

Monday, October 21, 1974

FORD

In his first visit to a foreign country as President, Gerald Ford took off his coat in eighty plus weather - and with Mexico's President Echeverria at his side - he marched through Mexican towns and streets lined with cheering thousands. After meeting and embracing Latin style at the border town of Nogales, in Arizona the pair decided to forego a bus ride and led a noisy procession into Mexico. As a sea of people closed around them, Mariachi music filled the air and fire sirens wailed - with a smiling President striding along and - at one point - waving both hands to hundreds of flag waving school children. The talks began later - dealing mainly with trade relations and Mexican migrant workers.

WATERGATE

The Tapes testimony ~~is~~ heard in ~~the~~ federal court today ~~is~~ had former President Nixon telling John Mitchell last year to - quote - "stonewall it -- cover up, or anything else," if necessary to save the Administration from the ~~the~~ Watergate scandal. It ~~was~~ ^{was} the fifth White House tape played ~~during the~~ during the current Washington trial of former attorney general Mitchell and four other Nixon aides accused of conspiracy. It was also learned that new subpoenas are expected for some other White HOuse tapes and documents. And today a Federal Judge temporarily barred the former President from transferring his tapes and documents to California, while granting him sole access to them except for ~~the~~ subpoenaed material while ~~the~~ their future is determined.

MID EAST

For the first time, the leader of Palestine's liberation forces sat down today for talks with a western Foreign Minister. Palestinian chieftain Yasser Arafat meeting with ^{the} French Foreign ~~Minister~~ Minister Jean ~~Sauvagnague~~ over breakfast at the French Ambassador's walled residence in Beirut. At one point, their conversation had to compete with ~~sonic~~ sonic booms - touched off by two Israeli jets streaking over the city. Afterwards the French minister told inquiring newsmen - "the way to end violence is to have the Palestinians assume international responsibility."

ECONOMY

A late rally today sent prices soaring on the New York Stock Exchange - the Dow Jones Average gaining zooming fifteen points.

Across the nation more banks followed the lead of two major New York banks by cutting their prime lending rate to what is now generally eleven and one fourth percent.

National Airlines and the machinists union reached a tentative contract agreement today - ending the strike that lasted nearly one hundred days.

And the census bureau says that out of every seven housing units under construction last year, one was a condominium - and that, we are told - is a trend away from the traditional one family home.

The passing of documentary film maker Julian Bryan, takes from us the leading man in his field. He was the first American to do any filming in Siberia - the life of the reindeer people.

COURT

The Supreme Court ruled today that California cannot allow tax credits for parents whose children attend private and parochial schools. Also ruling that ~~the~~ Missouri officials are not required to provide bus transportation for children attending church related schools. Other decisions re-affirmed the right of city ~~to~~ owned hospitals - to allow abortions. This ruling, however does not apply to private or ~~church~~ church supported hospitals. For them - it's optional.

And still another decision - the court agreed that a warrant is needed to search a truck even though the truck smells strongly of whiskey. This ^{affirms} ~~affirms~~ the aquittal of one - William Bradshaw - who was charged with making and ~~transporting~~ transporting moonshine in the Dirty Ankle section of Cleveland county, North Carolina.

ANTI FREEZE

A sale of scarce anti-freeze caused a riot today in Fall River, Massachusetts, leaving several injured among a thousand or more who stormed into a Department store when ^{the} doors opened. In less than an ~~an~~ hour fourteen hundred gallons were sold while the store ~~was~~ manager was being struck over the head with a box ~~and~~ several shoppers were ~~trampled~~ trampled while the ^{piled up} ~~and a traffic jam developed outside~~ for miles around.

TROLLEYS

Remember when Judy Garland sang " clang,
clang, clang went the trolley? In some places they
are thinking about singing it again. Portland, Oregon
and Dayton, Ohio, for instance and others are considering ^{it}
- hoping to bring back the electric street car and
beat the oil and gasoline ^{shortage - also} ~~crunch~~ and find a pollution
solution.