

Thursday, April 24, 1975

**STOCKHOLM**

*A tense life-and-death drama was being played out today - in the West German Embassy in Stockholm. A band of left-wing German guerillas - seizing the Embassy along with twelve hostages; in the process, shooting and fatally wounding - a German military attache; then demanding the release of twenty-six anarchists - currently held in German jails; also, demanding a Boeing Seven-Oh-Seven - and Half-a-Million in cash. If they don't get all this - say the guerillas - they plan to shoot one hostage every hour*

**ADD STOCKHOLM**

**And the latest: The West German government telling the guerillas--no deal. Observers adding that the sound of gunfire was then heard--within the Embassy.**

SAIGON

In Vietnam - another attempt today to form a new Saigon government; one whose sole duty, it seems - will be that of negotiating a surrender. The Communists, meanwhile, <sup>were</sup> halting their advance on Saigon - apparently confident that total victory is now <sup>theirs,</sup> ~~at hand~~

CAPITOL HILL - WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW SAIGON

Here on our own shores - House and Senate

conferences today succeeded in reconciling - their differing

Vietnam aid bills. And, for the record perhaps - President

Ford <sup>was</sup> again pressing for additional military aid <sup>for</sup> Vietnam.

<sup>Also,</sup> the White House <sup>was</sup> again stressing <sup>that</sup> the war is

"finished as far as America concerned." Spokesman

Ron Nessen saying there are merely a few matters ~~that~~

<sup>to</sup> ~~must~~ be cleaned up, such as "stabilizing the situation" to

help bring about a cease-fire, - "evacuating Americans -

and evacuating those South Vietnamese to whom America

feels a special obligation."

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**MANILA**

**The latest stop for Treasury Secretary William Simon, on his global tour - the City of Manila; where he met today - with economic and financial officials from forty Asian nations.**

**Simon attempting to calm fears -that the U.S. might be planning to abandon its Asian commitments.**

~~"There will be no change in the fundamental direction of American policy - there will be no American withdrawal from this vast region"~~ **Said he: ~~Adding:~~ "The United States, as a nation of the Pacific as well as the Atlantic, must and will remain actively involved - in the problems and development of Asia."**

**TEHRAN**

**In the Middle East - Egypt's Anwar Sadat was meeting today with the Shah of Iran - in Tehran; there endorsing a Soviet offer - to guarantee the existence of all Middle East states; but ~~he says as the Soviets~~, adding that first - "Israel must withdraw from all occupied Arab territories."**

TEL AVIV FOLLOW TEHRAN

*also*

~~Reverse side~~ a warning today from Israeli

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin - that the Arabs may be

planning another attack. "It is hard for me to believe" -

said he - that the current meetings of Arab leaders -

"were called to propose new initiatives for peace."

MOSCOW

Russia's Anatoly Karpov today was officially designated the new world chess champion <sup>This</sup> - at a gala ceremony in Moscow. But Karpov's luster <sup>is</sup> somewhat dimmed - by the fact that Bobby Fischer's name kept popping up in all the speeches. Karpov, ~~as you know~~, the winner by default because so far - Fischer ~~has been~~ refusing to play. Karpov

~~For what it's worth though - the new champ~~  
again suggesting that he and Fischer may yet meet; ~~in a~~  
~~brief acceptance speech, saying he has "firmly decided~~ 2  
~~to continue playing at home and abroad."~~



SENATE

Here's one - a warning today that cities throughout the world - may one day face the threat of nuclear blackmail. This according to Dr. Fred Ikle, Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency - in testimony before a Senate panel. Dr. Ikle urging tighter control over the export of nuclear fuel - on the grounds that "a state or group with access to highly enriched uranium - could make a bomb;" and ~~then theoretically~~ could use it - to extort vast sums of money.

~~Dr. Ikle adding that~~ such a bomb might be ~~relatively~~ "inefficient" - <sup>Even so the</sup> ~~due to a lack of "expertise."~~ ~~But~~ its results ~~said he~~ - "could still be catastrophic" - and, ~~indeed~~ <sup>even</sup> "change the world."

**SAN FRANCISCO**

The U. S. Mint at San Francisco was turning out today - the nation's first coins commemorating America's Two Hundredth Birthday.

## WASHINGTON

*Washington again - a report today on some of the gifts that U.S. and Russian spacemen will exchange - when they rendezvous in space in July. These to include plaques, medallions, letters, flags and a few personal items - as well as seeds from U.S. and Russian pine trees, which will later be planted here on earth. The pine cone perhaps to take a place beside the dove and the olive branch - as a worldwide symbol of peace and goodwill.*

## OCEAN SHORES

At Ocean Shores, Washington - final preparations are now underway for celebrating another so-called "Undiscovery Day." This coming Saturday marking the One Hundred and Eighty-Third Anniversary of the fateful evening - when the great English navigator, Captain George Vancouver, sailed right by what is now Ocean Shores. He was asleep at the time.

By the way, this year's celebration - to include the usual speechmaking, feasting and toasting. But the highlight to come at midnight Saturday - we are told - when those of the celebrants who can will walk to the beach - face seaward - and shout in unison: "Hey, George."

As I say, for PBS <sup>News</sup> this is LT -  
and s-l-u-t-m.