political group. Norman E. Jones - to head the National Black Citizens Committee for George C. Wallace. Jones saying: "We hope to enlist other Black delegates across the nation - to support Governor Wallace at the National Convention."

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TEL AVIV

In the Middle East - ~~at~~ Passover eve, the most peaceful in years - Israel's Chief of Staff was discussing today President Nixon's forthcoming mission to Moscow, General David Elazar saying the President's visit - could determine the possibility of war or peace in the Mideast. There must be some "prospects for political settlement" - said he - "or the danger of a collision will increase greatly"

NEW DELHI

A so-called "non-official" Conference on Imperialism - is currently in progress at New Delhi. Today's activities - including a "non-official" meeting with India's Prime Minister, Madame Indira Gandhi. No reporters allowed.

However, a government press spokesman - later ^{did} relay ~~ing~~ some of the Lady Premier's remarks. Madame Gandhi quoted as saying that India had welcomed President

Nixon's visit to Red China - in the belief that it would

But she is supposed to have added that reduce tensions in Asia. ~~But~~ this had not been true - ~~she~~

~~supposedly added~~ ^{that} - tensions have ^{increased,} ~~only grown worse.~~

Madame Gandhi further quoted as saying that India and Red China are now virtually eyeball-to-eyeball - in both Jammu and Kashmir.

BATON ROUGE

At Baton Rouge, Louisiana - the birth of another anti-women's rights group. Females Opposed to Equality - or FOE, for short - aimed at fighting the proposed Constitutional Amendment ^{to} ~~giving~~ women equal status with men. FOE charging that such a measure - would ban separate facilities for men and women; such as washrooms - residential hotels - waiting rooms. FOE also charging it would annul a number of laws prohibiting "sex crimes" - as well as wreak havoc in the divorce courts.

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FOE adds that the Women's Rights Amendment - was perpetrated by, quote, "a few vocal female sex traitors." Further noting that "God created man and woman - differently." And any attempt to ~~amend that - we are told -~~ ^{change this status -} Warren - would be ~~nothing more nor less than~~ an attempt to prove "that God made a mistake."

~~So say the women from Baton Rouge.~~

FDA

From the Federal Food and Drug Administration -
a call today for a new food labeling system; one that would
tell the shopper at a glance - all that she'd like to know
about the processed foods she's about to eat. ~~The plan~~ ^{This by means}
~~calling for use~~ of a "form" label - listing, in order:
Calories - protein - fat - carbohydrates; also, the per
cent of recommended daily allowances - of Vitamin A,
thiamin, riboflavin, niacin, Vitamin C, calcium, iron and
so on.

Dr. Ogden Johnson of the FDA adds that such a
system - could well puncture a number of nutritional myths
He notes, for example: "A pizza's pretty nutritious -
better than an apple by a long way."

~~Can't you~~
~~Ah, yes, I can~~ hear it now: "A pizza a day - and
keeps the doctor away, ~~use on~~? And a-l-u-t-m,