

Tuesday, April 9, 1974

DURHAM

***First, a salute to CBS Radio station W-D-N-C -
Durham, North Carolina - today celebrating its fortieth
anniversary on the air.***

XENIA

President Nixon ~~flew~~^{flew} today[^] to Xenia, Ohio - where

he viewed the damage from one of those killer tornados of last week. The death toll at Xenia, you may recall - thirty-five. The President noting that never had he seen such devastation - in such a small area. ^{But} Predicting ~~however - that~~ Xenia "will come back."

"The spirit of this city is great" - he continued.

Further pledging to cut through bureaucratic tape - to speed the rebuilding job. Adding that "the spirit of Xenia - gives us all encouragement."

UNITED NATIONS

Here in New York - a special session of the U.N. General Assembly; called at the request - of President Boumedieene of Algeria. An attempt to deal with the problems of developing nations - especially in view of soaring energy costs. ~~And~~ The lead-off speaker - U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim; calling for "a more equitable and workable - global economic system;" adding that "the problems now confronting national governments are so vast and so complex - that we have to deal with them in cooperation - as a community of nations."



VATICAN FOLLOW UNITED NATIONS

The U.N. meeting also receiving a message - from Pope Paul, ~~who~~^{ing} urged the world's richest nations - to stop wasting money on artificially-created needs; ~~to~~ use it instead - to help poorer countries. If not - said he - the inevitable result can only be revolution and worldwide disorder.

GAS

Meanwhile, the availability of gas continues to improve. The AAA today reporting that ninety-seven per cent of the nation's gas stations - are open and pumping with the price continuing to climb. Highest - in Illinois, South Carolina, New York and Hawaii. Averaging about fifty-six cents a gallon for regular - sixty-three for premium.

SIMON

Federal energy czar William Simon - a witness today before a House committee, ^{was} ~~there~~ defending the Administration ~~A~~ for the way it handled the recent energy crisis. The moves made by the government were "the right ones" - said he - "and they resulted in the least total impact on the American public."

^{He even} ~~Simon~~ adding ~~ed~~ that the Arab oil embargo - may have been a blessing in disguise. Why? Because it came "at precisely the right time" - said he; "at a time when the seriousness of the energy problem - was a matter of debate;" making "us realize ^{it to be} ~~it is~~ a fact, ^{||} ~~not a question.~~"

SAXBE

Back in Washington - Attorney General William

Saxbe ~~was~~ discussing ~~today~~ ^{said:} the Hearst kidnapping [^] "Now that the lid is off - I think we're going to see some results!"

~~said he~~ Adding ~~emphatically~~ "We will apprehend the people involved in this case - if they stay in this country."

More on the same - from FBI Director Clarence

Kelley; who said if Miss Hearst is not freed or found soon -

"that will be alarming, of course." Kelley ^{adding} ~~stressing~~ [^]

~~however, for us at least~~ "we choose to believe she is alive."

TOKYO

Some fifty thousand rail, telephone and postal workers - went on strike today throughout Japan; the vanguard of a nationwide strike - set for Thursday. The Japanese workers demanding pay increases - ranging up to a Hundred Bucks a month; a figure that up to a few years ago - would probably have equaled a whole month's wages.

MOSCOW

**U.S. Commerce Secretary Frederick Dent - a
visitor today in Moscow - meeting with Soviet trade
officials. Along the way, also saying he's confident ~~that~~
Congress will grant - most-favored-nation trading status
to the Soviet Union. "Generally speaking" - said he -
"there are obstacles to progress in any field;" but
"progress will be achieved - and the sooner the better."**

WEED

Forest fire in New Mexico. A blaze fed by high winds - exploding in cyclonic fashion through the heavily-timbered Lincoln National Forest; quickly enveloping // about fourteen thousand acres of woodland; also, threatening the nearby towns of Weed and Sacramento & before ~~it was~~ finally brought under control.

~~By the way,~~ *The cause of the fire - we hear - a ten-year-old boy playing with matches. This in the ~~forest~~ ^{forest} ~~where~~ ^{where} ~~home~~ of "Smokey the Bear" originated.*

WEATHER

Springtime in the Rockies - the source a wintry blast currently sweeping across the upper U.S. The storm dumping up to seven inches of snow - on parts of Indiana and Ohio. Heading next - for the Northeast. The Weather Bureau today issuing heavy snow warnings - for Northern Pennsylvania, Upstate New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. The new accumulations ^{in some of these already as} - ~~expected to run as~~ much as ten inches.

PHILADELPHIA

From Philadelphia - the story of a motorcycle club - attempting to improve its image. Members of the so-called "Outlaws" - stopping to help motorists with flat tires or out of gas. When they're finished - handing out ~~business~~ cards which say: "You have just been helped by an Outlaw motorcyclist."

The card also bearing a line - explaining how it all ^{he gave} ~~got started~~. The Outlaws saying: "When we do right - no one remembers; when we do wrong - no one forgets." A spokesman adding: "We may not be the cream of the crop - but a lot of us are good human beings."