

PRECEDE INDO CHINA

Wed, Feb. 17-71

PRESIDENT NIXON TODAY ISSUED A ~~HEAVY~~-STERN WARNING TO THE
~~THE~~ LEADERS OF COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAM - TELLING THEM ~~THAT~~-TIME
IS RUNNING OUT FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON THE INDO-CHINESE WAR. AND
HE ADDED - "WE ARE NOT GOING TO MAKE ANY MORE CONCESSIONS AT THE
PARIS PEACE TALKS." FURTHERMORE THE PRESIDENT SAID "I'M NOT GOING
TO PLACE ANY LIMITATIONS ON THE USE OF AIR POWER." AT THE SAME
TIME, HE SPECIFICALLY RULED OUT THE USE OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR
~~TP~~ SPEAKING BEFORE AN UNSCHEDULED NEWS CONFERENCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE
WEAPONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. ~~HE~~ REFUSED TO SPECULATE ON WHEN
AMERICANS WILL END THEIR GROUND COMBAT ROLE IN VIETNAM - ALTHOUGH
HE WARN^S ~~ED~~ THEY ~~WOULD~~^{will} REMAIN UNTIL ALL AMERICAN WAR PRISONERS
ARE ~~RELEASING~~ RELEASED. ~~TP~~ ALSO THE PRESIDENT SAID AMERICAN TROOPS
WILL CONTINUE TO WITHDRAW FROM VIETNAM AS SWIFTLY AS THEIR SAFETY
CAN BE GUARANTEED.

INDO CHINA

HEAVY FIGHTING^{is} REPORTED TODAY ALONG THE VIETNAMESE
LAOTIAN BORDER - WITH U S COMMANDERS RUSHING REINFORCEMENTS
TO OUTNUMBERED AMERICAN TROOPS DEFENDING A BASE NEAR KHE SANH,
ON THE VIETNAMESE SIDE OF THE FRONTIER. FRONT LINE DISPATCHES
INDICATE FORTY-FOUR AMERICAN SOLDIERS ARE RECEIVING COMMUNIST
FIRE FROM ALL SIDES - DESPITE STRONG SUPPORT FROM U S
ARTILLERY AND WAR PLANES. IN SAIGON, TWO YOUTHS - PRETENDING
THEIR MOTORCYCLES WERE STALLED - THREW FIRE BOMBS AGAINST A
FENCE SURROUNDING THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. THE YOUTHS FLED-
SCATTERING ANTI-AMERICAN LEAFLETS AS THEY RAN. NO CASUALTIES,
AND DAMAGE WAS MINOR.

IN LOS ANGELES, A FEDERAL COURT INDICTED FORMER ARMY
~~SERGEANT~~ SERGEANT-MAJOR WILLIAM WOOLDRIDGE AND SEVEN OTHERS
ON CHARGES OF CONSPIRING TO DEFRAUD NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS
CLUBS IN VIETNAM. THE ~~PERIOD INVOLVED WAS~~^{years} NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE
THROUGH SIXTY-NINE.

MID EAST

ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER ABBA ~~EBAN~~ EBAN TODAY OFFICIALLY
REJECTED A U N MID EAST PEACE PROPOSAL - WHICH REPORTEDLY CALLS
FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM THE SINAI PENINSULA.

EBAN ALSO RIDICULING AN EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL THAT RESTRICTIONS

BE PLACED ON THE IMMIGRATION OF JEWS TO ISRAEL. SAID HE -

"WE HEAR ^{much} ABOUT LIMITING IMMIGRATION ^{of Jews - but we} - ~~WE~~ WILL NOT ASK ~~EGYPT~~ ^{Cairo}
TO LIMIT ^{the Egyptian} ~~THE~~ BIRTH RATE.

ECONOMY

WHOLESALE PRICES ROSE SEVEN TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT DURING JANUARY - THE STEEPEST ~~THE~~ RISE IN A YEAR. FOOD AND FARM PRODUCTS WENT UP ONE AND THREE TENTHS PERCENT - WHICH PROBABLY MEANS HIGHER GROCERY STORE PRICES LIE AHEAD.

EFFECTIVE TOMORROW, INTEREST RATES ON HOME LOANS INSURED BY THE GOVERNMENT WILL DROP ONE HALF OF ONE PERCENT -- THE THIRD SUCH REDUCTION IN RECENT ~~THE~~ MONTHS. OFFICIALS SAY THE NEW SEVEN PERCENT INTEREST RATE MAY QUALIFY A ~~ONE~~ MILLION AND A HALF MIDDLE INCOME FAMILIES FOR F H A HOMES.

IN HIS FIRST OFFICIAL ASSIGNMENT, TREASURY SECRETARY JOHN CONNALLY ^S URGED ~~THE~~ CONGRESS TO RAISE ^{THE} NATIONAL DEBT CEILING ANOTHER FORTY BILLION ~~ONE~~ DOLLARS. THIS, ^H ~~SAYS~~ CONNOLLY, MUST BE DONE IF THE GOVERNMENT IS TO PAY ITS BILLS. ~~THE~~ SHOULD CONGRESS GRANT HIS REQUEST, THE NATIONAL DEBT ~~ONE~~ WOULD BE A RECORD FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIVE BILLION.

HEALTH

A MAJOR LEGISLATIVE BATTLE IS SHAPING UP IN CONGRESS

-- A FIGHT OVER RIVAL ADMINISTRATION AND DEMOCRATIC PLANS

FOR NATIONAL HEALTH CARE ~~REVISIONS~~ BILLS. TODAY, A GROUP

OF CONGRESSMEN - MOSTLY DEMOCRATS^S - ANNOUNCED THEIR PROPOSAL

-- ONE THAT WOULD EXTEND HEALTH INSURANCE TO ALL AMERICANS -

NOT JUST TO THE NEEDY ALONE. EITHER TOMORROW OR FRIDAY, PRESIDENT

NIXON WILL OUTLINE HIS PROPOSALS TO ~~WHICH~~ INCLUDE GOVERNMENT

SUBSIDIZED HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS FOR EVERY BUSINESS WITH

TWENTY-FIVE OR MORE EMPLOYEES.

RAILROADS

PRESIDENT NIXON - HOPING TO HEAD OFF A NATIONAL
~~EMERGENCY~~ RAILWAY STRIKE THREATENED FOR MARCH FIRST - ^{has} - ASKED
CONGRESS FOR EMERGENCY POWER TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION.
THREE RAIL UNIONS HAVE ~~BE~~ REACHED AGREEMENTS BUT A FOURTH
- REPRESENTING NINETY THOUSAND BRAKEMEN AND OTHER WORKERS
- IS STILL WITHOUT A CONTRACT.

WOLFHOUND

WHEN HIS VALUABLE IRISH WOLFHOUND DIED OF HEAD^T~~HEAVEN~~

PROSTRATION SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVING IN MIAMI ON AN EASTERN

AIRLINES JET THOMAS W. BROWN RETALIATED BY CHOPPING EIGHTEEN

HOLES IN THE PLANE WITH A FIRE AX. THAT HAPPENED LAST SUMMER.

NOW A FEDERAL JUDGE HAS DISMISSED A PROPERTY DESTRUCTION CHARGE

AGAINST BROWN - AIRLINE OFFICIALS SAYING THEY ARE WILLING TO

FORGIVE AND FORGET EVEN THOUGH THE PLANE SUFFERED ONE HUNDRED

THOUSAND IN DAMAGES. AS TO MOTIVATION - BROWN, A CARPENTER

BY TRADE, HAD HOPED HIS PRIZE WOLF HOUND WOULD PROVIDE ENOUGH

PUPPIES TO ~~BE~~ FINANCE COLLEGE EDUCATIONS FOR HIS FOUR CHILDREN.

ARCTIC RESCUE

NO DOUBT YOU HAVE ~~BEEN SEEING THE~~ ARTICLES PRINTED
RECENTLY ABOUT ^{many} THE NEW CITIES ^{sure} THAT ARE LIKELY TO BE BUILT
IN OUR COUNTRY IN THE NEXT DECADE OR SO. ~~I SEE WHERE~~ DAVID
ROCKEFELLER PREDICTS ~~THAT~~ ^{at least} THERE WILL BE TWO HUNDRED OF THESE,
ALL ~~SPECIALLY~~ LAID OUT IN ^{an} ~~THE MOST~~ ULTRA MODERN WAY. I
SUSPECT STUART, FLORIDA, WHERE I AM TONIGHT, WILL BE A MAJOR
CITY BEFORE TOO LONG. ~~IT~~ ~~IS~~ OBVIOUSLY I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO
THINKS SO. THE GREAT SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWSPAPER CHAIN HAS
ONE OF ITS ~~NEWSPAPERS~~ HERE ON THE FLORIDA EAST COAST, ~~THE~~ THE
STUART NEWS, IN WHICH I'VE JUST BEEN READING ABOUT CANADA'S
YOUNGEST GENERAL.

FORTY YEAR OLD BRIGADIER GENERAL RAMSEY WITHERS
HAS ONE OF THE MOST UNUSUAL ASSIGNMENTS OF ANY MILITARY
MAN IN THE WORLD. HE AND THE SIXTY ^{air} MEN UNDER HIM ^{have been assigned to} PATROL
THE ENTIRE VAST CANADIAN ARCTIC, ^{— most of it uninhabited, and most of the} ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE ~~VARIOUS~~
^{perhaps the most important} DUTIES, ~~ONE~~ IS TO BE READY TO RESCUE PASSENGERS IF ONE OF
^{now} THE GREAT PLANES FLYING REGULARLY ACROSS THE ~~ARCTIC~~ ARCTIC ~~THESE~~
^{So far none have.} DAYS EVER COMES DOWN, HE SAYS: MY NIGHTMARE IS THREE HUNDRED
PEOPLE IN MINI-SKIRTS AND SUMMER CLOTHES ~~BEING~~ STRANDED SOMEWHERE
UP THERE. THEY WOULD NEED HELP WITHIN MINUTES. AND THE ONLY

great frozen wilderness.