

Tues, May 30th '72.

TEHRAN

For President Nixon in Tehran - ~~another big~~ ^{a warm}

welcome today, including a colorful airport ceremony -
and then a motorcade into ^{the Persian city} ~~town~~. More than half-a-million
Iranians - lining the parade route, cheering both the
President and the Shah ~~of Iran~~ - as they stood shoulder-to-
shoulder in an open-roofed car.

First stop - the Shahyad Aryamehr Monument;

which was completed just last year - to mark the Twenty-
Five Hundredth anniversary of the Persian monarchy.

Tehran's Mayor Gholam Reza Nikpay - there presenting
the President with the keys to the city. Mr. Nixon, in turn,
praising Iran's tremendous progress - under the Shah's
"enlightened leadership."

And later on - a round of official talks. The

President said to have pledged the Shah - his undiminished
moral and military support; especially as the Shah seeks
to ~~ease~~ ^{ease} tensions - in the Middle East.

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The President further pledging--at a glittering state banquet--that the U.S. will never desert its friends. "We build our policy"--said he--"on the alliances we have had in the past--have now--and will have in the future."

WARSAW FOLLOW TEHRAN

Next - Warsaw; for another twenty-four-hour stopover - en route home. This to mark the first time - that a U.S. President has ever visited Poland. And the outlook - again good. One of the President's aides noting: "If Moscow had been a failure - Warsaw would have been a failure; but Moscow was a success - and Warsaw will be a success."

BONN FOLLOW WARSAW

Meanwhile, Secretary of State William Rogers - flying today to Bonn; where he briefed the foreign ministers of fifteen NATO nations - on the outcome of the President's Moscow visit.

A NATO spokesman later quoting Rogers as saying - the U.S. and Russia both favor "a mutual balanced reduction of forces" in Europe. But the U.S. - apparently more so; for Rogers also, ^{is} quoted as saying that negotiations for achieving this - must come "no later than preparations for an all-European summit conference;" and that last, of course - a long-sought Russian goal.

PENTAGON

~~Here at home~~ - The Pentagon today was calling the U.S. naval blockade of North Vietnam - an unqualified success. A spokesman saying: "The flow of all supplies is minimal; and the flow of bulk supplies - particularly petroleum, oil and lubricants - is very, very close to zero."

We are also told that U.S. air strikes against Communist rail lines - have caused a huge ^{pileup} "backlog" of supplies in neighboring Red China. The Pentagon adding, what's more, there has been up to now - "no major effort to develop alternate routes."

SUPREME COURT

From the U.S. Supreme Court - a brief order today, reaffirming the abolition of the death penalty - in the State of California. This - without comment; but it was - unanimous. Taken by many to mean the Supreme Court will soon abolish the death penalty - throughout the nation.

LONDON

Of all the sounds of London - ~~perhaps~~ ^{one of} the most
memorable ^{surely the most mournful} is that of "Great Paul"; a seventeen-tone state
bell - at fabled St. Paul's Cathedral; a bell that is rung
only to mark the passing of a great man or woman - a bell
that echoed and reechoed today across London.

"Great Paul" reminding Londoners - of the death
of the man who was briefly ^{their} King. For the Duke of Windsor
- the same tribute last given to Winston Churchill; who
was, incidentally - one of the Duke's staunchest supporters.

PALACE FOLLOW LONDON

As for the Duchess of Windsor - she remains in seclusion today at her Paris mansion; seeing no one - we are told - except the Duke's personal physician.

Buckingham Palace - also ^{was} taking note of the "strain imposed on the Duchess." Saying: "She will, therefore, be unable to travel with the Duke's coffin to Britain - as had been her wish; but ^{she} hopes to be well enough to fly in later - in an aircraft of ["]the Queen's Flight."

~~As you know,~~ The Duchess to be a personal guest of Queen Elizabeth - the first time ~~she has~~ ever ~~been~~ accorded that honor.

DIPPER

London again - the start of summer vacation for thousands of schoolchildren; and so a gay holiday crowd - at the Battersea amusement park; when suddenly a terrible accident ~~at~~ at the Big Dipper, a sort of British roller-coaster.

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A car filled with children - reaching the peak of its climb on the steepest ~~hills~~ ^{hills} stalling briefly - and then ^{it} plunged backward; down and down - faster and faster. While parents watched stunned - finally crashing through a wooden barricade; also, collapsing - a part of the ride's superstructure. In the resulting pile of twisted rubble - at least three dead, sixteen injured.

TERNI

From Terni, Italy - the story of a government-sponsored art show - with a difference. The works entered - those of persons serving time in Italian jails; with viewers then casting their votes - to determine which ^{5/10 they liked} was best. Results - as follows:

First prize - to Raf Tempesta, a convicted murderer. Second prize - to Luigi de Lis-Gigli, also a convicted murderer. Third prize - to Count Tebaldo Martinengo Cesaresco, again a convicted murderer. Plus an honorable mention - to Sofia Bassi De Celorio, still another convicted murderer. ^{would you say} ~~which is~~ only fitting. ~~is~~.

^{in view of} Some of the stuff ^{These days? Warren?} What's passing for art ^{today} - ~~is~~!

MOSCOW

On the President's mission to Moscow - a final note: You may recall, the Kremlin launching a massive urban renewal program - well in advance of the President's visit. Demolishing old buildings - sprucing up newer ones - plantings trees and flowers - and generally "re-doing" the city. All of which - has led to a current "underground" joke.

First Russian: "Who is the chief architect of Moscow?"

Second Russian: "Why, President Nixon of the U. S. A."