

Wednesday, April 24, 1974

WHITE HOUSE

Today Congress received a new five-point one billion dollar foreign aid program from President Nixon. This including an appropriation of two hundred and fifty million - for Egypt; as the President put it - to help strengthen the "forces of moderation " in the Middle East. The President adding: "The hope for a lasting solution to the Arab Israeli dispute - is stronger today than at any time in the previous quarter century."

WATERGATE

The latest on Watergate from the House Judiciary Committee, where staff lawyers are said to recommend the dropping of more than half the preliminary impeachment charges - filed against President Nixon. These including allegations dealing with the President's personal finances, illegal contributions, refusal to spend appropriated funds, and the sending of U.S. troops into Cambodia.

VINYL

From the Environment Protection Agency a rare emergency order; an order banning the sale of thousands of cans of pesticide sprays - containing vinyl chloride. EPA administrator Train saying: "The public health implications of exposure to vinyl chloride are undetermined" Adding, however, "the link between the gas and" a rare form of liver cancer - is suspected strongly enough to make it prudent to ban public use."

SENATE

*Treasury Secretary Designate William Simon -
a witness today before the Senate Finance Committee;
there saying he opposes a tax cut - on the grounds it would
only make inflation worse; adding that he plans to give
top priority - to "getting the inflation dragon back in the
cage."*

FED

Oh yes, and the Federal Reserve Board today increased its interest rate to member banks, up from seven-and-a-half to eight percent. Another attempt to stem inflation.

SAN MARCOS FOLLOW LENINGRAD

Here at home - a trio of Soviet citizens were meeting with students and faculty at Southwest Texas State University. One Mikhail Bogdanov a Leningrad University student said the Berlin Wall was a product of the cold-war - and now should be destroyed."

Discussing the fate of exiled Russian author Solzhenitsyn, Leonid Aslanov, a professor at Moscow University, said: "Solzhenitsyn is for the return of Fascism - the Soviet Union lost twenty million people fighting fascism. We do not intend to allow it to return."

F B I

The F B I today announced the discovery of two cars used last week in the San Francisco bank hold-up for which Patricia Hearst is being sought as a material witness.

The cars found abandoned in a public garage - near downtown San Francisco. The F B I saying they were rented by a woman since identified as a member of the self-styled Symbionese Liberation Army.

EVERGLADES

Another raging fire in the Everglades National Park in the past two weeks has consumed thousands of acres of drought stricken swamp land; and now threatens the tribal headquarters of the Miccosukee Indians - on the Tamiami Trail. A spokesman for the National Park Service saying: "Unless we get heavy rains the situation will be worse.

LONDON

A couple of years ago, the new Prime Minister of Malta, Don Mintoff, was all for ousting the British. That same Don Mintoff - in London today was meeting with British officials, urging them to keep their troops on Malta - for another five years - at least.

The reason? - Money. The presence of British troops puts some seventy two dollars a year into the Maltese economy, a sum Malta needs.

ENCINO

One of America's most famous comedians of yester years has passed away, at Encino, California. Bud Abbott of Abbott and Costello - a victim of cancer. Age seventy five.

At their peak Abbott and Costello earned millions - when millions were millions. After they split Lou Costello did a "single" till he died. Abbott was all but wiped out ^a by tax ruling. In recent years - living mainly on social security.

FORT LAUDERDALE

America's new kissing champions - yoga and health food buffs Louise Heath and Vinnie Toro; the winners of a so-called "kiss-athon" held today at Fort Lauderdale, Florida; still going strong when all others had parted. After ninety-six hours and thirty two minutes of non-stop smooching. First prize ^{- Bill -} ~~by the way,~~ a trip to Toronto; where ^{to} ~~among other things, they'll~~ attend a concert - by a group called appropriately "the kiss."

JOHANNESBURG

South Africa's white voters went to the polls today -
to elect a new government and with Prime Minister Vorster
attempting to gain a mandate - for a continuation of his
present apartheid policy. He's expected to win handily,
using as his campaign slogan: "You know what you've got -
you never know what you might get." ~~xxxxxxx~~
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ALBANY

In the New York State Legislature - a lobbying effort by a group calling itself the "Happiness of Womanhood;" otherwise known - as HOW. HOW members attempting to prevent the passage of legislation - aimed at providing equal rights for women. Handing out fresh-baked apple pies - along with their literature.

HOW spokesman Clair Middleton saying: "We don't want to be treated the same as men," ~~adding that~~ "the man is the head of the family - ~~but~~ the woman ~~is~~ the heart."