

HELSINKI

Wed, July 30, '75

The largest gathering of world leaders since the World Congress in Vienna in Eighteen Fourteen - was officially convened today in Helsinki. More than thirty world leaders - ~~are~~ assembling to sign a new all-European security agreement; but, the highlight of the first day's activities - a personal, private summit between President Ford and Russia's Brezhnev.

Secretary of State Kissinger says "progress has been made" - toward a new nuclear arms control agreement; with chances good for a Phase Two Salt pact to be completed and ready for signing when Brezhnev visits Washington in October.

Dr. Kissinger also telling of preliminary discussions concerning U S efforts to achieve a break-through in the Arab Israeli impasse, and promising more on this, soon.

WILSON

~~Newswhite on address by~~ Britain's Prime
Minister Harold Wilson in effect, ^{issued a} challenge to
continuing Soviet ~~and~~ domination of ~~Eastern~~ Eastern
Europe. Wilson saying the new European Security
agreement - must apply equally on both sides of the
Iron Curtain. "No excuse can henceforth be found"
- said he - "for any participating state attempting
to prevent ~~or~~ any other from exercising its sovereign
rights - or to intervene in its internal affairs."

ENERGY

Here at home - President Ford today won half his battle with Congress - over oil prices. The Senate rejecting an attempt to kill the President's proposal - for a gradual phasing out of price controls on "old" oil. The price plan now goes to the House -- where, if similarly unrejected - it will automatically assume the force of law.

HOUSE

In the House by a single vote final passage
today of a new ~~cost~~ fifty million dollar ^{cost} of living
pay ~~increases~~ increase. This to apply to members
of Congress - who will get an extra thirty-six
hundred a year; also, to the Vice President, federal
judges and other top employees - none of ~~whom~~
~~whom~~ whom has had any pay increase ~~at all~~ since
nineteen sixty nine.

CAPITIL HILL

After months and months of bitter controversy -
the Senate today declared the disputed New Hampshire
Senate seat - officially vacant. This clearing the
way for a new election - probably in September -
Democrat John Durkin and Republican Louis Wyman
-- again to battle it out at the ~~polls~~ polls where
hopefully, the better ~~tax~~ man will win and this time
by enough to make it stick.

SENATE

The main witnesses today at hearings on the pending Watergate reform bill - special Watergate Prosecutor Henry Ruth and his predecessor Leon Jaworski; ~~Both of whom~~ opposed the creation of a permanent special prosecutor's office to ferret out government crime. ~~Ruth also adding:~~ "As special prosecutor now, I take directions from no one - I report ~~to~~ directly on on-going investigations to no one - and I could easily abuse my power with little chance of detection."

MAHEU

A former key aide to billionaire Howard Hughes - today completed his testimony before the Senate C I A committee. Robert Maheu then meeting with newsmen - telling how he was "ordered" by the CIA to recruit two underworld figures for an attempt to assassinate Cuban director Fidel Castro. Said Maheu: "The plan was always subject to a "go" signal - which never came."

MONEY

In the latest issue of Money magazine,
just out - a catalogue of the state and local taxes
people pay in the various fifty states. At the head
of the list - ~~and a bit of a surprise, to me at least~~ -
the Badger State, Wisconsin; where the average
family pays about thirty-two hundred a year - or
some three hundred more than second place Minnesota.
Next - New York; and then - Massachusetts.

~~At the reverse end of the scale - the state
of Louisiana; where the average family tax is only
six hundred and ~~sixty-two~~ sixty-two bucks but the
main reason for that - ~~extra~~ state tax on gas and
oil which means, we are told, that parts of the bill
- is being passed along to the rest of us.~~

BALTIMORE CANYON

The discovery of two underwater "domes" believed to contain huge quantities of oil - is reported today from the so-called Baltimore Canyon off the coast of New Jersey. The domes pin-pointed by a Shell exploration ship, the Phaedra, - ~~which has been cruising the Atlantic coastline for seven weeks, taking sonar measurements.~~

~~Shell expert William Scaife adding that the~~

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larger of the two domes - may alone contain as much ~~oil~~ oil as there once was in all of east ~~the~~ Texas. ~~But the emphasis there on the word "may". Scaife conceding we can't really know "until we drill a hole".~~

ZION NATIONAL PARK

At Zion National Park in Utah - a series of thunder storms leading to flash floods - and then massive mud and rock slides. One of these smashing into a car bearing a young couple, Mr. and Mrs. John Quinlon of Nebraska City, Nebraska; the car plunging over a three ~~hundred~~ hundred foot precipice - rolling hundreds of feet through a heavily wooded area - finally ending up on another section of the same road far below. Whereupon the Quinlons were pulled from their car - virtually unhurt.

A state trooper saying: ~~It was~~ ⁹ apparently the mud ~~that~~ saved them. ^{So} ~~adding~~ ~~"There was a~~
much mud inside the car ^{that} ~~to a depth of about four~~
~~feet~~ - "it cushioned their bodies."

ATLANTIC CITY

For the first time in its ~~fifty~~ fifty four year history - the Miss America pageant will allow its contestants to wear two piece swim suits this year. The announcement today - from pageant Chairman Albert Marks; who stressed, however, the two piece suits will be allowed - only during pre-pageant ~~photo~~ photo sessions; and even there - no bikinis.

~~Marks explaining: "We are not going into this thing whole hog we're just kind of backing into it."~~

the development in
the Barney
report from the
CBS news room.