

Thursday, April 5, 1973
Salt Lake City, Utah

WOUNDED KNEE

**After thirty-seven days of armed confrontation -
the seige at Wounded Knee has finally ended. Assistant
Attorney General Frizzell reaching an agreement today
with Militant Indian Leaders.**

SAN CLEMENTE

On another front - the President with Interior Secretary Rogers Morton. The President later quoted as urging the speedy passage of legislation - to permit the construction of that controversial trans-Alaska Oil Pipeline.

Rogers adding on his own: "The U.S. is faced with a serious imbalance between domestic energy supply and demand." And he continued: "I am fully convinced that it is in our national interest to get as much Alaska oil as possible - delivered to the U.S. market as soon as possible!"

WASHINGTON

President Nixon versus "the big spenders" - Round Two

The President vetoing today - a second major spending bill.

This one - intended to provide three hundred million water and sewer programs. The President explaining why he now said no. This in a message relayed from San Clemente.

The new bill - said he - is one that would amount to "Double taxation" - one that "undercuts" local communities and that further smacks of "pork barrel" politics. Approval of such a bill - he continued - "would be a disservice to the tax payer of this country - which I am not prepared to accept." The President adding that this is "especially" true - "at a time when we are earnestly seeking to hold the line on Federal spending."

The President also urging Congress to sustain his latest veto just as it did in reconsidering a vocational rehabilitation bill earlier this week. Not to do so - said he - "would represent a dangerous crack in the fiscal dam

**that this administration' has constructed - to hold back a
further flood of inflation or higher taxes or both."**

MEAT

In the first day of a nationwide meat boycott - with meat sales off as much as seventy per cent - a break at last. Two Eastern Sea Board food chains today announcing across the board cuts in meat prices. At Grand Union stores a cut of at least ten cents a pound. At Big G Stores - up to forty cents a pound. Grand Union President Charles Rodman saying: "Some type of merchandising action had to be taken - to get normalcy back." Whatever that is.

Reverse side - the latest wholesale price index - announced today; ~~showing~~ shows an increase of more than two per cent in March - the biggest one-month increase in twenty-two years. The President's top economic advisor - calling this "disappointing news." The Western Whitehouse responding by saying: "We have a problem. It is not solved yet." And adding, in effect: "We're working on it."

TALLAHASSEE

The Florida State Legislature - in session at Tallahassee was hit by an attack of FITs; meaning a group of women - from the local chapter of Fight Inflation Together. The FITs supplying the Florida Legislators - with a ^{lunch} ~~break~~ consisting of hundreds of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and attached to each sandwich this brief poem:

"It's time that buyers were given a break,

"That's why it's peanut butter instead of steak.

"The only question, then, is whether

"You'll help us to fight inflation together."

ARLINGTON

South Vietnam's Vice President Thieu paid a call today - at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. The Saigon leader laying there a wreath of red roses and yellow lilies - representing South Vietnam's national colors.

Thieu then driving to Blair House - where he conferred for an hour with Spiro Agnew. The Vice President later saying of Thieu: "I think he is a tremendous leader - and has done a wonderful job." Adding: "I don't think his critics on Capitol Hill - are as critical now as they have been before!"

Next - an address before the National Press Club.

Thieu noting that some Americans "were skeptical or even questioned the wisdom of the American involvement in Vietnam - and quite often were critical of our shortcomings." But "the truth remains" - said he - "that you came to help us in time of danger - you kept your word to a small nation even when the going was rough - and you kept it till the day an acceptable arrangement could be found - to terminate the war."

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Thieu adding: "I can assure you of one thing - never, never will I ask the American troops to come back to Viet Nam.

MEMPHIS

Torture stories from returned POW's - continued

to pour in today. From Memphis comes one with an added twist. Navy Captain William Laurence - a former Senior POW officer - telling of, quote, "One of the most courageous men I have ever known." This a fellow returned prisoner - Lietenant Commander Dale Doss of Birmingham, Alabama, whom he called "a key man, a tough resitor."

"Back in Sixty-Eight and Sixty-Nine - when conditions were perhaps the worst" - said Captain Laurence - "Dale Doss was in solitary confinement. At one point, he was put on a stool and not allowed - to sleep - deprived of the opportunity to bathe and do other things necessary for life. This for a total of fifteen days." Captain Laurence going on to say: "He never broke and was an inspiration to us all." His only reason for telling all this - said the Captain - because Commander Doss would be ^{too} shy to tell about himself."

And then - from Commander Doss - a brief post

*script telling how later he was tortured again and again -
in an effort to get him to sign a statement saying he had
received good treatment. And he added matter of factly:
"I thought that was kind of ludicrous."*

AID FOLLOW MEMPHIS

Back in Washington - the Senate today approved a bill banning U.S. aid for the reconstruction of North Vietnam; banning such aid - that is unless expressly approved by Congress. The measure passing by a resounding vote of eighty-eight to three.

GANGTOK

An ugly turn of events - is reported today from Gangtok in the Indian Protectorate of Sikkim. Crown Prince Tenzing encountering a menacing mob near the royal palace. Whipped out a pistol and either killed or seriously wounded three person. When News of the incident - spread bands of insurgents - quickly captured at least six police stations. They also, forced King Palden Thondup Namgyal - the Chogyal, and his American wife Hope Cook - and the rest of the Royal family, to take refuge in their palace. Indian news agenciessay the Sikkimese administration has all but collapsed.

King Palden Thondup Namgyal has called for armed assistance from India. And troops from a nearby Indian Border Garrison are racing to the rescue.

OXFORD

The scene: A gay birthday party - at Oxford, England. Seven year old Simon Smith - playing with friends in the garden of his home; when somehow - somehow he slipped and fell into a rose bush. As he screamed - one of the branches entered his mouth. A number of thorns - piercing the inside of his throat. And nine days later - he was dead.

An autopsy now disclosing blood clots - in the brain and several arteries. The local coroner ruling that little Simon - was the victim of "a million to one chance." He was literally stabbed to death - by a rose bush.

SAN FRANCISCO

Although "an apple a day may keep the doctor away" - we hear that America's favorite fruit is not the apple. What is it? Why the banana. This - according to San Francisco banana impresario Donald Kirchoff; who says that the average American now consumes - about eighteen pounds of bananas a year. He also tells of "major technical advances in the growing and marketing of the fruit." The banana actually selling today - we are told - at Nineteen-Forty-Eight prices. Bill, will this news drive apple growers "bananas?"

PARIS

Famed fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent is once again the darling of Paris. His latest collection of winter ready to wears drawing rave reviews today. St. Laurent stressing hip length parkas and cape - with high collar that muffled his models right up to the eyebrows. He also featured so-called "fanny sweaters" - the same as most of his competitors; with his said to be the best of all!

Why? Because of the addition of wide horizontal stripes we are told. An American fashion expert adding that St. Laurent's "fanny sweaters" were so tight "they fit like adhesive tape."