

Thurs. December 10, 1970

WHITE HOUSE

Coming up shortly - that White House press conference - as you no doubt know by now. President Nixon meeting with reporters for the first time since July Thirtieth; at a time when there are fast-breaking developments - both at home and abroad. And you can hear it here - on many of these CBS stations - in just a few minutes.

RAILS

Three of the four striking rail unions today agreed to abandon their walkout in the face of Federal intervention. But the fourth - the largest and the most militant the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks - continued to defy the court, the Congress and the President. Union chief C. L. Dennis - saying he was willing to enter "round-the-clock negotiations;" but today he refused to comply with a back-to-work order - even defying the President of the United States.

The rail clerks tonight were maintaining their picket lines from coast-to-coast, picket lines which their fellow rail workers - were refusing to cross. So the nation's long-range transportation system is rapidly approaching a state of near-chaos.

In Washington Federal Judge Pratt gave the Railway Clerks until midnight tonight or face a \$200,000 fine! Also \$200,000 fines for each subsequent twenty-four hours they stay out, or any part of a twenty-four period.

DEARBORN

The new President of the Ford Motor Company -

Lee A. Iacocca. So announced today - by Board Chairman

Henry Ford, ~~the second~~ Iacocca succeeding a Ford

triumvirate - following in the wake of ~~first President Benson~~

"Bunkie" Knudsen of G. M. fame,

*Henry Ford also predicting ~~today~~ record sales of
more than twelve million U.S. cars next year. ~~But~~ This*

to "depend in large part" - said he - on the success

we achieve in the battle "against inflation and unemployment!"

PARIS

At the peace table in Paris - an attempt today to press the prisoner-of-war issue. David Bruce for the U.S. renewing an offer to exchange all Communist war prisoners held in South Vietnam - for all American and Allied prisoners held in North Vietnam. Bruce further urging the start of daily talks - to achieve this end.

However, the Viet Cong's Madame Binh - promptly dashing cold water on the whole idea. Asserting the Communists will discuss the prisoner issue - only when the U.S. ~~has~~ ^sagreed to an unconditional troop withdrawal.

SENATE ~~FOLLOW INDOCHINA~~

Here at home - Secretary of State William Rogers

*~~put~~ in an appearance ~~today~~ before the Senate Foreign
Relations Committee, ~~where he~~ said that U.S. troops would
not be sent back into Cambodia - even in the face of another
massive enemy build-up there. Rogers adding that in such
a situation - the problem ^{now} would be handled by South
Vietnamese troops - not American. The Secretary
observing: "We have become deeply involved in Southeast
Asia - and we are trying now to get out of that involvement."*

CAIRO-UNITED NATIONS

From Cairo - also, the United Nations - a series of reports today suggesting a possible break soon - in the present Mideast deadlock. Cairo's semi-official newspaper Al Ahram - noting that U.S. officials ~~have~~ ^{have} conveyed certain information to Egyptian officials; information said to indicate "the possibility of Israel's resumption of talks - before the end of this month." U.N. sources later quoting the Big Four ambassadors - as saying they, too, share the same "general expectation."

ATLANTA

Atlanta, Georgia ^{at} a meeting of the National League of Cities, ^{the} Main speaker ~~today~~ William Ruckelshaus - newly-appointed Administrator of the government's new Environmental Protection Agency, ~~who proceeded to drop~~ ^{dropped} something of a bombshell.)

~~Ruckelshaus~~ telling the assembled mayors - his agency has just served notice on the cities of Atlanta, Detroit and Cleveland; giving them each a hundred and eighty days - to halt alleged violations of Federal water quality standards; ~~to do so or else~~ ^{or} face court action.

Ruckelshaus observing that Lake Erie - which serves both Detroit and Cleveland - has been called a "dead" lake. "But massive corrective action and hard, prompt enforcement - can save the lake" - said he. Adding that Atlanta's Chattahoochee River - "is virtually an open sewer," ^{which also} ~~but it, too~~ can be saved ^{by} ~~with~~ speedy "corrective action."

Ruckelshaus indicating, what's more - this is only the beginning; the first step - in a nationwide crackdown.

SEA OF RAINS

From the Sea of Rains ~~up~~ on the moon - a report today that Russia's Moonwalker-One has just reawakened. The dawning of a new lunar day - ending two weeks of enforced hibernation. As you know - the Russian moon machine running on solar energy. In any event, Moscow asserting that Moonwalker-One - has now resumed normal operations; which apparently means - travels and all.

~~*But more about that - later, no doubt.*~~

HELSINKI FOLLOW SEA OF RAINS

Getting back to earth - an agreement today at

Helsinki - to end the current round of Strategic Arms

Limitation Talks as of next Friday. This to permit U.S.

and Russian negotiators - to confer with their governments

back home; after which the talks would then resume again -

as early as possible next year.

As for progress to date - no official word as yet.

Unofficially though, the U.S. said to be shooting for a

so-called "core agreement" - by late next year; one that

would limit, hopefully - both offensive and defensive

missiles; or failing that - defensive, at least.

What with Christmas just two weeks away - this next perhaps of special note. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - issuing today a "white Christmas probability list" for two hundred and sixty-nine major U.S. cities. Including two - and only two - rated sure bets to have an inch or more of snow ~~at the ground~~^{by} ~~come~~ Christmas morning. These two ~~listed as~~^{far south} - International Falls, Minnesota - and Fairbanks, Alaska.

~~Reverse side though - the government listing~~

Also sixty-five cities, ~~in all~~^{the} ~~where the~~ probabilities of a "white Christmas" ~~are~~^{is} absolutely zero. Miami, Florida - Mobile, Alabama - Las Vegas, Nevada - Eureka, California - and so on. - Honolulu, Hawaii - ~~take your pick.~~

Warren - I'm on my way to Fairbanks

WDBO - ORLANDO

What do you say when you are told that a radio station has proclaimed a day in your honor? I've just learned that station WDBO in Orlando, Florida is celebrating today - December 10th - in my honor. This has to do with my Forty Years on the air. All I can think of is to say "here's to my friends at WDBO - Orlando! Carl Hallberg, Fred Bradshaw, Bob Barager. I'll fly down and thank you in person one of these days - and take a look at Disney World - and So-Long until tomorrow!