

Tues. December 8, 1970

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - President Nixon opened today a new round of Mid-East diplomacy talks; meeting with Jordan's young King Hussein - for nearly an hour. The White House later reporting they discussed, quote - "the principal elements of the Middle East situation - and the supply of military and economic aid to Jordan." This - we are told - in light of Hussein's argument - that the present Mid-East cease-fire cannot continue indefinitely.

The President next will meet with Israel's Moshe Dayan - who will be in Washington later this week - after which - well, we'll see.

CONFERENCE

*The White House again - an announcement today that President Nixon will hold a formal news conference - Thursday evening, at seven o'clock Eastern time. This to mark the President's first such meeting with reporters - since July Thirteenth. **

This
~~decision~~ coming in the midst of growing protest - from the White House Press Corps.

However, White House Press Secretary Ron Ziegler stressing the President "has a number of ways" to ~~communicate~~ communicate with the people. Adding that the President will continue his policy of holding news conferences - when he "considers it in the public interest."

QUI NHON

For the second straight day - a series of anti-American demonstrations ~~today~~ in the city of Qui Nhon in South Vietnam. The protest sparked by the death of ^{the} a twelve year old boy - ~~was~~ who was shot by a U S Army soldier during an attempted theft.

Meanwhile, the war goes on - mainly in Cambodia; where the enemy was repulsed ~~today~~ - in a pair of attacks near the provincial capital of Svay Rieng. The Communist toll ~~is~~ set at more than two hundred; as compared with Cambodian losses ^{put} ~~set~~ at fourteen.

SENATE

Here at home - Secretary of State William Rogers testified today before the Senate Appropriations Committee where he said the U S has "sent out appeals through diplomatic channels to every ~~the~~ nation in the world; appeals for help in persuading the North Vietnamese - to begin bargaining in earnest at Paris.

Rogers adding ^{that it has} ~~however, - it's~~ all been in vain up to now. North Vietnam's interest in serious negotiations - "absolutely zero" said he. And the only reason we haven't simply broken off negotiations - he continued - because the Administration "would be severely criticized." ^{That} - said he - and the fact that - "we always have some hope."

PENTAGON

From the Pentagon - an order today

liberalizing U S Army policy right around the globe.

The new rules providing for an end to reveille -

except on special occasions; ^{that is its} an end to bed checks -

except for individuals undergoing punishment; an

end to the old pass system - requiring that a soldier

sign in and sign out - ~~and~~ an end to travel restrictions

for a soldier on pass - wherever possible.

Reverse side - the new rules providing

that three-point-two beer - may now be served

routinely in mess halls in non-combat areas; and

further that beer-vending machines may now be

installed in barracks. This - in line with newly

adopted navy policy. Army Chief of Staff General

William Westmoreland explaining that "actions must be

taken - to improve the soldier's initial impression of

the army." With the ultimate goal - we are told -

to help ~~to~~ end the draft by encouraging voluntary

enlistments.

ROME

For Pope Paul - another brief trip today.

The Pontiff making his annual pilgrimage - to the Statue of the Virgin Mary in the ^{Piazza} DeSpagna in Central Rome. There to mark the one hundred and sixteenth anniversary - of a proclamation originally set forth by Pope Pius the Ninth; a proclamation reaffirming the Catholic concept of the Immaculate Conception.

By the way, the Pope's visit attended by a beefed-up security force; in part, because of Basque inspired riots today - in front of the nearby Spanish embassy; also, the fact that the Pontiff's annual visit - usually draws thousands; not to mention - his recent close call in ~~the~~ Manila. This time though - only a few hundred on[^] lookers. After five minutes of prayer - the Pope departing without incident.

OTTAWA

Here's one - a report from Canada's four
year old Royal ~~Com~~ Commission on the status of women;
a five hundred page document urging, among other
things - equal ~~emp~~ employment opportunities for
women - the right to abortion on demand, also, a
minimum marriage ~~of~~ age of eighteen with no
exceptions. All of which is aimed at promoting
~~Human~~ womens equality = in a society ^{called} "unjustly
conceived and controlled by men."

Incidentally, the report's reference to
"equal employment" - making it plain it means just
that. This expected to include ~~we are told~~ the
acceptance of women at Canada's West Point; also,
the acceptance of women as Royal Canadian Mounted
Police - which seems only just. After all, Warren,
don't the mounties "always get their man?"

NEW YORK

Of all the great and colorful personalities America has produced only a ~~but~~ handful are ~~still~~ known - respected and admired the world over. The group including such as Mark Twain, ^{O. Henry,} Charlie Chaplain; ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~also~~ the legendary Rube Goldberg who just passed away in New York.

In a career spanning more than sixty years - Rube Goldberg turning out a prodigious number of comic ^π strips and cartoon series, ^{Book McButt & son.} ~~By far,~~ ^{One of} the greatest of his creations ~~though~~ - "Professor Lucifer Gorgonzola Butts;" the man who put together - those phenomenally complicated "Rube Goldberg inventions." So famous, in time - they eventually earned the cartoonist a place in the dictionary; where a "rube goldberg" is now defined as a device for "accomplishing by extremely complex and round-about means - what actually or seemingly could be done simply." ~~The one and only Rube Goldberg!~~ He was unique, and much loved by his friends.

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Rube Goldberg - ~~a true~~ genius - age eighty-

seven, ~~and the world mourns~~ an American whose fame was

world wide. The one and only Rube
Goldberg.