

WHITE HOUSE

Tues. May 6-69.

The White House - President Nixon steps up the U S war on hunger. In a special message to Congress - today urging double the present rate of spending to feed the nation's poor ^{- this} up to a total of two-and-a-half billion - by Nineteen Seventy.

"That hunger and malnutrition should persist in a land such as ours - is embarrassing and intolerable" said the President. Adding: "The honor of American democracy - is at issue here."

PENTAGON

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After weeks of hearing and months of deliberation - the U.S. Navy has finally closed its books on the Pueblo affair. At the Pentagon - Navy Secretary John Chafee today giving everyone concerned - a virtual clean bill of health.

In so doing - Chafee over-ruling the Navy's own official court of inquiry; whose recommendations - as disclosed today - would have set up a court martial for Pueblo Skipper Commander Lloyd Bucher. Also, his Chief Intelligence Officer. Chafee also over-ruling suggested reprimands - for a third Pueblo officer - as well as a Captain and an Admiral who helped ~~to~~ plan the Pueblo mission.

Of Commander Bucher and his men - the Navy Secretary saying: "They have suffered enough." And he added that any "further legal proceedings" in this case - would serve "neither the Navy nor any other interest."

War news from Vietnam tells ~~today~~ of a ~~fierce~~ battle - near the Cambodian border about sixty miles northwest of Saigon. A force of Viet Cong - attempting to over^{run} run a U.S. outpost; only to fail - losing in the process about one hundred and seventy killed and captured.

American losses - set at nine dead. However, U. S. Commanders ^{are} predicting heavier fighting still to come. As one officer put it: "We're anticipating something big here."

BELFAST

At Belfast - a "New Deal" for Northern Ireland. New Premier James Chichester Clarke - announcing today an amnesty for past crimes; clearing a number of Free Protestant militants - also, several Catholic Civil Rights leaders. With the idea - said he - "to wipe the slate clean - and look to the future."

Reaction from opposition leader Gerry Fitt - a pledge to accept the amnesty "in the spirit in which it is given." And so a start, at least - in the healing process.

PARIS

On the Paris money market - the French franc hit rock bottom today - 4.974 to the U.S. dollar; at which point, the Bank of France, by law, was forced to intervene - or the franc might have sunk even lower.

At the same time - the price of gold jumped again - to more than forty-eight ^{dollars} ~~bucks~~ an ounce. The French suffering a bad case of money jitters - in this Spring of 1969 A.D. - ^{post-} ~~after~~ DeGaulle.

BIAK

From Jakarta by way of Port Moresby - news today of a tribal revolt in Indonesia. With the rebels said to be a band of Papuans - on the island of Biak in West Irian - formerly Dutch New Guinea.

~~First indication of trouble - we are told - about two~~

~~Sunday - in preparation for the real thing.~~
2 weeks ago ~~when~~ the so-called Free Papua Movement forced the evacuation of all central government officials and their families. The Papuans later digging trenches across the local air strip - also setting up bamboo barricades.

However, Indonesian commando troops - have since been parachuted into the area. Regaining control ^{that end and} of the island's main town - Enarotali. With additional planes and warships said to be standing by - just in case they are also needed.

CAPE KENNEDY

At Cape Kennedy - a dress rehearsal today for the crew of the Apollo Ten. Astronauts Tom Stafford, John Young and Gene Cernam - donning their space suits - mounting their spacecraft - running through a mock countdown; much the same as they will a week from Sunday - in preparation for the real thing.

The Apollo Ten's mission - as you know - to complete a two-and-a-half day lunar orbiting voyage. This to clear the way hopefully for a manned lunar landing at last - some time in July.

MILWAUKEE

Next - a real whopper. Two Milwaukee men - went trolling for fresh water salmon on Lake Michigan; coming back with a twenty nine inch salt-water shark.

What was that shark doing in Lake Michigan?

It could have been tossed off an ocean ship from overseas - or it could have been a discard from somebody's squarium. Another possibility - says a Milwaukee ecologist; "maybe it came through the St. Lawrence seaway - same as lamprey eels do."

Anyway, it's a good thing the fishermen actually caught it and kept it else it might have been "whale" by the time they got back to shore.

BRANDEIS

Here's one - in effect, an attempt to rewrite ancient American history. A claim ~~today~~ from Dr. Cyrus Gordon of Brandeis University; a claim that the first explorer to set foot in the new world ~~was~~ not Christopher Columbus - not Leif Ericsson - not even Ireland's Saint Brendan.

Long before these - says Dr. Gordon - Central America had been colonized by a mixture of whites from Europe - blacks from Africa - and orientals from Japan. All supposedly coming together - to form the great Mayan, Inca and Aztec cultures - dating back to pre-historic times.

Final proof of this ^{a sort of} ~~the~~ "missing link," ~~as it were~~ - ~~supposedly in~~ the markings on a stone found recently near Columbus, Georgia; said to trace the origins of the early Yuchi Indians of that region - back to Central America - and hence to Europe and beyond. Indeed, Dr. Gordon says the Yuchis still celebrate an ancient festival - exactly as described in the Bible - in the Twenty-Third Chapter of

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Leviticus.

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As Casey Stengel would say; "You could look it up."

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SAN FRANCISCO

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as presented today by Dr. Ludwig Lederer - at a meeting
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