

Tuesday, November 4, 1975

REACTION

The reaction to President Ford's cabinet shake up - perhaps best described as mixed. Here at home, those who claim to be in the know - saying Henry Kissinger has lost some of his power; and he may be replaced soon - by Eliot Richardson.

U. S. Intelligence officials insisting, however - Dr. Kissinger has come out a winner; and this is a view seemingly shared - by most overseas. A Dutch newspaper expressing a view common in Europe - saying Dr. Kissinger will now "have a free hand more than ever." Japan's Defense Chief adding that in Asia - he can foresee "no great change."

WHITE HOUSE

From the White House - an appeal today to the Senate Intelligence Committee - not to make public its planned report on CIA political assassinations. The President saying such a report - could have "disastrous consequences." "It would likely be exploited" - said he - "by foreign nations and groups hostile to the U.S.; in a manner" - he continued - "designed to do maximum damage to our reputation and foreign policy." The President adding it would ~~thereby~~ ^{thereby} "seriously impair - our ability to exercise our positive leading role in world affairs."

SENATE

The President's request - quickly rejected, however, by Committee Chairman Frank Church. The Senator also criticizing the President - for what he calls "an eleventh house attempt to suppress the report; and for appointing a new CIA director at "this moment - because," said he, "it can only have disruptive effect."

HOUSE

DETROIT On the House side - a compromise today with Secretary of State, Kissinger. This in connection with a controversial State Department Memo - dealing with the Cypress problem. The House Intelligence Committee - agreeing to accept a general collection of dissent papers, including the one in question; but with the identity of all authors - kept secret.

DETROIT

*U.S. new car sales during October - the best in
Seventeen months; an increase of twenty-three per cent over
October last year - according to figures today from Detroit.
Ford's Bennett Bidwell adding that "two factors - continuing
industry to close Nineteen Seventy-Five on a strong note."*

MADRID

*Generalissimo Franco of Spain - in Madrid -
was again fighting back today from the brink of death.
Government sources saying Franco awakened after
emergency surgery - and was able to talk with his wife.
But he has since suffered an attack of phlebitis and one of
his doctors saying, as to survival; "it's a question not of
days, but of hours."*

SAN FRANCISCO

At San Francisco - a hearing today on whether newspaper heiress, Patricia Hearst - is mentally competent to stand trial. Defense Counsel, F. Lee Bailey - asking an additional delay of at least thirty days; arguing that mental tests have shown - Miss Hearst is suffering from "diminished capacity." The Judge taking the matter under advisement - pledged^{ed} a ruling by the end of the week.

SALINAS

This next - from Salinas, California; the story of Mrs. Sonja Moroni, a native of Russia - captured by the Nazis in World War II and sent into slave labor in Germany; at War's end, on hearing that her family had been wiped out - applying for admission to the U.S. where she married and raised a family of her own. And then - a remarkable discovery; her parents, her brother and her sister - all alive and well and living near Kiev.

That was a year ago. The ensuing time -filled with incredible red tape. But Mrs. Moroni now in route to Russia - a trip filled with boundless joy but also one regret. Mrs. Moroni saying: "All that time - gone - and we've lost it."

TALLAHASSEE

The Florida State School Fund - richer by more than eighteen thousand today; the result of a seven hour auction of odds and ends - collected from the State Comptroller's office at Tallahassee. These including nine hundred dollars worth of confederate money - which went for fifty bucks; proving, in the words of spokesman, Harold Rummel - "It pay to save your Confederate money, whether the South rises again or not."

And now this...

DENVER

The death of Edna Juanita Davis, age eighty-five - reported today from Denver. Mrs. Davis - the widow of famed painter Hernon Davis; also, the model for Davis' famed "Faith on the Barroom floor" - in Colorado's Central City Teller House. ~~██████████~~ Hers a face on the barroom floor.

And now for CBS...

...said Sadat but "we do expect the U.S. to refrain from spurring the arms race in the area."

The Egyptian President also again warning the inclusion of Palestinians in attempts at achieving a true peace in the Middle East. "The Palestinian question is the key and one of the major issues," he said. "Once it is solved, all other issues will be solved."

And the latest: The U.S. agreeing to sell to Egypt,