

August 3, 1972 Thursday

SENATE

Ratification in Washington. The Senate finally approving tonight - by an overwhelming vote - the first half of that Salt agreement that President Nixon hammered out in Moscow last May; a pact limiting the deployment - of both Russian and American anti-ballistic missiles.

Still to come - a companion pact; providing for a five year freeze on the deployment of both Russian and American offensive missiles. Because of a last minute hassle though - the Senate putting that off at least till Monday.

PARIS

Paris again - another regular Thursday peace session today; following by two days - secret talks between Henry Kissinger and Hanoi's Le Duc Tho. To all ~~the~~ appearances though - no change.

William Porter for the U S - again urging acceptances of President Nixon's May eighth peace proposal. ~~But~~ The Communist side calling the President's offer - unreasonable and ~~unrealistic~~ unrealistic. And therefore "unacceptable."

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Urging instead the formation of a coalition government in Saigon - to pave the way for a cease fire. Whereupon Porter observing that the Communist position, ~~quote~~ "seems more remote than ever from political and military reality."

QUANG TRI

Two columns of South Vietnamese marines today attempted to by-pass that last remaining Communist stronghold at Quang Tri City. The marines circling Quang Tri - in an effort to drive enemy support troops back across the River; the western boundary of Quang Tri and up to now - the cut off point for U S air support.

However, a U S advisor is quoted as saying: "The battle is far from over." Adding that the enemy's real objective is still the ancient Imperial capital of Hue some thirty miles to the south. Despite heavy losses - he continued - "the enemy still has the capability of launching an attack against Hue."

UPPER MARLBOROUGH

In the trial of Arthur Bremer at Upper Marlborough, Maryland - excerpts from the defendant's diary were read into the record today; excerpts telling of an attempt to assassinate President Nixon - during a state visit to Canada last April. Bremer's efforts though were thwarted - time and again. At one point Bremer writing: "I had a good view as he went past me, past me for the sixth time - and still alive." At another point Bremer writing: "I didn't want to get killed or imprisoned in an unsuccessful attempt - couldn't afford that."

BIG SUR

*In the rugged Big Sur country in California -
diminished winds and higher humidity today; with an army
of fire fighters augmented by local hippies - finally
gaining some in their battle against a raging forest fire.*

*A spokesman for the U S Forest Service saying: The fire
looks better today.*

*Better or no though - the blaze has already
consumed more than thirty-seven hundred acres; and no
end - yet in sight.*

ISLAY

*As of Midnight tonight, London time -
a state of national emergency in Britain. The result -
of a nationwide dock tie up. So ordered by Queen
Elizabeth who signed the necessary papers, ^{— doing it} ~~personally~~,
aboard the Royal Yacht Britannia, off the island of
Islay, ~~in~~ western Scotland. The Queen interrupting
briefly a family sea-going vacation.*

*The British government later pledging
nevertheless, to go slow. Home Secretary Robert
Carr assuring parliament "unequivocally" - that no
special powers will be used unless really necessary.
And - that applies particularly to the use of troops"
said he.*

NORTHERN IRELAND

In ~~the~~ Northern Ireland - three more deaths by violence today; with a young I R A terrorist - felled by British troopers in Belfast; also a British army explosives expert - falling victim to a booby-trapped bomb near Claudy; and a Claudy housewife, ~~Catholte and the~~ mother of eight succumbing to injuries suffered in a previous bomb blast.

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Back in London - the British government was announcing plans for a plebiscite; to determine whether the residents of northern Ireland wish to remain a part of the United Kingdom - or join the Irish Republic. Northern Ireland's secretary - William Whitelaw adding that this will be done - "as soon as it reasonably can be ~~done~~ done."

TOKYO

*From the new Foreign Minister of Japan -
in office less than a month - a major policy speech
today. Mas'ayoshi Oshira pledging that Japan will
take "bold frank" steps - in order to establish
normal ~~step~~ diplomatic relations with Red China'
will do so - said he - even if it means a break with
nationalist China. The Japan broadcasting company *today*
was also predicting ~~today~~ the possibility of a summit
meeting soon between Japan and Red China; saying
that Japan's Prime Minister Tanaka will probably
go to Peking some time in late September or early
October - although on that as yet - no official
confirmation.*

DETROIT

At Detroit - the two young children of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hardaway - in the care of a baby sitter, their aunt, when suddenly a trio of men - breaking down the Hardaways front door; removing the children from their bed - and carrying the bed away.

Yes - a repossession. One of the men - a court bailiff. They made one mistake though. They picked the wrong house. The company responsible - finally admitting its error two weeks later. Apologizing to one and all. But too late. The Hardaways now suing for damages in the amount of one million bucks. Warren, how's that for a bedtime story?

OKLAHOMA CITY

From Oklahoma City - the story of a sixty year old ex-rodeo star - one Gene Phillips; through injury and illness, blind for nearly sixteen years; also, suffering a fractured hip a few months ago - which meant he had to give up his guide dog - while convalescing at home this week - accidentally stumbling and falling off his front porch; landing on a stick that punctured his back - and slamming his head against the ground; whereupon - back to the hospital.

That's the bad news. Now the good news. On waking up in the hospital - Lo and behold! Gene Phillips discovered he could see again. His doctors saying the fall had apparently jarred a membrane - previously blocking the optic nerve in one eye. In the words of Gene said he: It was a miracle. And "it had to come from the lord."