

Tuesday, March 28, 1972

WHITE HOUSE

At the White House Jordan's King Hussein today once again conferred with President Nixon. For an hour and a half, the two discussed a variety of subjects - including, no doubt the King's plan for a new federated Kingdom of Jordan. The White House later stressed that however, his was a "private visit." So no details have been given to the press. The President and the King are meeting again tonight - at a White House "working dinner", they call it. Hussein is then expected to enter Walter Reed Army Hospital for a complete medical check up. The King - a rugged athlete - is said to have a heart problem.

SCOTT-FORD FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

The President also met today with Republican Congressional leaders; after which ^{followed a blast} ~~a round-house attack~~ from Senate minority leader ~~Mr~~ Hugh Scott. The Democrats injection of an I T and T anti-trust case into the Richard Kleindinst confirmation hearings - said ^{Sen.} Scott - ^{is} "a frantic exercise in continuing ~~an~~ un-Germndness." ^{TP} The Senator adding that "all of us - have to engage in some form of political jack-assery" at some time or another; but this, ^{said} he ~~continued~~ has "long past its peri-helion." "Peri-helion" meaning, literally - that point in one's ^{path} ~~past~~ nearest the sun. ^{Sen.} Scott was then joined ~~by~~ House minority leader ^{in launching} Gerald Ford - ~~is~~ a charge that the Democrats have largely ignored President Nixon's legislative proposals. Ford further warned - we're "getting down to the wire." Adding that welfare reform, ~~revenue sharing~~ revenue sharing and strike control will all become major campaign issues - if ~~these~~ they're still held in abeyance over the ~~the~~ next few months.

SAN JOSE

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San Jose, California - an attempted jail
break today; with a trio of prisoners - seizing a
young Secretary and a public defender - trying to
bargain their way out - ~~except~~ ^{But} it didn't work.

In the end - Sheriff's officers rushing the prisoners -
killing one - capturing ~~in~~ the other two; while the
hostages - escaping with only "superficial" injuries.

All this occurring at the Santa Clara
County jail'; about ^t a hundred yards from ~~the~~ the
~~sight~~ site of the Angela Davis trial, ^{This} ~~is~~ entirely
unrelated - we are told to the case in which Miss
Davis ^A ~~is~~ ^{is} allegedly involved; and yet - in many
respects - a remarkable similarity.

PRICES

Elsewhere in Washington - the start of two days of hearings -- on the effectiveness of price controls.

Leadoff witness - A F L-C I O President George Meany; who charged that the Federal Price Commission is "in business to help business, not consumers." Meany adding that this is threatening a housewives revolt \wedge that could bring about the defeat of President Nixon in his bid for re-election.

Reverse side - from W P Gullander, President of the National Association of Manufacturers; who characterized Meany - as "George in Wonderland."

Gullander noting that business profits have risen only two percent in the past six years - while wages have risen ~~sixty three percent~~ ^{far far more,} Both agreeing though ^{that} \wedge the present controls are complicated and confusing; which leads, in turn, - to "disenchantment, disbelief and dissatisfaction."

BELFAST

At Belfast in Northern Ireland ^{there was} a mass protest
march today by more than a hundred thousand Protestants.

the crowd converging on Stormont Castle where its leaders ^{made the}
charge ^{that} they were betrayed by London.

Meanwhile inside - the Ulster parliament was holding
its final session; thereby clearing the way - for direct
British rule.

Later, Premier Brian Faulkner - appeared ^{ed} briefly
at a balcony - assuring the crowd that northern Ireland -
would never become a part of ^a Roman Catholic ~~northern~~ Ireland.

This coming ^{on} the second day of a general strike -
^{which has} virtually paralyze ^{ed} the city. ^{It} It was also followed by a
(series of gun battles) and the burning of a ~~Roman Catholic~~
school, ^{and} In addition, a bomb blast today at Limavady ^{was}
raising the death toll by two more.

PHNOM Penh

The city of Phnom Penh in Cambodia ^{was} in a virtual state of seize today; with heavy enemy troop ^{concentrations -} ~~forces~~ reported to the north and south. ~~And~~ a river convoy ^{to} ~~that~~ resupplied ~~the~~ the city with food, fuel and ammunition ^{was} forced to run a gauntlet of enemy rocket and artillery fire.

In the city itself - a terrorist grenade attack ~~kill~~ ^{ed} six, ~~and~~ ^{ed} The government warning residents to arm themselves and dig trenches in preparation for a possible Communist attack.

PHAN RANG

Across the border though - another milestone in
the U S Vietnamization program. The U S turning over
to South Vietnamese control -- a sixty million dollar
airbase at Phan Rang, ^{with} ~~and~~ the big U S air base at Da Nang -
expected soon ~~to~~ to follow. - ~~we are told~~ ^{Which will} ~~This to~~ ^{leave}
only one air field - ~~still~~ in American hands; the last and
biggest - at Cam Ranh Bay.

GENEVA FOLLOW HELSINKI

~~At the same time~~ ^{Also -} another session of the ²~~1~~
Geneva disarmament conference, ^{with} Russia ~~today~~ presenting
the first draft of a treaty - to ban or ~~ex~~ destroy all
chemical warfare weapons or failing that - to convert
them to ~~peace~~ peaceful uses.

Observers were quick to note ~~however~~ the
Russian draft provides for no ~~set~~ safeguards or controls.
Indeed, the Russian plan specifies that any signatory
might ~~withdraw~~ - withdraw - in case of "extraordinary
events, jeopardizing its supreme interests."

~~As for~~ U S reaction? ~~a spokesman saying, in~~
~~effect~~ "We'll study it."

DACCA

The outbreak of small pox in Bangladesh seems to be getting worse. The new state reporting more than seven hundred deaths over the past ten days; mostly in the western districts. The victims said to include returning refugees apparently bringing the disease with them from India.

And an outbreak of smallpox is reported in Jugoslavia; first there - in forty years:

DICHTER

A novel look at "man's best friend" - comes today from Dr. Ernest Dichter, head of the Institute for Motivational Research, who notes that dogs are ~~no~~ often a nuisance, ~~Plus~~ running counter to the trends of our Present age of convenience. ~~and yet - they're~~ ^{Yet, he admits they are} still the most popular of ~~household~~ ^{all} pets. ~~Doctor Dichter~~ ^{He says this is because} ~~explaining this - by virtue of the fact that~~ a dog can serve as: one - a family substitute; - two -- a symbol of perpetual youth; three - a child figure; four, an example of how to enjoy life to the fullest and then curl up and go to sleep; five - a willing slave. Six, an ever-ready burglar alarm; or seven - ~~a mixture~~ of all of these combined, and then some.

~~I~~ Doctor Dichter adding, in short, a dog can be almost anything you want it to be - for it offers, ^{Bill Martin,} quote, "free love"; Just feed him and pet him - and he's a push-over.

FOOTBALL

The White House again - President Nixon met today with six year old Kevin Heald of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and his sponsor Calvin Hill of Dallas, Texas. The former Nineteen-Seventy-Two poster boy for the National Association of Retarded children. The latter, star fullback for the Champion Dallas Cowboys. Calvin Hill also bringing along an autographed football.

"Come on, toss me one" - said the President.

And then - a brief scrimmage. When he later signed the football himself - the President telling Kevin. I didn't make the team - but I'm putting my name on it for you."

And he added: "All you have to do now - is carry the ball over the goal line."