

Tuesday, November 23, 1971

**PRESIDENT**

*President Nixon versus the U.S. Senate - again. The President today expressing strong objections - to a Senate plan for cutting back U.S. troop strength in Europe - reducing it by sixty thousand men. The President says such a move could severely damage the American position - in "vitally important new initiatives for peace" right around the globe. This - he stated - in a letter to Chairman Stennis of the Senate Armed Services Committee. Then later today the Senate upheld the President by a vote of fifty-four to thirty-nine.*

*On another front Mr. Nixon met with Republican Congressional leaders; who later said he was giving "very serious consideration" to the possibility that he might have to veto his long-sought tax-cut bill. All because of that amendment intended to permit Federal financing of next year's President campaign. Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott - adding, on his own: "If we have to write a new bill - we may be here a long time."*

# SENATE

After two weeks of foot-dragging - a showdown vote today in the Senate Judiciary Committee; with the President's two new choices for the Supreme Court - easily winning endorsement.

In the case of Lewis Powell - a unanimous vote; *This* ~~apparently~~ clearing the way - for speedy confirmation.

In the case of William Rehnquist - a twelve-to-four vote; with opponents later pledging a floor fight. *However* ~~yet to come~~

Administration leaders expressing ~~ing~~ confidence, ~~however~~ that *maybe next week.* ~~both ~~was~~ will make it - probably early next month.~~

VIETNAM

In the fighting in Southeast Asia - "Operation Toan Thang" - meaning "total victory;" with a force of about twenty thousand Saigon troops - hitting hard at enemy sanctuaries in Cambodia, both north and west of Saigon, ~~As~~ ~~per usual, the sole~~ <sup>with</sup> U.S. involvement <sup>limited to</sup> ~~in the form of~~ air cover.

**KARACHI-NEW DELHI**

*The government of Pakistan today proclaimed a state of national emergency because of, quote - "the danger of foreign attacks." Karachi saying fighting is already in progress in four areas of East Pakistan bordering India. New Delhi still insists only Pakistani rebels are involved. Washington is urging utmost restraint - on both sides.*

VIENNA

At Vienna - another two-hour session of SALT talks today; again said to have been - "unusually intensive;" with the whole time devoted to formal discussion - and no time for chit-chat.

Indeed, the SALT delegates setting their next parley for Thursday - even though <sup>that is</sup> ~~the~~ Thanksgiving <sup>day for</sup> ~~here in the~~ <sup>Americans.</sup> ~~U.S. anyway~~ Both sides - clearly striving to meet their ~~stated~~ goal; ~~which is~~ some sort of agreement ~~on~~ <sup>4</sup> on defensive weapons, at least - before the year is out.

CAIRO

In the Middle East -- at Cairo - Egypt's President Anwar Sadat met for two hours today with a Black African peace mission; but he insisted throughout that there can be no peace - without an Israeli commitment to withdraw from all occupied Egyptian territory.

Meanwhile, at Jerusalem - the ~~Israeli~~ Parliament was meeting in emergency session; <sup>as Israeli</sup> ~~amidst~~ newspaper<sup>s</sup> reported that recent Egyptian provocations ~~could~~ lead to another full-scale war.

## CLEOPATRA

*- well nearly everybody -*  
Everybody knows about Caesar and Cleopatra <sup>and</sup> about

Marc Anthony and Cleopatra. But did you ever wonder <sup>about the</sup> ~~what~~  
the fate

~~of~~ of Cleopatra's children? Well, wonder no more.

The answers are all there - in a new book called, appropriately

"Cleopatra's Children" by Alice Curtis Desmond.

Turns out there were four children altogether. The first and always foremost - Cleopatra's eldest son Caesarion

- born of Caesar; because of his mother's ambitions though -

finally slain at seventeen by the emissaries of his ~~eminent~~

<sup>who was to rule as</sup> half-brother, the Roman Emperor Augustus Caesar. <sup>and Cleopatra's</sup> ~~and~~

<sup>second</sup> son - Alexander Helios - born of Anthony - similarly slain

during the fall of Alexandria; where his mother and father -

also met their deaths.

There still remained, however - two more of

Cleopatra's children. A boy, Ptolemy, and a girl, Selene -

both of whom were raised by Augustus Caesar's sister - who

was also Marc Anthony's ex-wife, by the way. Young Ptolemy

becoming in time - a champion chariot driver; till he was

killed in a challenge race - <sup>versus</sup> ~~with~~ a son of King Herod, once his mother's bitterest foe.

Thus it remained for beautiful Selene - to carry on in Cleopatra's footsteps; taking as her husband - <sup>an</sup> ~~Black~~ African prince named Juba, who was also raised in the Caesar household. The couple getting as a wedding gift - the <sup>North</sup> Kingdom of Mauretania; where their own son - Juba the Second - would one day foster a slave revolt against the rule of Rome.

All this and much more - carefully, graphically and dramatically presented in "Cleopatra's Children." For those who are interested in ancient Rome <sup>in</sup> ~~in~~ ancient Egypt - in one of the world's most fascinating women of all time - a truly remarkable book. - Cleopatra,



ROME

A top official of New York's Chase Manhattan Bank - one of the main speakers today at an international trade meeting in Rome. Willard Butcher noting a glaring discrepancy - "between the actual purchase value of foreign currencies and their dollar-based parities." These discrepancies - said he - calling to mind "the golfer who modestly continues to post a handicap of thirty - although his improved play entitles him to a fifteen."

Butcher also stating that President Nixon's new economic program - including wage and price controls - "goes against the American grain," to use his own words. But he added: "As the man said when asked how it feels to be eighty years old - it sure beats the alternative."

## SKINS FOLLOW PRESIDENT

Later today the President paid a surprise visit - to a practice session of the Washington Redskins - the hometown football team. He even predicted the Red Skins - who have been losing lately, will win at least three of its remaining four games.

The President adding that he bases his forecast - on the fact that the Redskins "really care"; - still have "the ingredients of spirit as he put it. And that Warren, said he - "in life, as well as sports, politics and business - is what really makes a team or a country."

**WHITE HOUSE**

*President Nixon today issued the annual Thanksgiving Day proclamation; and as usual recalled the hardship and suffering of the early Pilgrims - in their search for human freedom in a new land.*

*"But these men and women - and those of the other early settlements - prevailed".*

*"Now" - said the President, "their heritage is ours. What they dared to imagine for this land - came to pass. What they planted here - has prospered. And for this our heritage - a land rich with the bountiful blessings of God and the freedom to enjoy those rich blessings - we give thanks to God Almighty; in this time - and for all time."*