

BALTIMORE

Fri. Jan 3-74.

Baltimore; Bethlehem Steel today announced the start of construction - on what will soon be the largest blast furnace in the western hemisphere.

Why now? Because - says Bethlehem chairman Lewis Foy - "we are optimistic about the steel industry's prospects - and about the basic strength of the ~~USA~~ nation's economy."

Meanwhile, the unemployment rate is up again - at a thirteen year high, ^{with} George Meany and others ~~are~~ calling for "immediate government action" to deal with the problem.

White House ~~spk~~ spokesman Ron Nessen says "the country must expect further increases in unemployment - during the period immediately ahead." "The President is concerned," said he, but "his economic program now being developed will be aimed at restoring the health and ~~and~~ stability of the ^{nation's} economy."

WHITE HOUSE

~~The White House again~~ President Ford today signed into law - the new trade reform bill that Congress took nearly two years to pass. The President saying he had "reservations - about the wisdom" of certain portions of the bill; ^{This} an apparent reference to the clause demanding an easing of Soviet immigration policy - in return for most favored nation ~~as~~ trade status.

However, added the President: ~~The President adding, however,~~ "this is the most significant trade legislation, - since the beginning of the trade agreements programs four decades ago." Further ~~saying~~ ^{that}: "it demonstrates our commitment to an open world, economic order, and interdependence -- as essential conditions of mutual economic help."

C I A FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

The President also met separately today with Secretary of State Kissinger, Defense Secretary Schlesinger and C I A Director William Colby; discussing with each recent charges that the C I A had engaged in domestic ~~and~~ spying. Spokesman Nessen saying "the President wants to establish the facts" but will speak out on the matter by Wednesday of next week.

WALTER REED

Although Supreme Court Justice Douglas is still at Walter Reed his doctors say he appears to be recovering from the stroke he had New Year's Eve.

SAMASTIPUR

At Samastipur railway station in northern India, ^{at} the dedication of a new rail line, ~~which~~ suddenly a bomb went off; ~~The terrorist blast~~ injuring some twenty persons, ^{including} ~~among them~~ India's Railway Minister Lalit Narayan Mishra and a young railway clerk - both of whom died today of their wounds. ^{This cabinet minister's} ~~Mishra's~~ death - the first high level political killing in India - since the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi fourteen years ago. ^{at} ~~And~~ an emergency cabinet meeting, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi ^{said:-} ~~later saying~~ "The forces of disruption which have come to the fore lately" in India, "have spread hatred and indirectly encouraged violence." ~~And she added:~~ "It is this atmosphere" ^{said she} ~~which~~ "which is responsible for this dastardly crime."

MIDDLE EAST

In the Middle East - a fourth straight day of violence; with Israeli and Lebanese gunners - again ~~engaged~~ in a long range artillery deal.

Israel later reporting one ~~officer~~ officer dead and seven soldiers wounded; the largest number of Israeli military casualties - in more than seven months of ^{spasmodic} ~~periodic~~ border fighting.

Disney World.

According to the Department of Commerce ~~in~~
~~Washington~~ the number one attraction for travelers in
this country is the Golden Gate Bridge -- ~~that is~~ man-
made attraction. Among natural wonders ~~is~~ the Grand
Canyon, ^{I assume is} ~~would be~~, at the top of the ^{of} list.

The United Press lists other man-made wonders
as Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills, the Astrodome in
Houston, the Statue of Liberty, Hoover Dam, Disney World
in Florida; and that spectacular ^{new} steel gateway arch in
St. Louis. ¶ One of the last things in which Walt Disney
was personally involved was an incredible show I've just
seen, at Disney World, ~~it's a trip~~ ^{by} boat, underground,
for a visit to a series of pirate caves. ¶ This

^{week} I was lucky enough to be in Miami for the Orange
Bowl extravaganza. I was with an Alabama celebrity,
Dr. Alston Callahan, and there ~~was~~ ^{along with} us were ~~at~~ the heads
of the University of Alabama, Governor Wallace, of course

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and so on. What a show that Orange Bowl game! And of
~~course~~ what a dramatic victory for ^{the} Notre Dame, ~~the Irish~~
team and its coach! But, ^{when you visit} ~~if you ever get to~~ Florida
don't miss the Walt Disney masterpiece, ^{by boat} ~~the trip~~, to those
pirate caves.

MISSISSIPPI

*The first big snowstorm of the winter today
dropped some eight inches of snow - on Nebraska,
Iowa, and Illinois, then proceeded north into Canada.
Freezing rain, sleet and ~~ice~~ snow are predicted from
Pennsylvania on into New England.*

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SANTA ANA

At Santa Ana, California a near disastrous ending to the Malcolm Forbes ambitious balloon adventure. The Forbes balloon breaking loose from its moorings during preparations for an attempted launch. Instead of soaring aloft, dragging along the ground - the gondola bearing Forbes and his young associate, Tom Heinsheimer.

Both might have been badly injured - except for launch director J. Pierre Ponerau - who raced forward and unhooked the pressurized sphere. Limping a little but otherwise unhurt - Forbes later saying: "Pierre saved our lives." And, that he'll try again in about a month."

GOODELL

*The latest on the amnesty front - from
Presidential clemency board chairman Charles Goodell;
who announced today the President has just acted -
on forty-seven additional applications for ~~amnesty~~
clemency; granting twelve unconditional pardons -
and thirty ^(pardons) five conditioned on alternate service.*

*Goodell adding that "this marks the first
granting of "clemency to military personnel - including
three outright pardons without alternate service."*