

Wednesday, October 29, 1975
Salt Lake City, Utah

PRESIDENT

President Ford's speech today on New York City - in effect, a continuation of his "get tough" policy - and then some. The President pledging to veto any bill - aimed at saving the city from insolvency. This on the grounds that New York officials over the past decade - have compiled an unparalleled record of fiscal irresponsibility; and a Federal bail-out now - would make it unlikely the city's budget would ever be balanced.

The President also saying he's still convinced - default can be avoided; nevertheless, urging the passage of new bankruptcy legislation to place the city under control of the Federal courts, if necessary to assure the continuation "of police, fire and other essential services" - and give the city "some breathing room." Anything more - he continued - would set "a terrible precedent" that could snowball across the nation. And if that happens - he asks - "who will bail out the United States of America?"

*The President later flying to Los Angeles - for a
Republican fund raising dinner; also, to visit San Francisco
and Milwaukee - before returning to the White House on
Friday. And now...*

UNITED NATIONS

*From Egypt's Anwar Sadat - at the UN today
called for an immediate resumption of the Geneva Middle
East Peace Conference. Sadat saying there now exists - "a
unique opportunity for peace;" one which has never before
presented itself - since the beginning of hostilities." He
again insisted though: "There can be no peace in the region
- without a political settlement of the Palestine problem."*

BEIRUT

The streets of Beirut - were turned into a vast battleground today. Police reporting fierce fighting nearly everywhere in that beautiful city, the Paris of the Levant. Moslem and Christian militamen - again blasting away with rockets, mortars and machine guns.

In the midst of the fighting, security forces in armoured cars were racing through the Moslem lines; evacuating some two hundred people who were trapped in a hotel; and just in time. The building hit by a mortar shell a few minutes later - went up in flame. A police spokesman saying: "If we had waited another day - they might all have been dead."

CORDOBA

Argentine terrorists struck again today in Cordoba province - shooting and killing an official of the local Fiat Plant. Police also found the bodies of two men and a woman - shot to death and dumped in a field near Bahia Blanca, south of Buenos Aires.

MADRID

In Madrid - Franco continues to cling to life - just barely. Government sources saying Generalissimo is sinking gradually with death inevitable. However, one doctor refuses to give up hope, saying on leaving Franco: "God has been in this room many times - and, perhaps, he will return."

SENATE

General Lew Allen, chief of the National Security Agency today told a Senate committee of a secret "watch list" - of sixteen hundred and fifty Americans and three thousand foreigners; all subject to electronic eaves dropping - during the Vietnam War; suspected drug traffickers, terrorists and anti-war activists and travellers to Cuba and North Vietnam. He also said several large drug smuggling operations were thus uncovered - and "a major terrorist act" prevented.

SACRAMENTO

*Sacramento again - a man said to have been
Patricia Hearst's underground lover - was charged today
with taking part in a bank robbery, during which a woman
was killed. Steven Soliah - facing a possible death sentence
if convicted.*

NEWPORT

That nation wide Feminist strike called for today - apparently a flop. But a counter "Male Appreciation Day" - or Mad Day - at Newport, Rhode Island - was reported a rousing success. The ladies of Newport treating their husbands to breakfast in bed - taking their boyfriends out to lunch - and so on. Mad Day originator Freddie Fernandez, who hosts a Newport talk show - calling it a real "fun day."

And now this...

NEW YORK

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Thursday, October 20, 1966

From the New York Center for the Strange - a report today on its annual Halloween Witches Poll. The witches taking part said to have predicted, among other things: New York City will avoid default - by receiving "a massive infusion of capital from a foreign source;" that kissing is a serious threat to the Nation's health; that one of our most prominent political figures - will ask the Soviet Union for asylum; that Hubert Humphrey - will be elected President!

And now for CBS...