

Thursday, May 17, 1973

SUNBURY

First, a salute to W K O K - Sunbury, Pennsylvania - today celebrating its fortieth anniversary on the air. Now the news.

WATERGATE

In the Senate's ~~long~~ long awaited Watergate investigation - Act One, scene One; with a former *Youthful* Republican campaign official - holding center stage for more than four hours.

Robert Odle telling of the inner workings -- of the Committee to Re-elect the President. This including the fact that it was he - ~~who~~ who hired convicted Watergate conspirator James McCord; placing him in charge of, quote - "office security."

Odle going on to say he was utterly shocked - when he first heard of the Watergate break in. He remarked at the time - said he: "that would never happen here - because I have this fellow working for me ~~who~~ named Jim McCord; and he has this place so tight - thank God we have McCord."

Odle also told of former White House aide H R Haldemann - and former Attorney General John

Mitchell and how they played "the principal roles in recruiting key campaign figures." Following his testimony though he told reporters he had complete confidence - that President Nixon was "totally uninvolved." Odle adding: "He is the finest President we've ever had - I support this President - and I will continue to support him."

LOS ANGELES

In the search for a special Watergate prosecutor - another turn down is reported today from Los Angeles. Former Deputy Attorney General Warren Christopher - refusing to take the job; on the grounds apparently that Attorney General designate Elliott Richardson insists on retaining "ultimate authority." However, Christopher himself - saying only he was "complimented to have been considered;"
that
and the matter is now closed.

RICHARDSON FOLLOW LOS ANGELES

Now the latest: Richardson finally bowing today - to congressional demands; pledging to give the Watergate prosecutor - whoever he is - a free hand. The Attorney General saying he - "will not countermand or interfere - with the special prosecutor's decisions or actions."

HOUSTON

Regarding the flight of Skylab One - for a change, a slight improvement today. Ground Controllers at Houston in some way succeeding in jockeying the ship around a bit; thereby, keeping much of it away from the direct rays of the sun. This - leading to considerable cooling with cabin. Temperatures at last report were running from ninety to a hundred and five, fahrenheit.

Space officials also cancelled today - Sunday's scheduled launch of the Skylab's first three man crew; setting it up instead for Friday next. In the meantime, the work continuing on two giant awnings - with which they hope to shade the skylab. A spokesman saying: "With the sunshade installed; we will be able to carry out a nearly normal mission - and do most of the experiments originally planned." Sounds fantastic doesn't it?

BEIRUT

At Vienna - the first outside session in

**After three days of talks at Beirut - an agreement
today between Lebanese and Palestinian negotiators is said to
provide new conditions - for the presence of Arab guerrillas
on Lebanese soil. But we have no details on this.**

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VIENNA

At Vienna - the first working session in a preliminary conference - aimed at achieving East-West troop reductions in Central Europe. The delegates representing nineteen Nato nations - joining together today in a common proposal; urging the start of a full-dress conference - some time in the fall. This clearly an attempt to speed up the pace - following three and a half months of delay over procedural matters.

~~However~~ *However, the Warsaw pact nations - merely taking the western proposal under consideration. A Communist spokesman saying: "We are still in the process of clarification."*

SAINT NOM LA BRETICHE

In the Paris suburb of Saint Nom La Bretche Henry Kissinger met for five hours today with Hanoi's Le Duc Tho; the two attempting to achieve mutual compliance - with the original terms of the Vietnam cease fire agreement. On the surface, at least it was an amicable meeting. Newsmen noting that "everyone shook hands - and Kissinger and Le Duc Tho walked out of the villa chanting animatedly." When he was later asked how the talks went - Dr. Kissinger nodded and said: "Okay" - his only comment. They are to meet again tomorrow.

RIO BLANCO

In Western Colorado - operation Rio Blanco. The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission detonating three nuclear devices more than a mile under ground. The blast that followed - seven times more powerful than the Hiroshima atom bomb; vaporizing millions and millions of tons - of ~~ages~~ ages old sandstone rock; in the process, hopefully freeing vast deposits - of natural gas.

Up above - a brief shock wave. But a few miles away - scarcely a ripple. A police spokesman at nearby Rifle, Colorado saying: "It shook them a little bit upstairs - but it didn't budge us down on the ground level." Adding: "If it hadn't been for the radio - I wouldn't have even known the blast went off."

PINE RIDGE

A five man delegation of White House officials - met today with Sioux ~~Indian~~ leaders at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. This an attempt to resolve the issues - originally raised at nearby Wounded Knee; except that the parley had barely started when it ran into a snag.

The Indians demanding a return to the status they were granted - under an agreement signed in Eighteen Sixty-Eight; when they were ruled by tribal chiefs -- and had the power to make treaties with the U S government. The White House group maintaining, however, that only Congress - can grant such power.

MILAN

At police headquarters in Milan, Italy -
the unveiling of a bust today; in memory of Milanese
police commissioner Luigi Calabresi -- who was killed
by an unidentified gunman exactly a year ago. But
the solemnity of the occasion - was quickly shattered
by an ~~Indian~~ anarchist; one Gianfranco Bertoli - who
hurled a bomb or a hand-grenade into a crowd of
on-lookers. The resulting blast - killing at least one
woman; ~~also~~, injuring ^{5,} about thirty other ~~persons~~.
The rest of the crowd descending on Bertoli ~~and~~
virtually enmasse - beating him senseless till he
was finally rescued by police.

NEW YORK

*A delegation consisting of twenty-one
journalists from mainland ~~China~~ China - arrived today in
New York; the first stop - on a month-long ten city
tour of the U S. The Chinese newsmen - heading next ^{for}
Boston, Washington, Williamsburg, Atlanta, Macon,
Chicago, Denver, San Francisco and finally Honolulu.*

DANCE

As you may have heard, a recent ruling from the California Supreme Court - uphold^s~~ing~~ the validity of local laws banning nude dancing in Los Angeles. City and county officials - quickly launching a series of raids on so-called "bottomless" bars; ~~whereupon~~ ^{But} the bar owners ~~in question~~ ^{quickly} obtain^{ed} a temporary injunction. A Judge now ruling that the ban against nude dancers - does not legally take effect until the end of the month. [¶] The upshot of all this - well, you might call it "a going out of business ~~sale~~ sale." At any rate, the "bottomless" joints - attempting to attract as many customers as they can, before it^s ~~too late~~ ^{all ends}. Deputy City Attorney David Schachter, ^{Bill} ~~saying in the next fifteen~~ ^{says that in the remaining} days - one can expect to see signs like: "Last days of bottomless - come and get it."

WEST SENECA

In the town court at West Seneca, New York - a plea of guilty from a seventeen year old youth - accused of turning in false fire alarms; whereupon - a unique sentence. Justice Robert Kiener ordering a fire department dispatch radio installed for two weeks in the defendants home; further, ordering the youth to respond to every fire call - and remain at the local fire house until all apparatus returns. The Judge adding: "Then, you can return home and go to sleep - with one foot on the floor, ~~standing~~ waiting for the next call - the same as these firemen you called out needlessly."