

MOSCOW PARIS

Thurs. May 8-75.

~~In one way or another,~~ ^{Many} millions around the globe were ~~marking~~ ^{celebrating} today, ~~-~~ ^{- this being} the thirtieth anniversary of V E Day. The biggest of the victory celebrations ~~was~~ ^{reported to be} in the ~~Comm~~ ^{in the} Communist countries of Eastern Europe. ~~These including~~ ^{at} a Kremlin ceremony ~~where~~ Soviet Leader ~~Leonid~~ Brezhnev was calling for closer ties with the U S. "The elimination of the hot bed of war ~~is~~ ⁱⁿ Indo China," said he -- "creates the conditions for a further improvement of the international atmosphere."

In Western Europe ~~though~~ - France was the only member of the victorious western allies - to take official note of the date. ^{with} French President Giscard d'Estaing ~~also~~ saying this would be the last time ~~that~~ ^{for} France ~~would~~ ^{to} do so; explaining that Europe has turned the leaf on past fratricidal wars - and now is building toward unity."

And now —

HAVANA

From Senator McGovern, ^{returning from a} ~~who is~~ ^{visiting} Castro, ^{comes} ~~currently a guest~~ in Havana, a report ~~today~~ that

~~the~~ ~~first~~ Castro is seeking renewed "friendship"

with the U S. The Cuban dictator said to have

indicated - ^{he} ~~we~~ may return two million in airline

hi-jack ransoms and also free nine American prisoners.

~~Here at home~~ The White House ^{was} taking note of ^{the} McGovern remarks ^{with} Spokesman Ron Nessen

saying Castro "seems to have ~~accepted~~ accepted what

the White House has ^(referred) ~~referred~~ to in the past - as

the mutuality of obligations." Also saying the U S

has long maintained ⁱⁿ ~~is~~ - their is "no future in perpetual

antagonism" toward Cuba. But he added: "There

are significant areas of difference between the two

~~so~~ countries."

WHITE HOUSE

The White House was again proving a magnet today - for visiting foreign dignitaries.

The President conferring first with Chong Il-Kwon the speaker of the South Korean House. And then with Lee Kuan Yew, ~~the~~ Prime Minister ^{from} of Singapore.

The President said to have used Chong's visit - "to reassure South ~~the~~ Korea of the solidity of our security commitment to South Korea."

The President also reaffirming ~~in his talks with~~

Lee - we are told - ~~his~~ ^{OWT} determination to stand by ~~US~~ ^{OWT} allies and friends."

SENATE

In a sudden switch from just a ^{couple} ~~couple~~
of days ago - the Senate today passed, with only
one dissenting vote - a so-called "good samaritan"
resolution. The Senate saying it "warmly welcomes
the latest exiles to our shores - the refugees from
South Vietnam and Cambodia." A bit late perhaps -
but still a reaffirmation of "the American dream,"
as Congressman Rodino put it."

NEW YORK

The man who served as Hubert Humphrey's campaign manager when he ran for President was found guilty as charged today in New York. A jury ruling that Minneapolis lawyer Jack Chestnut - did willfully solicit and accept an illegal ~~an~~ campaign contribution. This - from the Associated Milk Producers of San Antonio.

~~Sentencing set for June twenty~~

~~His sentence could be~~
~~six. Chestnut facing up to two years, in prison~~
= and a fine of ten thousand. ~~twelve.~~

LONDON

In London - a secret meeting ~~was~~
between the widow and the daughter of the late Aristotle
Onassis. Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and Christina
Onassis - meeting in the presence of lawyers. A
family spokesman saying: "The question of finances
was one of the things discussed." Adding only:
"There is not a lot of love lost between ~~them~~ them."

ALBANY

In the New York state legislature
at Albany - ~~there~~ a move is now afoot to rename the
famed Long Island Expressway - to call it, ~~henceforth~~ -
the Harry S. Truman Expressway. ~~And this, of course~~
~~a signal honor.~~

The bill's backers also calling it
especially fitting - in that Harry Truman was to the
Republicans as the Long Island Expressway is to
Long Island drivers: It "gives 'em hell."

And now

GIBBSTOWN

~~This next a story that might be~~

~~called - "from the frying pan into the fire." - It~~
Here's a believe-it-or-not-story

~~comes~~ from Gibbstown, New Jersey. ~~A young chap~~

~~by the name of Joseph~~ ^{JOE} Saldonis - ~~getting~~ ^{got} a flat tire -

~~removing~~ ^{ed} tire and rim - ~~discovering~~ ^{ed} his spare ~~was~~

also flat - ~~whereupon he drove off angrily~~ ^{Mad as-blazes he drove off} on three

wheels - and promptly hit a train.

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