

Tues. Aug. 21 '73.

In Washington- Spiro Agnew speaks out - again. The Vice President making his second public statement in less than ten days -- dealing with an *alleged* ~~Murder~~ Maryland kick-back scandal. This in response to a Time magazine article - saying a Grand Jury may have no choice but to indict him." Said remark - attributed to un-named Justice Department officials.

"I can only assume from this" - said Spiro Agnew - "that some Justice Department officials have decided to indict me in the press - whether or not the evidence supports their position."

He, therefore, called for Attorney General Elliott Richardson - to investigate the sources of such news leaks and then ~~to~~ take appropriate action -- to end them once and for all.

The Vice President going on to say: "It is through proper investigation of all ~~facts~~ the facts -

that the truth will emerge - not through trial by headlines - or by hearing only part of the story."

And he added: "I am confident that the orderly processes of justice - will result in my complete vindication."

This time
~~Unlike before though~~ - the Vice President refusing to take any questions. - By allowing "such a free-wheeling discussion," he told newsmen, - "I would be engaging in ~~so~~ the very same ~~tactic~~ tactics that I called you here to criticize."

JU STICE FOLLOW SPIRO AGNEW

And now the latest: Attorney General

**Richardson saying ~~that he~~ shares the Vice President's
concern - about unfair and inaccurate ~~public~~ publicity.**

**Also pledging to investigate "any possible leads -
implicating the Department of Justice."**

SAN CLEMENTE

*At the western White House - San Clemente -
an admission today that President Nixon has faced
extreme pressures the past few months = this - in
response to reporter's questions. Deputy Press Secretary
Gerald Warren ^{saying} ~~stressed, however,~~ the President's mood
is "good". Adding: "There is no question in the
President's mind, in the mind's ~~of~~ of those around
the President - that he is not only capable of performing
the duties of his office - but is doing so."*

LOS ANGELES HATTIESBURG

Meanwhile, the evidence of a Watergate backlash continues to mount. In Los Angeles - the formation of a volunteer group - under the auspices of a country ^{wide} Republican ~~Group~~ Central Committee. It's assigned ^{to} task - ~~that of~~ monitoring and reporting on the fairness of news-casters. A spokesman saying: "What we are trying to identify and stop - is the blatantly one-sided news-caster or communicator who is anti-Nixon and who let's his bias show."

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In Hattiesburg, Mississippi - an appeal today from the General Manager of a local TV station; an appeal for an end to live coverage - of the Senate Watergate hearings. ~~Marvin~~ Marvin Reuben of W D A M TV saying: "Past ~~coverage~~ coverage, though painful - has been useful; but further coverage - would be unnecessary and damaging to the country." Adding that "the Watergate wound - has been filled and overfilled with salt."

EARTH ORBIT

High above the earth - the Sky Lab Two astronauts were again "shooting the sun" today.

Along the way, discovering a huge "bubble" - in the sun's corona or outer atmosphere; a bubble said to be about three fourths as big - as the sun itself.

This apparently the result - of an explosion or solar flare on the ~~the~~ back side of the sun. According to space officials - ~~one~~["]of the most interesting and ~~most~~ dynamic event yet viewed by the Sky Lab Two astronauts."

YOSEMITE

An additional six hundred fire fighters from Alaska and ~~Canada~~ east of the Mississippi - were summoned today to the western U S; there joining nearly ten thousand men - ~~is~~ fighting forest fires now raging in five western states.

One of the worst of these - in California; a fifteen thousand acre blaze - near the border of Yosemite National Park. A pilot who flew over the flames - saying: "It looks like the whole world is on fire."

A new blaze has also broken out - in the Pine Creek region North of Boise, Idaho; in less than twenty-four hours - consuming about two thousand acres of woodland. Officials adding that this one - could have been caused by ~~an~~ arson.

WASHINGTON

Washington again - a rare press conference today - called by the Cambodian ambassador to the U S. Um Sim reading an open letter - "to the Congress and the people of the United States;" a letter appealing for continued - U S economic and military support.

The Ambassador was then asked his reaction - to the U S bombing halt in Cambodia. "We do not feel that we have been betrayed - said he. Adding, however: "We feel that we have been abandoned.

The chairman of the U S Joint Chiefs of Staff - was also discussing the bombing halt, ~~today~~. Admiral Thomas Moorer saying flatly: "It was a mistake to stop the bombing/" Adding that the bombing halt might place in jeopardy - the "final outcome" of the Southeast Asian war."

DETROIT

As promised, the United Auto Workers today selected their prime target -- in on going contract talks. The U A W picking Chrysler - as the firm it intends to zero-in on ^{this time.} Adding that Chrysler will have to settle or face a strike - as of September fourteenth, [^] less than a month away.

STOCKHOLM

King Gustav the sixth ~~Adolph~~ of Sweden -
age ninety - was operated on today for a bleeding ulcer.
Doctors removing - about half his stomach. The King's
condition - then listed as "serious." Doctors adding,
however, that he rallied late in the day - after being
placed in a respirator. The King's daughter - ~~Queen~~
Queen Ingrid of Denmark telling newsmen "there is
some progress."

NEW DELHI

Less than a week ago in India - a series of nationwide celebrations marking twenty six years of independence. Now that the celebrating is past ^{there is} a rising tide of discontent. President V. V. Giri saying ~~that~~ "divisions are taking place - that are ruining the country." The moderate Times-of-India adding that "everywhere - there are signs of strife and unrest." Also saying: "Everyone seems hell-bent on getting as much and giving as little as possible; on contriving shortages and disrupting production - and finding easy substitutes for honest and hard work."

But the biggest ~~poor~~ problem of all - is, of course, ^{the same old} ~~the same old~~ all-consuming poverty; with most of the blame - ~~fallen~~ falling on Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi; especially for telling the Indians in an independence day speech - they will have to tighten their belts." ~~Answer~~ A Western news man

observing: "At a time when almost half of all
Indians live below the poverty line - this was like
telling a blind man to stop ogling the girls."

COZUMEL

Those five men and six women who sailed across the Atlantic on the raft Acali - have now been taken to a motel at ^{The island of} Cozumel, ^{(off Yucatan,} ~~Mexico~~; there undergoing medical tests - and "debriefing" by a team of medical and ~~some~~ psychiatric experts. The leader of the expedition - Mexican anthropologist Santiago Genoves -- so far the only one allowed to speak to the press. Dr. Genoves citing sex as the most pressing problem - during the entire fourteen week crossing." "We have passed some difficult human situations" - Dr. Genoves went on; "we have had our ups and downs - but we are all alive - no blows were exchanged. ^{Bill -} He added though "the problems that can arise between six females and five males [—] a priest among them ^{— all} in ~~one~~ ^{small} ~~tiny~~ cabin, with no head room - should not be under-estimated."

BURLINGTON

~~Today's most quotable quote comes from~~ ^{Here's one}

Senator Aiken of Vermont. This at the dedication of a new Burlington maple syrup research center - on the occasion of his eighty-first birthday. Senator Aiken saying: "Our maple trees, for the most part - have quit work and gone on welfare." Adding: "I don't see much sense in feeding a sugar maple tree from fifty to one hundred years - just so it can wind up in a Japanese bowling alley."