

Tuesday, July 3, 1973

SAN CLEMENTE

In the Los Angeles Times - a story today that special Watergate Prosecutor Archibald Cox was investigating the purchases of President's Nixon's California and Florida estates. A story - later denied by Cox himself; and now - bitterly criticized by the western White House. Press Secretary Ziegler saying: "The President is appalled - by these constant efforts to suggest wrong-doing in the purchases in question. Ziegler adding that such charges are "malicious ill-founded, and scurrilous in nature - and are categorically and flatly untrue."

HELSINKI

At Helsinki - the opening of that long awaited all-European security conference; ~~and~~ drawing together the foreign ministers from thirty-five nations in both the East and the West; all aimed at turning the dying cold ~~war~~ ^{war} - into an era of peace; and off to a flying start - or so it would seem.

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The first speaker - Soviet Foreign Minister ~~Andrei~~ Gromyko; fully endorsing the guidelines for the conference - as earlier developed ~~over~~ ^{after} months of haggling; calling now for the development of a new "code of key provisions - for peace in Europe."

These provisions; - said he, - should include a ban on the use of force, - a system for mediating disputes, - and non-intervention in internal affairs. ~~all~~
To be worked out by the experts, ~~he continued, and~~ ^{said he,}
then endorsed - "at the highest level." Kosygin adding, what's more: "There exists every possibility to

complete the entire work of the conference - before the
end of Nineteen Seventy-Three."

VIENNA

Russia's Alexei Kosygin - a visitor today in Vienna; there laying a wreath - at the monument to an unknown Russian soldier, The Soviet Premier then emulating a western style politician - the same as Brezhnev did here in the U S. Instead of returning to his car - ~~walk~~ wading into a crowd of on-lookers; shaking hands and exchanging greetings all around - as he walked the two blocks back to his hotel.

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One of Kosygin's security guards later saying: "All our efforts were for nothing - he was on his own so long out there ~~anything~~ anything could have happened." From others though - Kosygin's unexpected warmth drawing mostly praise.

Frau Magda Schneider for one, saying -
"it was the first time I ever saw him smiling."
And she added: "He looked really nice."

LONDON

Britain's so-called "cod-war" with Iceland -
was again heating up today. - ~~London ~~discuss~~ disclosing that~~
British warships protecting ~~British~~ trawlers off the
coast of Iceland - ~~have~~ ^{are} now ~~been~~ authorized to return
fire in any clash with Icelandic gun boats.

This following a confrontation - between
the Icelandic ~~gun-boat~~ ^S Aegir and the West German
trawler Teutonia. The Aegir allegedly firing two
shells - which landed "dangerously close" to the
British frigate Leopold. London observing that the
Aegir's actions - "were wholly unpredictable" ~~saying~~
~~that Iceland was clearly guilty of~~ ^{and in} ~~disregard~~ -
for the rights of other nations.

TOKYO

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London again - a decision today by Britain's
giant engineering workers union - to boycott everything
French for one week. This in support of Australian
and New Zealand protests against the continuation of
French nuclear testing in the South Pacific.

~~Half a world away~~ In Tokyo - Japan's
liberal democratic party
ruling ~~liberal democratic party~~ was drafting a resolution
-- calling for a worldwide ban on ~~nuclear~~ nuclear testing;
a resolution said to be strongly endorsed - by all
opposition parties, except the Japan Communist party.

At the same ~~time~~ ^{we hear the} time ~~the~~ ^{fall-out} fall-out
from Red China's latest nuclear test ^{is} heading ~~west~~
straight for the ~~U S~~ ^{and is} U S ^{expected to reach the Pacific}
Northwest some time late ~~tonight~~ tonight or early tomorrow.
Government experts predicting only "minimal" radio
activity - but planning to keep a close check - just
in case.

PENTAGON

From the Pentagon - an order today dismissing all charges against ~~se~~ seven returned P O W's. These including five soldiers and two marines - enlisted men all - earlier accused of collaborating with the enemy.

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Army Secretary Howard Callaway and Navy Secretary John Warner - saying there was simply insufficient evidence. Adding that this was also in line with "the policy of the Department of Defense - against holding trials for alleged propaganda."

On his own, ^{Army Sec.} Callaway further saying: "We must not overlook the good behavior of these men - during the two or three years each ^(spent) ~~spent~~ under brutal prison ~~in~~ conditions in South Vietnam ~ before they were moved to the North, - the lack of food and medical care, - the sub primitive living conditions, - and the physical torture. "They had a very hard time" he continued - "and they behaved admirably during this period."

Today's action - also following the ~~apparent~~
~~suicide of an eighth man so charged~~; Sergeant Abel
Kavanaugh ~~is~~ of Denver, ^{tragedy.} ~~the~~ The Sergeant's widow
~~since charging that~~ ^{saying the} accusations against her husband -
~~were~~ ^{altho'} "fictitious", ~~but nevertheless~~ had pushed him
over the edge.

~~Indeed~~, Mrs. Kavanaugh's ^{statement may} ~~capsule summary~~
~~of the case - no doubt playing~~ ^{ed} an important role in ^{what}
~~the outcome~~ ^{happened today.} She said of her husband: "He went to
Vietnam - and the North Vietnamese kept him alive
for five years. - Then he came back to America - and
his own people ~~had~~ killed him."

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WASHINGTON

The chairman of the President's oil policy committee - was attempting today to reassure American motorists. William Simon saying: "We are not considering gasoline rationing at the present time; - and any reports that the government has printed rationing stamps or cards is not true."

Director Duke Ligon of the Department of Interior office of oil and gas ^{was} ~~also~~ discussing the same subject, saying that various plans are under consideration - including possible mandatory ~~allocations~~ allocations of gasoline to independent dealers. But he stressed that "these plans - do not include rationing at the consumer level."

UNITED NATIONS

At the ~~United Nations - the~~ publication of another statistical year book; including the latest figures on longevity and population around the globe.

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~~This year's~~ ^{The} study noting, ~~for example,~~ that men live ~~longest~~ longest in Sweden - where ~~male~~ ^{male} life expectancy is ~~usually~~ nearly seventy-two years; while women live longest in Norway - ~~where female~~ ~~life expectancy is usually~~ seventy-seven years. Here in the U S by contrast - seventy-one-point-one years for both men and women.

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The U N guide also lists Portuguese Macao off the Chinese coast - as the most ~~heavily~~ heavily populated place on earth. More than eighty-one thousand persons - per square mile. ~~At the~~ At the reverse end of the scale - Botswana, Libya, Mauritania and Mongolia except for a few cities - said to have a ~~no~~ population density of "nearly zero" per square mile." ~~For all~~ ^{Almost} ~~practical purposes~~ a no-man's land.
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ROME FOLLOW WASHINGTON

A nationwide gasoline shortage - was also topic A today in Italy. The Rome based federation of gasoline station operators - accusing major oil companies of deliberating with-holding deliveries. This - it was said - in ~~the~~ hopes that the Italian government will soon authorize a new price increase.

And what is ~~By the way~~ the present price of gas in Italy? - a buck-ten a gallon! of which taxes alone take about ~~totalling nearly~~ eighty cents! Bill, would you say: - Au rivaderci ~~accidenti!~~ ~~Report~~

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FOURTH

~~Clear across the country~~ - Americans
by the ^{tens of} ~~millions and millions~~ ^{the score of millions} ~~are getting ready tonight~~ ^{all set}
to celebrate the nation's one-hundredth-and ~~so~~-ninety-
seventh birthday; and more than that the first Fourth
of July at peace - in more than a decade; ~~and~~
an occasion calling for ~~give~~ fireworks, parades,
patriotic speeches, festivals, concerts, regattas -
the whole shebang.

~~It's also a good~~ ^a ~~time~~ time for family and
friends to get together. ~~For example,~~ Comedian
Bob Hope ^{is} flying some fifty of his Cleveland relatives -
out to California ~~in~~ for a real old-fashioned fourth.
Here's hoping yours is the same. ^{And} s-l-u-t-m.