

Mon. June 29-'70.

Good Evening Everybody:

Yes, I'm back from Siberia. I suppose that sounds as though I've been in exile. One of my neighbors in the country, a stone mason, welcomed me home yesterday in his southern Italian accent which he has never lost.

Said he: "Mr. Tom so you ^{a-}back again from a=Siberia?"

Thas-a good." Then he added: "Siberia, thas-a the

place where the politicians send ^athe people they donna

like." And I guess █ that's the picture most of us have of Siberia.

Other neighbors said to me after church yesterday!

"Didn't you freeze?" They seemed surprised when I told

them the summer climate in Siberia is about the same as

in upstate New York. After all, right now, just as in

Alaska and northern ~~Canada~~ Canada, Scotland and Scandinavia,

in Siberia they are having those long long days, with no

night at all, and with the temperature in the Arctic much of the time above eighty and even in the nineties.

I'm in a dilemma. I'd like to give you a report on my Siberian trip, the Alaska Airlines-first inaugural flight to that part of the world, first plane ever to take passengers from North America to Siberia. Maybe I'll have time to do a little of this each evening. Or, I may do it for a couple of nights and then skip it. If so, I'll hope you will all make the journey with me when we have our film cut and edited.

I've just been checking up on distances and find that from New York to Siberia and return, Dick Durrance and his film crew, Clarence Hall, Senior Editor of the Reader's Digest, zillionaire Jack Simplot from Idaho, Hack Miller one of the Deseret News editors from Salt Lake City, and I, in approximately three weeks flew some thirty-six thousand miles -- equal to once around the world

and half-way round again.

After that much flying on top of two other recent flights around the globe I may be in a semi-comatose state. That is, numb. Most of the time cut off from the ~~rest~~ rest of the world so far as news is concerned, and I'm anxious now to take a look at what has been happening.

INDO CHINA

For President Nixon - a vow kept today.

~~Ex~~ With the last remaining U S combat troops in Cambodia - withdrawing from that country - a full day ahead of schedule. The final contingent - including about seventeen hundred American foot soldiers; who sloshed through monsoon mud -- crossing back ~~in~~ into South Vietnam from the Fish Hook region of Cambodia; thereby fulfilling the President's pledge of complete withdrawal - on or before June thirtieth.

Allied sources are stressing, however, ^{that} ~~South~~ South Vietnamese troops will remain in Cambodia. The Saigon forces - now totalling about thirty-nine thousand. ~~These~~ ~~are~~ ~~also~~ ~~assisted~~ ^{assisted} ~~by~~ by an estimated one hundred American advisers; ~~But~~ the U S command says ~~that~~ even these will be withdrawn - as of tomorrow.

PHNON PENH Follow Indo China

A related ~~is~~ development: The U S today shipping in ^{to} Phnon Penh, several tons of captured enemy weapons; ~~which will~~ now ^{to} be used ~~to equip~~ ^{by} the Cambodian Army. ~~As~~ Cambodia's Premier Lon Nol also saying he hopes U S troops will return - "if the situation deteriorates". Adding, ^{that} in any event - he's still counting on U S air support.

SAN FRANCISCO follow Phnon Penh

~~Here on our own shores~~ Secretary of State

^{today}
William Rogers conferred with President Nixon ~~today~~

at the California White House, ^{then flew} ~~later flying~~ to San Francisco
^{heading off on a}
-- ~~embark to his~~ third diplomatic tour of Southeast Asia.

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~~William~~ Rogers, ^{saying} ~~there is nothing~~ that U S intervention in
Cambodia - had "severely damaged" the Communists'
capacity to wage war in South Vietnam; while at the same
time - said he - bringing about "a dramatic" improvement
in prospects for the U S Vietnamization program. The
Secretary adding that President Nixon has kept his promise
with regard to Cambodia - just as "he has kept all his
other promises about the war in Vietnam".

SENATE FOLLOW SAN FRANCISCO

Meanwhile, Administration supporters in the Senate - were attempting to force a vote today on a controversial anti-war measure; hoping thus to kill it. The measure in question - ~~the~~^{the} so-called McGovern ~~Measure~~ Hatfield amendment. With today's move coming at a time when Senate "doves" frankly admit - they would be unable to pass it. In the end though, the anti-war bloc mustered ~~up~~^{ed} enough strength to postpone a vote - ~~at least until later in the summer.~~

JERUSALEM

In Jerusalem Israel's Premier Madame Golda Meir stated that Israel while welcoming the new U S peace offensive in the Middle East admitted the other side has given no indication - of intention to "stop shooting and start talking." "Indeed, increased Soviet involvement has only "breathed new life into aggression" said she. This as Nasser arrived in Moscow - for talks with Kremlin leaders.

LIMA

***U S First Lady Pat Nixon at Lima Peru attended
First Lady Consuela Velasco - a traditional mass marking
the feast day of the Saints Peter and Paul. Then with
Madame Velasco flying into the Andes to view first hand -
the damage left by Peru's recent catastrophic earthquake;
the death toll from which is put at fifty thousand.***

MIAMI

One of the biggest selling records in America last year - Johnny Cash's rendition of the song entitled "A Boy Named Sue." Now from Miami the story of a boy named Dorothy. Full name - Dorothy Woodward; a husky nineteen year old youth - who was hauled into court for brawling. Young Dorothy telling the judge - he was always getting ~~into trouble~~ into trouble because of his name; but the Judge said anyway - sixty days.

Incidentally, Dorothy's father - coming with him into court. Agreeing with the judge ~~though~~ - saying he hopes the sentence ^{will} ~~would~~ help his ~~son~~ son "straighten out." The elder Woodward explaining that he might be able to offer a little more sympathy - except that he - too, is named Dorothy. ~~Full name - Dorothy Woodward, Senior.~~ Full name - Dorothy Woodward, Senior. *Any comment, Warren,*

WASHINGTON

Washington again - Bob Hope discusses plans for "honor America Day" - which is set for July Fourth - in the Nation's ~~the~~ Capitol. Comedian Hope - who is also chief program coordinator - predicting a turn out of ^{hundred} "around four [^] thousand;" which should make it - said he - "the biggest crowd ~~that has~~ ever ^{to assemble for a} ~~been gathered for any~~ show."

Bob Hope goes on ~~to say~~ to say - he expects little trouble from anti-war protestors -- despite a threatened marijuana smoke in. "We are not trying to sell any political message" - ^{said Bob.} ~~he explained. Adding.~~
[^] ~~We're~~ Just trying to observe the Fourth of July - like we used to."