

SAN CLEMENTE

Mon. May 3-71.

From the western White House at San Clemente
a direct appeal today to North Vietnam. President
Nixon urging the Communists to join in transferring
all prisoners of war -- to neutral Sweden; where they
would then be interned -- said he pending a settlement
of the Vietnam conflict.

Say The President, ~~going on to say: The U S government~~
~~facts~~ it is time for the North Vietnamese ~~government~~
to be responsive in the matter of prisoners of war.

~~And~~ ~~adding they~~ "the burden now falls ~~very~~ squarely -
on the shoulders of the North Vietnamese."

A White House statement ~~further~~ saying ~~that~~ the
President - ~~would~~ hopes ~~that~~ ^{the} Hanoi will move promptly
to negotiate an agreement on this issue; ^{to} to take advantage
of this ² humanitarian offer ~~made by Sweden,~~ ~~on the part of the Swedish~~
~~US government.~~

INDO CHINA

Meanwhile, the President's program of troop withdrawals from Vietnam - was passing the half way point. The U S command in Saigon reporting present American troop strength - about two hundred and seventy one thousand men; as compared with a peak figure of five hundred and forty-three thousand, - during the earliest months of the Nixon administration.

Officials adding that the ~~present phase seven of the~~ President's current Phase Seven

~~President's~~ withdrawal plan - is proceeding well ahead of schedule; with its goal - as you know - that of leaving no more than a hundred and eighty-four thousand men still there - as of next December One.

PROTEST

Still - the protests continue; including an attempt today - to cripple the government's so-called "war-machine". This by means of a series of massive demonstrations - aimed at stalling rush-hour traffic in and around Washington.

However, the President ~~spending~~ sending express instructions - to Washington Police Chief Jerry Wilson; instructions which the Chief later relayed - to all his men in the field - saying: "The desire of the President - is that the city shall be open for business this week." ~~And what with federal troops assisting in the job - helping to round up a record seven thousand~~ ~~protestors~~ ^{and} so it was.

SUPREME COURT

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Over the Supreme Court - it was also pretty

much "business as usual" today; another Monday - another big decision today; including a verdict that the jury in a death penalty case - may decide both guilt and punishment at a single setting. This ~~appearance~~ apparently clearing the way - for a long awaited ruling still to come; a ruling that deals with the constitutionality -- of the death ~~pen~~ penalty itself.

In other cases today, the high court ruled unconstitutional - a ~~new~~ New York State law dealing with "home rule." in education; thereby taking a tentative first step - we are told - toward the outlawing of "defacto" segregation. The court also upholding federal laws - prohibiting the importation or mailing of obscene materials; while agreeing to hear later three cases- that could well determine - to a large extent, the legal prerogatives of a free press.

AMMAN - BEIRUT

For Secretary of State William Rogers - during his visit to Jordan - a two and a half hour flying trip today over the "front lines," ~~Flies~~ in a helicopter - supplied by ~~Jordan's tough young~~ King Hussein. ~~With~~ Rogers scouting the occupied west bank of the Jordan River - also the occupied Golan Heights in nearby Syria. Later, on his return to Amman, the Secretary citing a marked contrast - between the fertility of irrigation ~~proj~~ projects as compared with refugee camps. And he added: The most dramatic conclusion one can draw is how senseless the continuation of hostilities would be."

Next stop - Beirut; where ^{he} ~~Rogers~~ was met by the toughest security precautions - ever seen in Lebanon. ~~The Secretary planning talks there with President Suleiman Franjic and Premier Saeb Salam -- before flying on to Cairo.~~

BRUSHY MOUNTAIN

At Tennessee's Brushy Mountain State Prison -
an attempted jail break early today. James Earl Ray -
the convicted killer of Dr. Martin Luthr King - chipping
through a ventilation shaft; then making his way onto
the prison grounds - leaving behind in his bed a dummy
aimed at fooling his guards; except - the would-be
escape was ~~quickly~~ discovered and ^{they caught} ~~James Earl~~ Ray ~~was~~
~~apprehended again~~ before he could ~~even~~ scale the
~~pinson~~ prison walls.

EAST BERLIN

East Berlin - perhaps ~~to~~ the beginning of the end
- for Walter Ulbricht of Communist East Germany; who
resigned today as first secretary of the East German
Communist party - the real seat of his power. Age
seventy-^{seven}~~eight~~ and ailing -- Ulbricht turning over this
key job to a fellow politburo member - one Erich
Honecker.

MICK LEAHY

Over the years you have ^{often} heard me ~~rather often~~
~~on the subject of the vast~~ ^{talk about the} wild island of New Guinea,
~~You have heard me refer to it as the~~ largest island in
the world, and the most mountainous. If you were to
flatten it out it would cover an area almost the size of
the United States, or the continent of Australia. Although
mariners ^{may} have known of New Guinea for thousands of
years -- ~~ev~~ ^{ev} ~~idently~~ the Malays did, it wasn't until ~~quite~~
recently, the year Nineteen Thirty, the year I first went
on the air, that anyone crossed ~~the~~ ^{it} huge island on the
Equator. It was a party lead by a man who ~~surely~~ ranks
as one of the ^{top} ~~great~~ explorers of our time. ~~and he's~~ in
New York this week ^{and} his name ^{is} Michael Leahy.

Everyone in Australia and New Guinea knows
him, and refers to him affectionately as Mick Leahy. It
was Mick, and his brother Dan, and several companions,
who in 1933, climbed those razor-like ranges, and there

spread out before them was a great valley that no outsider had ever seen, ^{— a valley the floor of which was dotted with} ~~And it was full of~~ villages, ^{small} plantations, ^{inhabited by} and over a hundred thousand primitive tribesmen, [^] In many ways not too primitive at that. But, they ~~also~~ were headhunters, cannibals, ^{and} They and their ancestors had been in New Guinea since time immemorial.

What an experience ~~that must have been~~ for

Mick Leahy and his companions!

On one of his New Guinea journeys in

Nineteen Thirty-One, ~~a little~~ farther east in the Kuku Kuku country, he had ^{a close call,} ~~quite an experience.~~ A cannibal hit him over the head with a war club. Ever since then he has been hard of hearing. Mick Leahy is the only man I ever knew who survived a hit over the head with a club by a cannibal. ^R He and his wife are on one of their periodic journeys around the world and were my guests today. I wish you could all meet this colorful New Guinea explorer.

Oh yes, and he wrote a thrilling book about ~~some of~~ his
adventures, ~~some years ago~~. Mick Leahy, who is hard of
hearing but still enjoying life right up to the hilt in spite
of the fact that a cannibal bounced a war club off his
handsome ~~sturdy~~ dome.

DACCA

In the midst of continuing ~~to~~ strife and turmoil
in East Pakistan; ~~an indication today that~~ life goes on.
~~Officials disclosing~~ Nineteen Seventy farm ~~production~~
figures - showing that East Pakistan produced last
year some ~~to~~ eighty percent of the world's jute; ~~which~~
~~is~~ used ~~as you know~~ in making twine ^{and} packing
materials ~~right~~ around the globe.

~~And why so much from East Pakistan? Because~~
~~of~~ That country's hot, humid climate ~~which is~~
ideally suited to jute. ~~Indeed, American humorist~~
~~Mark Twain -- once visiting that part of the world -~~
~~later noting that use of the term "cold ~~to~~ weather -~~
~~there -- was merely a figure of speech and its main~~
~~purpose - said he - to distinguish - between weather~~
~~which will melt a brass door knob and weather which~~
~~only makes it mushy."~~