

Tuesday, April 3, 1973

SENATE

President Nixon scores his first major victory in the current session of Congress. This in connection with his earlier veto - of a Two-point-Six Billion-Dollar Vocational Rehabilitation Bill. The Senate voting sixty-to-thirty-six - to override the President's veto; thus failing to attain the necessary two-thirds majority.

The President's victory - spearheaded by Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott; who warned his colleagues that passage of the bill - would "bust the budget and bump taxes up." The President's win looming even more important - in that he has also pledged to veto several additional spending measures, should they pass.

Democratic reaction was perhaps best expressed by Senator Mondale of Minnesota who said: "If we can't override this veto I don't see how we're going to override any of the others."

SAN CLEMENTE

At San Clemente - ~~the wind-up of~~ ^{after} two days of talks -
~~between~~ President Nixon and South Vietnam's President
Thieu, ^{have issued} ~~followed by~~ a joint communique.

President Nixon once again warning Hanoi - to stop
infiltrating men and supplies into South Vietnam. Adding
that the U.S. "views violations of any provision of the
cease-fire agreement - with great and continuing concern."

President Nixon also pledging to continue to supply
to South Vietnam - the "material means for its defense,
consistent with the agreement ending the war." At the same
time, reaffirming his "wholehearted support - for the post-
war rehabilitation, reconstruction and development of the
Republic of Vietnam."

HANOI

How about this?
~~This next - perhaps the height of gull. At any rate,~~

A broadcast today from Radio Hanoi ^{was} accusing returned American POW's of lying about the way they were treated.

Further expressing shock that the returned prisoners -

would, quote, "actually turn against their benefactors."

Their benefactors!

Radio Hanoi also defending the conduct of U.S.

anti-war leaders - such as Jane Fonda, Tom Hayden, Cora

Weiss and Ramsey Clark. ^{They even quoted Clark} ~~The latter quoted~~ as saying: "It's

almost impossible to find in the world today - another

place where POW's are accorded better living conditions

than in Vietnam."

RICHARDSON

Here at home - Defense Secretary Elliot Richardson was testifying before a House subcommittee; ^{stating} ~~asserting~~ that U.S. bombing in Cambodia - was absolutely necessary to "encourage compliance" with the Vietnam cease-fire agreement; adding that President Nixon also has the "residual authority" - to resume the bombing in Vietnam, if he deems it necessary. "We have to keep open the possibility" - said Richardson - "that in case of flagrant violations - we might have to provide significant help."

HOUSE

Capitol Hill again - a meeting of the House Public

Works Committee; ^{today discussed} ~~taking up~~ a proposal to allow the use of

Highway Trust funds - for urban mass transit systems.

^{They} ~~taking it up~~ ^{ed} ~~and turning~~ it down flat. The committee voting

twenty-nine to eight - to keep the Highway Trust inviolate.

AUTO CLUB

From the American Automobile Association - an advisory today to motorists planning auto trips this spring and summer; an advisory telling same - they need not - repeat, need not - worry about reports of a gasoline shortage. The AAA saying: "Although occasional pinches may occur - most company dealers will have fuel supplies somewhat larger than ~~they received~~ last year."

WASHINGTON

Elsewhere in Washington - in convicted Watergate

~~bugger~~ G. Gordon Liddy - was additionally cited today for contempt of court. Judge John Sirica ordering Liddy to jail for up to eighteen months - for refusing to testify before a grand jury. This - in spite of a grant of full immunity.

MOSCOW

On the space front - the Russians launched today their second orbital space station. Salyut-Two - ~~as yet~~, unmanned. But a team of Russian cosmonauts ^{is} ~~is~~ expected to join it shortly.

You may recall, Russia's Salyut-One - entering orbit more than two years ago. The three cosmonauts who later manned it - spending ^t ~~ing~~ a record twenty-four days in space; only to die in a depressurization accident - on their return to earth.

Today's Russian launch ^{preceeds} ~~also beating~~ by more than a month - the scheduled launch of America's first Skylab space station.

SAN FRANCISCO

In the case of Russell Magee - who was once a co-defendant of Angela Davis - a hung jury today at San Francisco. This in connection with murder and kidnapping charges ↗ filed in the wake of that San Rafael Courthouse gun battle of two years ago.

Magee's victory-if such it can be called - was only short-lived though. Officials swiftly returning him to San Quentin Prison - where he was already serving a life sentence.

MONTZ

The rain-swollen Mississippi River was spread out today - over seven million acres of choice bottomland in seven states. Officials calling this - perhaps the worst flood in a generation. It also sounded the death knell today - for Montz, Louisiana, twenty-five miles upriver from New Orleans. The town's twenty-five families ^{had} ~~given their~~ ~~orders~~ to move out ^{And} Their homes ~~are~~ ^{are} to be razed [↑] to make way for a new levee.

TRIPOLI

Egypt's President Anwar Sadat was conferring in Tripoli today - with Libya's Colonel Moammar Khadafy. The purpose of Sadat's visit. - ^{This we hear} ~~we are told~~ "A continuation of efforts \nearrow towards preparation for the battle" with Israel; "and at the same time, a stepping up of efforts - towards union" between Egypt and Libya.

LONDON

Here's one - an odd case reported from London.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hawthorne filing a damage suit - in connection with an auto accident in Nineteen-Sixty-Nine.

The couple charging that Mrs. Hawthorne's brain was damaged - to the point where she walked unsteadily, was incapable of making judgements, and could not stop eating. As proof - noting that Mrs. Hawthorne had gained ^{more than} one hundred pounds since the accident; jumping from a svelte one-thirty-three - to a buxom two-thirty-eight.

And now the payoff: The Hawthornes winning their case. A High Court judge today awarding the couple - One Hundred and Fifty Thousand in damages.

OMAN

The Sultanate of Oman at the southern tip of the Arabian Peninsula ^{long ago was} ~~once~~ a world trading center. ^{As recently} ~~around~~ ^{as} ~~the time of~~ the American Revolution ^{specializing in} frankincense, ivory and pearls. Then came a decline - and with it, a steady retreat into the Middle Ages. The late Sultan Said bin Taimur of Oman - all but isolating his tiny state from the rest of the world. ^{Even} ~~Indeed~~ the wearing of ^{Western} sunglasses ~~which came from the West~~ was punishable ~~for years~~ by public flogging. The Sultan actually spying on his subjects - ^{thru} ~~by means of~~ peepholes ~~built~~ into his palace wall.

~~It~~ But times change! - and the discovery of oil in Oman ^{brought some} ~~bringing with it inevitable~~ reform; ~~The first step~~ ^{even} ~~leading to~~ the overthrow of ^{Sultan} Said bin Taimur in Nineteen - Seventy - by his British-educated son, Sheik Qabus bin Said bin Taimur. The latter promptly instituting free medical care - founding scores of new schools - building new

highways into the interior. He also rebuilt the commercial center of his capital, Matrah - complete with office buildings, hotels and a deepwater pier. Observers noting that Oman - "was like a hermit emerging from a cave."

A recent visit by a National Geographic ^{writer} ~~reporter~~ - showing just how far Oman has ^{progressed.} ~~now come~~ "There were shoppers in plastic sandals - buying flashlights, watches and cigarettes" - he reports. Also, the blare of transistor radios - and the honking of auto horns. And he adds that "a movie projection crew was setting up for one of the regular shows - that citizens now enjoy without charge;" the palace wall" - ² ~~the~~ ^{no more} peepholes! ^{Bill!} ~~no more~~ - "~~seeing as~~"

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SALT LAKE CITY

At Salt Lake City - negotiations are currently underway - between Navajo and Hopi Indian leaders. The tribal chieftains -- coming from ~~from~~ adjoining reservations in Arizona; trying to settle a long-standing ~~dispute~~ ^{feud} - over the ownership of nearly two million acres of ~~disputed~~ ^{disputed} land.

Incidentally, both sides starting out - by barring their white legal counsels from any part in the talks.

Navajo leader Peter MacDonald saying: "I would rather not have any Great White Father - looking over my shoulder!"