

Wed. Oct. 4-72

Impasse on Capitol Hill. The Senate finding itself deeply divided -- on ways and means of correcting ^{what is termed} the current "welfare mess." Finally turning down an administration proposal already approved by the House; instead, voting today to retain the present system - pending a full test of three suggested alternates including the President's.

This - we are told - "a course that could delay nationwide welfare reform - until Nineteen Seventy-Seven ^(possibly) or Nineteen Eighty". In the words of Eliot Richardson, Secretary of Health Education and Welfare, - "the worst outcome of all;" for it means, in short - nothing will change.

UNITED NATIONS

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At the United Nations - a major policy speech today by Jordanian Foreign Minister Salah Abu Zeid; who said ~~that~~ Jordan is opposed to international terrorism - whatever its source or methods". But ^{he} also accused Israel of attempting to "swallow up" occupied territories. Adding that Jordan fully supports - "the right of an occupied people" - every occupied ~~the~~ people to effectively resist occupation and colonialism.

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In the same vein, Abu Zeid again pressing for the creation of a new "United Arab Kingdom" with Arab Jerusalem as its capital; a kingdom said he - that could serve as a home once more - to Palestinian refugees.

BUFFALO

~~George~~ McGovern, ~~was~~ ~~campaigning~~ campaigning
in Buffalo today, ~~The Democrat nominee~~ pledged
if elected - to place blacks and other minority
groups in top level government jobs; adding that
he would also urge private industry to do the same
in, quote, reasonable relationship to the population
as a whole." McGovern ~~stated~~ stressed, however -
that he would not attempt to invoke a "quota
system." "I do not believe in rigid quotas" -
said he.

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CAMP DAVID

Meanwhile President Nixon was at Camp David, Maryland; said to be planning strategy for the final month of the campaign; also, the strategy he intends to follow in a related battle shaping up in Congress. The President is attempting to put a two hundred and fifty billion dollar ceiling - on Federal spending this year; this as part of the President's plan to hold the line on taxes.

VETO

The President today vetoed a proposed twenty percent increase in retirement benefits for railroad workers. Explaining the veto he said there is just not enough financing to pay for the increase; hence it would only "jeopardize the fiscal integrity of the railroad retirement system - and hasten its bankruptcy."

Whereupon the House promptly overriding the veto, three-hundred-fifty-three to twenty-nine. The Senate votes on it later tonight.

LOS ANGELES

Here's one - ex-wife pays alimony. Explanation - as follows: "Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Glickman of Los Angeles - coming to a parting of the ways of a number of years ago. The husband - simply refusing to hold a steady job. But then - he met another. The first Mrs. Glickman finally agreeing to a divorce providing the second Mrs. Glickman would agree to pay her alimony, and child support. And so they all set out - to live happily ever after.

Only trouble - the "ever after" in this case lasting only two years; whereupon the second Mrs. Glickman - also obtained a divorce. But not before running up a bill of nearly nine thousand in back payments to wife number one. Money which a California court has now ordered her to pay up or else.

As for two time loser Gerald Glickman the court ruling he was simply "uncollectable."

PENTAGON

From the Pentagon ^{comes} an announcement today that the controversial F-One-Eleven fighter bomber - has now returned to ^{active service} ~~combat~~ in Vietnam. This - following a lapse of five days ^{and the} ~~caused by~~ loss of one of the new planes ⁴ for reasons as yet, "unknown."

In Saigon - it was also announced that the U S is now supplying the South Vietnamese - with a new super bazooka. This - the shoulder fired X-M Two Oh Two; said to be equally effective - against tanks and or bunkers. The X-M Two-Oh-Two capable of firing a burst of four rockets ⁴ which ~~then~~ burst into flame on impact.

NIXON

This next ^{is} from Nixon, Texas, population --
one thousand, nine hundred and twenty five; a public
invitation to President Nixon - to come on down.

The President of the Nixon Chamber of
Commerce, Gary Finch - admitting that Nixon Texas,
was ~~really~~ named after an old-time rancher; also,
that Nixon, the town - has always voted democratic.

But a visit from the President - he adds - well, ^{at}
the Texas Cham. of Com. head put it -
"sure would help his seventy - two chances."

TOKYO

One of the highlights of Japan's social season - for more than seventy years - the Emperor's annual duck hunting party; with the guests - mostly top officials. These are armed with nets - to assist in the capture of a number of wild ducks; - ducks which are then roasted and eaten - amid much good fellowship.

Ah, but Japanese bird lovers have been taking exception to such duck hunting. So the Imperial household announced today that wild ducks so captured will no longer be eaten. They'll be tagged - and then set free.

At the dinner to follow - we are told "commercial roasted duck will be served."

BALTIMORE

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From Baltimore - the story of a young bandit - who thought he had a soft touch in a hardware store. The stick up man - pulling a gun on owner Ernest Johannesen. Announcing: "This is a hold-up." Whereupon Johannesen squirted him in the face with a can of mace; also, whipping out his own thirty-eight and firing twice at the fleeing gunman.

All of which is perhaps not so extraordinary -- except that Ernest ~~Om~~ Johannesen is age eighty-nine. A native of Grimstadt Norway, ^{Bill, with} the blood of his Viking forefathers ~~with them~~ still racing through his veins.

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TRIPOLI

By order of the new revolutionary government of Libya
- an intensive campaign against bikinis, hot pants and
mini-skirts. Reaching its peak today with the offering of a
maxi-prize. Nine thousand bucks - for the best design to
serve as a "modern, conservative, national costume," in far
off Libya.