

HANOI

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*From Hanoi - comes word that the three
U S pilots supposedly "freed" last week - are now
finally enroute home. But they'll be making stops
first - we are told - at Nanning in Communist China.
Also Peking, Moscow and Copenhagen before arriving
in New York hopefully, late Thursday.*

WHITE HOUSE

Here at home - the White House was refusing to comment today - on the way the prisoners have been handled. Press Secretary Ron Ziegler saying: "These men have been through a terrible ordeal - our only interest is their safe arrival back home." Next question: "Would the government bring charges against any of the three for anything they may have said or ~~do~~ done while in captivity?" To which Ziegler replied: "No, absolutely *no!*"

PRESIDENT

Washington again - the start of the joint annual meeting of the international monetary fund - and the World Bank; began with an opening session address - from President Nixon - in which he pledged that the U S - "shall not turn inward and isolationist. "But, also, calling for a "thorough-going reform," of the present world monetary system.

The President adding that monetary reform must be treated as a package - along with new rules for trade and overseas investment. For only thus - said he - can we "clear the path for healthy competition for the future."

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On Capitol Hill -

~~Washington again~~ the House today

*completed final congressional approval of that new
five year Salt agreement on offensive missiles. Then
Sending it along to the White House - for President
Nixon's signature.*

*This clearing the way for U S and Russian
talks - on a permanent Arms limitation treaty; talks
that now could begin - perhaps as early as next
month.*

UNITED NATIONS

From Secretary of State ~~William~~ Rogers

an address today at the United Nations in New York,

~~where he~~ called ^{ing} for tougher measures against airplane

hijacking -- and an end to "the export of international

terrorism." ^{Sec,} Rogers asserting that the U N must

act - and act at once - to meet this challenge.

Then, ^{there was} within minutes ^λ a meeting of the U N's

legal committee, ^{where} The U S introduced ^{ed} a resolution -

urging world wide acceptance of existing anti-hi-jacking

treaties; also, calling for ~~me~~ a conference early next

year - to draft a global campaign against terrorism.

WASHINGTON

Turning to politics - President Nixon
won an endorsement today - from the powerful
international longshoremens union. This marking
the first time ^{for} ~~that~~ a Republican candidate for
President ~~was~~ ever ^{to} ~~been~~ so honored.

Union President Thomas ~~W~~ Gleason
praising Mr. Nixon for maintaining our commitment
to international obligations; while at the same time -
taking new initiatives to ease world tensions.

Also, praising the President's efforts -
to halt spiraling inflation - that ^{has} ~~has~~ ^{been} punishing all
American workers ~~at~~ and consumers.

BILLINGS

On the Democratic side -- ~~Sen. George~~ ^{Sen.} McGovern

^{busy} was, campaigning ~~today~~ in the Northern Rockies.

At Billings, Montana ^{he was} ^{What he called} lashing out at the "sharks"

and the hogs of big business; those - said he -

who have opened a revolving door between corporate

board rooms and government regulatory agencies.

VIETNAM

Along the Central Coast of South Vietnam - a government counter offensive has resulted in the recapture of a key hilltop near Ba To; and then pushing on toward an outpost lost to the Communists just a week ago.

The South Vietnamese are attempting to clear vital Highway One - before the start of another rainy season.

SAIGON FOLLOW VIETNAM

At Saigon - a tightening of security precautions; with security officials ~~now~~ checking all cars - trucks and motor bikes moving through the city; ~~but~~ looking especially for ammunition - that might be cached in spare tires, bicycle pumps or secret compartments; doing so we are told -- "in expectation of a Communist attack on Saigon - before the U S Presidential election".

PEKING

Japan's Prime Minister Tanaka - today arrived in Peking, where he met with Premier Chou En Lai for talks described as surprisingly frank and useful.

Then - a state banquet in the Great Hall of the People; where in a toast Chou En Lai said "the Chinese cannot forget the unfortunate history - of the last one hundred years." But he then added that Red China and Japan - "should look for a betterment in relations;" a betterment - based "on the principles of equality and reciprocity."

Prime Minister Tanaka then admitted -as he put it: "the unfortunate history of ~~the~~ past and recent Japanese actions", adding that he, too, fervently seeks - a "normalization of relations" with Red China; but keeping in mind said he "Japan's friendly relations with other countries." This perhaps a reference to Nationalist China.

This was the Tokyo Prime Minister's first visit to Mainland China since World War II when he was a private in the Japanese army - serving in occupied Manchuria.

VALENCIA

At Valencia, California the presentation of this year's Patsy; an award - something like a Hollywood Oscar except that all the competitors are animals. And the winner - Ben; a big bad rat - that helped ~~to~~ scare people out of their socks in the movie Willard.

Ben thereby beating out - three horses, a goose, eight ~~to~~ dogs, an eagle, two cats, a raccoon four chimps, a cougar and a duck. Hollywood's new King Rat.

PASS FAIL

One of the by-products of Communist China's recent "cultural revolution" - a banning of examinations in all schools and universities - Peking condemning classroom testing as - quote - an instrument for fooling the people and for grooming successors for the ruling class; therefore, ordering the imposition of a sort of "pass or fail" system. With party loyalty the dominant factor.

Ah, but times change - even in Red China. We hear Chinese officials have finally been forced to admit a general erosion of scholarship. So, they have reintroduced the use of classroom exams. For "pass or fail", Bill, - a big RED "F".

MIA MI

From Miami - the story of a rather remarkable young preacher - the Reverend Dean Blakeney -- who studied karate and swordsmanship along with his Baptist theology; now using all three -- "in the service of the Lord."

In a demonstration this past weekend, for example - the Reverend Blakeney smashing his head through a pile of concrete bricks. Also, using a curved gurkha knife -- to slice through a banana perched precariously on the shoulder of a fellow believer. These merely "stunts" - admittedly.

But they do increase church attendance and the Reverend Blakeney ⁱⁿ justifying his act ^{said:-} ~~observing:~~ "there is no sense in preaching to empty pews."