

Friday, September 5, 1969

RIO DE JANEIRO

RETAKE

With time fast running out - concession at Rio - Brazilian officials agreeing today - to release fifteen political prisoners. Thereby bowing to the demands - of a band of "very, very determined" terrorists. The kidnapers of U.S. Ambassador C. Burke Elbrick - who had earlier threatened to kill him if their demands were not met.

WASHINGTON FOLLOW RIO

Reaction in Washington - a State Department spokesman says the situation is still viewed here - "in exceedingly grave terms." In part, because of Elbrick's reputation - as a "man of distinction and dedication." Also, "because of its long term implication." In other words - we don't want it to happen again and again - wherever insurgents are at work.

SAN CLEMENTE FOLLOWS CERRITOS

At the White House West - San Clemente -

*President Nixon was said to be watching closely today -
developments in Brazil. He also conferred with foreign
policy advisors - on possible developments in Viet Nam
"after Ho."*

*Other than that - the President wrapping up odds
and ends - we are told. After a month's stay in California
- getting ready to return to Washington Monday - via that
Amistad Dam dedication in Texas.*

VIETNAM

On the war front - Vietnam - the Communist side has scheduled a three day cease-fire - starting Monday. This - as you know - marking the death of North Vietnam President, Ho Chi Minh. For the moment though, no let up. The Viet Cong unleashing last night and early today - their heaviest mortar and rocket attacks in nearly a month; hitting some seventy targets, in all - including a number of towns as well as military bases. At the same time - launching several ground attacks. The latter costing the enemy about eighty dead - as compared to Allied losses that are called "light".

One reason, says U.S. Intelligence - the fact that we were expecting such attacks. Attacks apparently planned long ago - to mark the twenty-fourth anniversary of Ho's declaration of independence, from France. With Ho's death seen as only further incentive to carry them out.

HANOI FOLLOW VIETNAM

Meanwhile, Soviet Premier Kosygin - enroute tonight to Hanoi - there to attend Ho's funeral - which is now set for Wednesday. As for Red China's Premier, Chou En-lai - he was back in Peking today - having already paid his respects. Ho's successors thus spared the potentially sticky problem - of trying to give the rival Communist leaders completely separate, but equal treatment.

On the economic front - here at home - news of a rebellion of sorts in American big business. The rebels - not worker - nor even SDS agitators - as you might expect: but rather middle management executives - men in their mid-thirties and early forties - making anywhere from fifteen to thirty thousand a year.

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This according to Dale Yoder - Stanford

University's Professor Emeritus of Industrial Relations: who further identifies the recalcitrants - as the same men who left college a dozen or so years ago, with seemingly one thought in mind: to find comfortable jobs - leading safely up the ladder of success. What they found, in fact - says he - is a situation that gives them "no tenure - limited opportunities to progress in their chosen fields - no promotion system except apple polishing and boot licking - and no grievance procedure."

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As proof of his contention - the Professor cites

a recent strike threat - by more than a thousand middle management executives at New York's giant Consolidated Edison Company. (More often though he says the rebellion has resulted in senseless job hopping, which usually brings no real advancement - only another dead end, until finally, the executive quits to join a smaller company - or form one of his own. In the process - leaving a gaping hole in the U.S. corporate structure.)

Only solution - says Professor Yoder - a massive decentralization of big companies; to make more "room at the top" - by making the top, in effect, bigger, broader - also brainier, says he. If you know what he means!

CERRITOS

For the first Lady - Pat Nixon - a journey today through space and time. At Cerritos, California - Mrs. Nixon presiding at the dedication of her childhood home: now an historic landmark - and the center piece in a new four acre "Pat Nixon Park." In response to a warm welcoming address - the First Lady telling her old friends in effect: "It's always great to come home."

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FALL RIVER

This next - remarkable sister and brother act - reported today from Fall River, Massachusetts. Two sisters marrying two brothers - both couples living on the same street - and now both wives giving birth to babies within an hour of each other.

5 For Mrs. Fernanda Raposo - a bouncing nine pound, nine ounce son. For Mrs. Theresa Raposo - also bouncing nine pound, two ounce daughter. Both delivered by the same doctor - the two Mrs. Raposos sharing the same room. Warren, any comment?

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PRINCETON

Arriving this weekend at Princeton University - the first girl students ever. One hundred thirty coeds - ending two hundred twenty-three years of solid masculinity. The lucky few chosen from an avalanche of applications - and already the campus taking on a new look.

By example, an expensive face-lifting of thirty-year-old Pyne Hall - where the girls will reside. Where once there were old steel frame beds - now comfortable studio couches. In place of battered wood and metal desks - new ones covered with bright formica. Also, telephone outlets for the first time - in each and every room. Not to mention - mirrors, mirrors everywhere.

In addition - the Princeton grounds sporting fifty thousand bucks worth of new lighting. What for? Why, of course - "the better to see you, my dear."