

HOUSE

Wed. May 12, '71.

For the American S S T -- the controversial
supersonic transport⁻⁻ a new lease on life today, with
the ~~is~~ House voting to allocate eighty-five million
for additional development work. This in place of
a like amount -- which would have been used to phase
out the project. In the end, the switch passing by
a near four votes -- ^{201 to 197,} two oh one to one ninety seven.

Now it's ^{on} ~~off~~ to the Senate, where another tough
fight is expected. But the S S T - for the moment,
anyway ^{looks like} ~~is~~ ^{about to} a Phoenix ^{risen} from its own ashes.

PENTAGON

From the Pentagon ^{comes} a report ~~today~~ telling of
"a new dimension - in the development of America's
Safeguard Anti-ballistic system; with a Safeguard A B M
for the first time successfully intercepting a U S
Polaris missile high over the Pacific; thereby passing
- its toughest test to date.

Observers ^{say} ~~add that~~ this could also help ~~to~~ spur the
Salt talks - which are, as of the moment, ^{on dead center,} ~~still in~~
~~a state of limbo.~~

INDOCHINA

In the air war over Southeast Asia - the ~~deadliest~~ single "protective reaction" strike yet; with a flight of U S jets - attacking enemy targets in Laos; when suddenly - a burst of anti-aircraft fire from nearby North Vietnam. At which point - ~~the~~ U S ~~was~~ planes ~~blasted~~ ^{ed} across the border - knocking out -- thirteen ~~Communist~~ Communist gun emplacements.

~~To the south~~ ^{From} Saigon ^{comes} a report that the enemy may have in mind ^a another major offensive ~~some time early this~~ ^{in the} fall, ~~purpose~~ ^{obviously} ~~is~~ ^{to} ~~discredit~~ ^{discredit} the Saigon government -- just ^{before} ~~the~~ ^{the} October ~~elections~~ ^{elections}, ~~to be held in October~~.

CAIRO JERUSALEM

In the Middle East- Israel was accused today
of rejecting Egyptian peace overtures. ^{Even so} ~~But~~ a Cairo
spokesman ^{ed} ~~adding~~ that ~~even so~~ Egypt ^{will} ~~was~~ keeping
its lines open with the U S in ^{the} hopes of ~~finding~~ eventually
^{finding a} ~~some~~ solution.

~~At~~ At Jerusalem - a major debate ^{is on} in the Israeli
parliament. ^{This} triggered by Israeli "hawks" -- demanding
no concessions. ^{But} ~~Along the way~~ Israeli Foreign Minister
Abba Eban ^{saying} there is still "some hope" of reopening
the ~~Suez~~ Canal. ~~But~~ He assured the ~~legis~~ legislators
~~that~~ this ^{will} ~~would~~ not be done ~~unless~~ until they ~~Knesset~~
^{changes it.} ~~themselves granted prior approval."~~

BURDUR

~~The death toll in that Turkish earthquake~~ ^{death toll} ~~is still~~
~~climbing, at last report; with the figure~~ ^{is now} ~~hitting~~ more
than ^{75.} ~~sixty~~ ^{This} in and around the village of Burdur. ~~about~~

~~This in addition to more than~~ ^{also} a hundred injured - ~~as~~
~~well as thousands and thousands~~ ^{plus heavy} in property damage.

Ezref Ayhan, ^{governor} of Burdur, ~~is~~ ^{believes the turn out to}
~~adding that "we have to fear the worst"~~ ^{far higher when word comes in from}

~~death toll will rise even more" said he - when~~
~~reports from other villages come in.~~

POSTAL

~~From~~ Post Master General Blount ^{has} ~~an~~ ordered ^{calling} ~~today~~ ~~saying~~ ~~for~~ a major streamlining of the U S postal service. This to include ~~the~~ elimination of all but five -- of the ~~present~~ present fifteen regional headquarters offices; ~~which could mean the~~ wiping out of some three thousand white collar jobs - as well as several political appointments. ~~However,~~ a postal spokesman ^{says} ~~saying that~~ any job cut-back ~~as~~ will be dealt with mainly through attrition, ^{mainly} ~~saying that "a lot~~ of people who are ^{eligible to} ~~ready for~~ retirements - ~~probably~~ ~~will retire."~~

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - another ^{sw} searing-in ceremony;
with the former head of the Justice Department's
Civil Rights Division taking on a new job. Gerris
Leonard ~~is being~~ ^{to be} the first chief -- of the newly
established law enforcement assistance administration,
~~This - as you perhaps know -~~ a special crime fighting
agency.

President Nixon later telling Leonard - he had
done "a fine job" on Civil Rights. Adding that "now
-- you'll be getting a little more pay."

ENVIRONMENT

~~Elsewhere in Washington~~ - The U S Environmental Protection Agency ^{today} announced ~~today~~ a new set of proposed marine waste treatment standards. These ~~specify~~ specifying that human wastes discharged from boats - shall ~~meet~~ ^{meet} henceforth [^] the same treatment standards as municipal wastes; ^{This can} ~~mean~~ ^{mean} - we are told - a cost of anywhere from two to three hundred bucks per pleasure boat. ~~But the govt~~ - Well worth it - says E P A; adding that the nation's water must be made clean enough for swimming - even at crowded marinas.

SPRINGFIELD

In the wake of ~~the~~ ^{the} Agnew ~~visit~~ visit to Springfield Illinois, ^{comes} a charge that the Vice President had been guilty of ~~stating~~ "demagoguery." ~~This - it was said~~ in spicing up a speech on revenue sharing ~~with~~ with a rather bitter reference to recent anti-war demonstrators.

~~All of which~~ ^{This} was attributed - to an aide of Illinois' Governor Ogilvie.

~~It~~ but ~~now~~ the Governor ~~speaks for himself~~ ^{says} ~~stating today - that~~ "nothing could be further from the truth." ^{Governor} ~~Repeating~~ Ogilvie adding that, indeed, he was "extremely well pleased - with the Vice President's presentation;" which was - said he - "effective, well researched, persuasive - and totally non-partisan."

SAINT TROPEZ

On the French Riviera at Saint Tropez - the
lead Rolling Stone takes a tumble. British Rock
music star Mick Jagger -- getting married today not
once but twice. First - in the local mayor's office;
and then - a nearby Catholic Church. ~~Although the~~
~~bride, of course, was the same in both cases, a~~
pretty young brunette ~~who comes~~ from Nicaragua -
the former ^{Signorina} Bianca Perez Moreno De Macias; who now,
^{Warren} ~~shall be known - henceforth - simply as~~ ^{becomes} Mrs. Mick.

PARIS

~~Here's one~~ Paris ^{reports the arrival in France} ~~of a story reporting that~~

^a ~~so-called~~ hot pants -- ~~have finally "arrived" in France,~~

~~as evidenced by the fact that~~ ^{with} two guests ~~were~~ wearing

same -- at President Pompidou's annual dinner for

government workers. ^{The two,} Madame Albin Chalandon -- the

wife of France's Housing Minister -- and Madame

Philippe Malaud -- ~~the~~ wife of a State Secretary to

the Premier's office; - both wearing long split evening

gowns over matching briefs. We are also advised

that the French President told at least one of the ladies:

"You look very pretty!" ^{Voila! What Madam} ~~But what, if anything, the~~

~~Pompidou~~ ^{we don't know.} ~~President's wife~~ had to say ~~well, that we can only~~

~~guess.~~