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RAILS

In the face of a threatened midnight rail strike - the U S postal service was forced to take emergency action today; clamping an embargo on the shipment of newspapers and magazines, advertising matter and parcel post - ^{that is} beyond a distance of three hundred miles. Postmaster General Winston Blount saying : "We must not run the risk of tying up our Post Offices ~~at~~ at a time when the massive Christmas mail load is bearing ^{down} upon the system.

Meanwhile, the House and Senate ^{were} attempting to ~~ward~~ ^{ward} off the strike by means of emergency legislation. The White House - helping ~~to~~ spur congressional action ^{by} observing that "a strike would have a devastating effect on the economy - and the transporting of goods throughout the country."

HO CHI MINH

In the war news from Southeast Asia - the story today of a commando type raid - against a major Communist depot on the Ho Chi Minh supply trail deep in Laos; an attack said to have been carried out - by a strike force organized and trained by U S commanders; a force reportedly including royal Laotian Army troops - also, U S financed Laotian guerrillas.

In any event, the attackers reportedly killing - scores of North Vietnamese troops; then destroying ↵ tons and tons of vital Communist war supplies.

~~Temporarily~~ Temporarily, at least, stemming the flow of ~~Communist~~ ~~for~~ arms and ammunition - southward into Cambodia and south Vietnam.

FORT BRAGG

~~Here at home~~ - Defense Secretary Melvin Laird paid a call today at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; where he personally decorated ninety-seven service men - who took part in that prison camp raid last month into Communist North Vietnam.

The fact that American P O W's had already been moved - "a heart-breaking disappointment" - said ~~Melvin~~ Laird. ^{But he added that} ~~the~~ the raid itself - "was not a failure." - ~~he~~ ^{for, as he put it} ~~continued, for~~ these men showed the world - we will not forget or abandon the lonely and suffering Americans" still held prisoner in Southeast Asia.

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW FORT BRAGG

Also -
Back


at the White House - another special gesture to the military. President Nixon taking part in a ceremony - marking the re-enlistment of five U S service men; one each - from the army, navy, air force, marine corps and coast guard.

Said The President ^{asserting} ~~observing that~~ men such as these -- are helping to win "a just peace in Vietnam." Also he stressed ^{ed} the value of a military career - "at a time when we are moving toward an all-volunteer force."

TEL AVIV

In the Middle East - at Tev Aviv - Israel's Moshe Dayan today boarded a plane bound for the U S; heading for talks later this week - with President Nixon, also with Secretary of State William Rogers and others. Chief topic: How to get Mid-East peace talks rolling again.

Before he left though - Dayan warning Cairo , in effect, "no tricks." Should the Egyptians try to cross the Suez Canal - said he - we shall smite them hip and thigh."



DAUGHTER FOLLOW TEL AVIV

~~Incidentally,~~ ^a revealing insight into the character of Moshe Dayan -- is also reported ~~today~~ from Tel Aviv. His daughter - Yael - an author - telling an interviewer that her father is an intense loner; one who "holds the key to his own soul - and controls the traffic into it and out of it -- people, objects, interests."

This permitting a single-mindedness of purpose - perhaps essential to the very existence of Israel - said Yael Dayan; but it's sometimes pretty tough - said she - on herself, her mother, and her two brothers. Yael Dayan adding that her father - realizing this and deeply regretting it - once told a friend: ~~like~~ "If I had to relive my life - I wouldn't have a family."

Moshe Dayan - truly a man of steel.

MOSCOW

~~Over~~ In Russia - over the past few years - the
US drug problem ^{has been} often cited as one of the inevitable
side effects of "decadent capitalism." Now comes an
admission - that Russia also has a drug problem. The
Soviet magazine Krokodil -- telling of a brisk trade in
marijuana and hashish in the fabled city of Tashkent.
This leading - we are told - to a growing number of
Russian addicts - "most of them very young." All of
which would seem to indicate that the so-called drug
culture - is a respecter of no boundaries, either
geographical or ideological.

After all in Tashkent, Bokhara and
Samarband they've been smoking
hashish for centuries.

LA BREA TAR PITS

The story of a remarkable archaeological find -
comes today from ~~the~~^{those} La Brea tar pits in Los Angeles.

A team of scientists reporting the discovery of pre-
historic fossils - dating back to the Ice Age. These
including seeds, sod, leaves, branches - even the bones
of an Arctic musk ox; ^{- all} said to indicate that California
was once a frigid land - perhaps as recently as ten
thousand years ago.

Project director George Miller observing that,
here-to-fore ~~the~~ the chances of ~~g~~ getting information
about the ecology of that time - ~~was~~ ~~were~~ simply
unthinkable. Indeed, this La Brea find - said he is
"the equivalent of the discovery of King Tut's tomb;" ^{that is}
to ecologists - anyway.

FRANKFURT

At Frankfurt West Germany - a buxom blond ^{strip}~~extra~~
leaser was convicted today of spying for Communist
Hungary. Thirty-two year old Erika Ossendriver found
guilty of using her charms - plus "gifts and other
favors" to entice ~~the~~ U S soldiers into giving her
confidential information.

But, The court suspend^{ed}~~ing~~ sentence ~~though~~ in part,
because Erika had already spent eleven months in jail
awaiting trial. It was also noted her principal
accomplishments in a brief spy career - included the
theft of a U S telephone book, ~~and~~^{and} ~~and~~ an army
manual on G I clothing. Observers noting: "A mata hari
she was ~~not~~ not!"

LONDON

From London ^{came} an announcement ~~no today~~ that
Britain's official film censor - is finally calling it
quits. Sir John Trevelyan - age sixty-seven - explaining
"I'm tired of the stuff we're getting now - I've had
enough of American, German, Scandinavian and Italian
sex films." And he added - "it is not my kind of
entertainment." *Hear! Hear! Sir John - many of us agree*

Sir John then went on to recall that Aldous
Huxley "once described an intellectual - as somebody,
sometimes interested in something other than sex."
But, ^{Judging} "by the films I've seen recently" said ^{Sir John} ~~he~~ somewhat
^{happen,} ~~that~~ "there don't seem to be many
intellectuals, in Europe."

FREDERICK

This next - from the U S Agriculture Department;
which announced today - the setting of a new world's
milk producing record. ~~And~~ The new champ? - a five
year old holstein by the name of Ballard - owned and
operated by the Glen Lu-knoll farm -- Frederick
Maryland

In the year that ended this past Monday Ballard-
the-Bountiful reportedly giving out - nearly five
thousand gallons of milk. ~~Repeat~~ five thousand
gallons ~~and Warren, that's no bull.~~ from one generous cow - and SLU-T-M.