

Tuesday July 21, 1970

Washington - again - another meeting of the House -Senate Economic Committee; hearing today another glowing report - on the State of the Nation's economy. Treasury Secretary Kennedy - says inflationary pressures are receding; this - said he - in spite of the fact that we are now adjusting - from "a war-time economy to a peace-time economy". Kennedy adding: in sum "our patience is being rewarded - the orthodox policies of this administration are working."

Labor Secretary James Hodgson - also appeared before the same committee and expressed confidence there will be, hopefully, no additional significant increases in unemployment. We are told that "government policies may be starting to stem the worst inflation in two decades."

CAIRO

From Cairo <sup>comes</sup> a charge today that one of several Israeli air force pilots captured recently - was really an American citizen. This - according to Egyptian information minister Mohammed Hassenin Heikal; who refused to name the pilot in question - adding only that he had lived in Israel since Nineteen SixtySeven.

Meanwhile, Israeli jets <sup>were</sup> hitting Egyptian targets along the Suez Canal - for the sixty-first straight day. Tel Aviv later admitting though - the non-stop aerial bombardment has so far failed to achieve its major objective; ~~to end that, of course,~~ to knock ~~ing~~ out those Russian-built ground-to-air missile-bases.'

SRANG

War news from Southeast Asia - tells of  
an enemy ambush ~~today~~ in Cambodia, <sup>with</sup> Communist  
troops turning back ~~the~~ command units of a Cambodian  
force ~~is~~ attempting to retake the village of Srang;  
~~This some~~ thirty miles southwest of Phnom Penh.  
To the north and west - the Communists also <sup>were</sup> attacking  
~~today~~ Cambodia's military training center at  
Romeas.

VUNG TAU FOLLOW SRANG

On the political front ~~South Vietnam's~~

President Thieu ~~front and center today~~ at Vung Tau was <sup>saying</sup> ~~asserting that~~ he would "firmly suppress" any politicians urging the establishment of a coalition government with the Communists. Thieu ~~is~~ also warning against the acceptance of any phony cease-fire with the Communists. And he added, "if necessary, we will have to resort to ending this war - with the might of our armed forces and the strength of the rural ~~and~~ countryside."

PENTAGON

Here at home - Defense Secretary ~~Melvin~~

Laird met ~~today~~ with a delegation from Boys Nation - a  
convention

~~which is~~ currently in session in Washington. Laird

saying there is no point in second guessing at this late

date  $\approx$  L B J's decision of five years ago to escalate

the war in Vietnam. The only question now - said he -

whether the current rate of U S withdrawal from

Vietnam - is too fast or too slow. The Secretary

observing <sup>how</sup> this 'is a very significant debate - going on

right now in our nation and in our Congress."

Turning next to the Arab Israeli impasse -

he said  
~~but observing~~ the U S has no plans at present "to

involve Americans directly" in the Middle East.

But, he  
he ~~they~~ added ~~though~~ "The U S does have a responsibility

- to see that there is a proper balance "of power "in that

part of the world;" <sup>that being</sup> ~~for this to~~ our best hope ~~she said~~

~~he~~ of preventing "a major war."

LODI

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From Lodi, Italy - the story of an attempt to ~~sex~~ publicize a new book called "Love in the sexual life". The publisher sending out advertising circulars - hoping to stir up a little consumer interest; except that the whole scheme - suddenly backfired.

~~One of~~ <sup>Among</sup> those ~~who~~ <sup>ing</sup> received the circular - ~~a fellow by the name of~~ <sup>one</sup> Francesco Novello - ~~who happened~~ to be the public prosecutor in Lodi, <sup>who found it</sup> ~~Novello finding~~ the material ~~clearly~~ obscene - <sup>and ordered</sup> ~~whereupon~~ the book was confiscated throughout all of Italy.

## GULF COAST

The first hurricane of Nineteen Seventy *is*  
whipping its way up the Gulf Coast of Florida tonight.  
Hurricane Becky - ~~with~~<sup>with</sup> winds ~~α~~<sup>α</sup> up to ninety miles  
an hour. Expected to hit land - about nine o'clock  
tomorrow morning; and the target area, ~~we are told~~  
a hundred mile stretch of Florida's <sup>the</sup> pan-handle; ~~xxxxxx~~  
extending from Port St. Joe in the East - all the way  
to Fort Walton Beach in the West.

## **GAME**

Here's ~~one~~ a report that the U S has an estimated twenty million sports hunters; ~~which is~~ probably more than <sup>all</sup> the rest of the world ~~is~~ put together; And yet we still have here - believe it or not - more game than ~~there~~ is to be found today in all of Africa.

This according to Eley Denson of the Office of Endangered Species - U S Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wild Life, who gives the major credit - to government and sportsmens groups; those who have helped to rescue many American species - once threatened with extinction; among them - deer, elk, bison, antelope, wild turkey and so on. Eley Denson observing that American sportsmen have come to realize - "that an environment which cannot support wild life - cannot for ~~and~~ long support people."



KINGSTON

~~This next~~ From Queens University, at  
Kingston, Ontario; <sup>comes</sup> ~~the story of~~ a study purportedly  
showing a direct link - between atmospheric pressure  
and traffic accidents. Doctor W. R. Ghent <sup>after</sup> ~~-~~ <sup>amp</sup> ~~o~~  
compiling figures over a three month period, coming  
to the conclusion that more than three-fourths of all  
fatal and non-fatal auto crashes - ~~had~~ occurred during  
periods when the barometer ~~was~~ falling.

Why this should be so - hard to pinpoint - but  
~~said Dr. Ghent. He added, however, that~~ <sup>he says</sup> low  
atmospheric pressure <sup>4</sup> may bring changes in the  
ionization of inhaled gases "particularly oxygen and  
nitrogen." Which could cause, in turn - an adverse  
effect on bodily reactions. ~~in any event~~ <sup>Warren,</sup> the doctor  
<sup>says to</sup> ~~advises~~ motorists, <sup>"go especially</sup> ~~to go~~ slow when the pressure's  
low."

WHITE HOUSE

At the White House - a call today from Ambassador Hugo Margain of Mexico; who presented a gift to the President and Mrs. Nixon in honor of their recent thirtieth wedding anniversary. In response to which, the President observing: "You know, we are planning a trip to Mexico in early September." This coming <sup>as</sup> news to one and all - including First Lady Pat Nixon - who gasped happily. "Oh, we are?" Mr. Nixon proving that even Presidents - like to surprise the "little woman" now and then again.

The President's travel decision - prompted by the fact that he and Mrs. Nixon spent their honeymoon in Mexico. The President adding they <sup>will</sup> visit ~~this time~~ "a beautiful resort" - but not Acapulco. ~~The President explaining, "I've been there"~~