

INDO CHINA

Thurs. Feb. 18-'71.

HANOI'S CHIEF DELEGATE ~~■~~ AT THE PARIS PEACE TALKS

-- ~~XUAN THUY~~ TODAY CHARGED THE UNITED ~~■~~ STATES WITH PLANNING TO INVADE NORTH VIETNAM - AND WARNED SUCH A MOVE WOULD BE A THREAT TO COMMUNIST CHINA. ANOTHER HANOI SPOKESMAN AMPLIFIED THIS - SAYING PEKING WOULD NOT STAND IDLY BY WATCHING ~~■~~ EVENTS IN ~~INDO~~ CHINA BECAUSE RED CHINA "SHARES MOUNTAINS, LAKES AND RIVERS" WITH NORTH VIETNAM AND LAOS. REFERRING TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S STATEMENT OF YESTERDAY CONCERNING THE USE OF UNLIMITED AMERICAN AIR POWER, XUAN THUY CALLED IT ANOTHER INDICATION THAT THE U S DOES NOT ~~■~~ SEEK PEACE BUT A MILITARY VICTORY.

IN WASHINGTON, SENATOR MC GOVERN OF SOUTH ~~■~~ DAKOTA ~~■~~ ~~AN~~ ~~EVOCED~~ DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE - ACCUSED THE PRESIDENT OF "FLIRTING WITH WORLD WAR THREE IN ASIA" WITH HIS POLICY OF UNLIMITED AIR WARFARE. AND IN THE HOUSE, ~~■~~ REPUBLICAN PAUL MC CLOSKEY SUGGESTED THAT A NATIONAL DEBATE SHOULD BE STARTED ON WHETHER THE PRESIDENT SHOULD BE IMPEACHED FOR HIS ^{WAR} POLICIES. SAID McCLOSKEY - A FORMER U S MARINE - " I DO NOT ADVOCATE IMPEACHMENT - BUT A NATIONAL DEBATE WOULD BRING HOME TO THE PRESIDENT THE ~~■~~ DEPTH OF DESPAIR MANY OF US FEEL OVER HIS RECENT MOVES WITHOUT PRIOR CONSENT OF CONGRESS.

IN THE FIGHTING, SOUTH VIETNAMESE RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS ARE REPORTING SCOUTING THE DEFENSES ^{of} ~~AROUND SEPONE~~ A HUB OF THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL SOME TWENTY-SEVEN MILES INSIDE LAOS. SEVEN MORE AMERICAN AIRCRAFT REPORTED DAMAGED OR LOST TODAY, INCLUDING THREE HELICOPTERS SHOT DOWN OVER LAOS. FAR TO THE NORTH - THREE HUNDRED MILES ABOVE THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL NORTH VIETNAMESE GUNNERS, USING RUSSIAN WEAPONS, SHELLED A MILITARY BASE AT LONG CHENG, DESTROYING ITS POWER PLANT. AND TO THE SOUTH IN CAMBODIA, A FORCE OF FOURTEEN HUNDRED SOUTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS LAUNCHED A NEW OFFENSIVE AGAINST COMMUNIST POSITIONS IN THE MEKONG DELTA. ALSO A BATTLE IS IN PROGRESS SIXTEEN MILES NORTHWEST OF THE CAPITAL, - ^{Phnom Penh} ~~PHNOM PENH~~.

HEALTH

PRESIDENT NIXON TODAY GAVE CONGRESS HIS PROPOSALS FOR A NATIONAL health plan - ONE ^{of} WHICH WOULD PROVIDE LOW COST MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR EMPLOYED PERSONS AND THEIR FAMILIIES WHILE THE GOVERNMENT PAYS ALL, ^{or} OR MOST OF, ^{or} THE MEDICARE BILLS OF THE NEEDY. ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS SAY ALL BUT ABOUT FORTY MILLION AMERICANS WOULD BE COVERED BY THE PLAN - VIRTUALLY ELIMINATING THE PRESENT COSTLY ~~MEDICARE~~ MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR THE POOR. DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION, COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ABOUT THREE BILLION DOLLARS. IN CHICAGO, THE PRESIDENT OF THE ~~NEW~~ AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION - DOCTOR WALTER BRONHEIER - SAID THE AMA'S INITIAL REACTION TO THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSALS IS GENERALLY FAVORABLE. WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS OFFERING THEIR OWN PROPOSALS FOR NATIONAL ^{HEALTH} ~~CARE~~ CARE THE ISSUE COULD BRING ON ONE OF THE HARDEST FOUGHT ^{legislated} FLOOR BATTLES IN YEARS.

ECONOMY

**DEMOCRATIC SENATOR MUSKIE OF MAINE - A PRESIDENTIAL
POSSIBILITY - SAYS PRESIDENT NIXON SHOULD ORDER WAGE AND PRICE
CONTROLS FOR THE ENTIRE NATIONAL ECONOMY - NOT JUST THE
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ALONE. SUCH ACTION -- HE TOLD THE A F L --
C I O -- EXECUTIVE COUNCIL -- IS NEEDED TO CURB INFLATION.**

THE COUNCIL - MEETING IN MIAMI BEACH -- ALSO HAD A SUGGESTION

THAT WOULD DRASTICALLY AFFECT THE NATIONAL ECONOMY IF ADOPTED. *The*

AFL-CIO Council

IT SAYS THE NATION'S RAILROADS ~~SHOULD~~ SHOULD BE NATIONALIZED

IF RAIL WORKERS ARE BARRED FROM STRIKING AND FORCED TO ACCEPT

A CONTRACT IMPOSED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. (PRESIDENT NIXON

ONLY YESTERDAY ASKED CONGRESS FOR EMERGENCY POWERS TO LIMIT

A STRIKE OR IMPOSE A CONTRACT SETTLEMENT IN THE DISPUTE WHICH

THREATENS TO BRING ON A NATIONWIDE RAIL WALKOUT ON MARCH

FIRST.)

MITCHELL

ONE OF THE PRESIDENT'S CHIEF POLITICAL ADVISORS

**ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN MITCHELL - PREDICTS THAT MR. NIXON WILL
BE RE-ELECTED NEXT YEAR. MITCHELL ALSO SAYS "IF I HAD TO MAKE
A WAGER" IT WOULD BE ON SPIRO AGNEW TO BE HIS RUNNING MATE.**

SNIPER

**SISTER JULITA MARIA WILLIAMS - A THIRTY ~~SEE~~ SEVEN
YEAR OLD CATHOLIC NUN WHO DEVOTED HER LIFE TO TEACHING THE
YOUNG AND RETARDED - DIED TODAY IN DETROIT - THE VICTIM OF A
SNIPER'S BULLET FIRED THROUGH THE DRAPERY COVERED WINDOW OF
HER CONVENT ROOM. SISTER JULITA WAS SHOT ONLY MOMENTS AFTER
RETURNING FROM A FAMILY MASS IN A PRIVATE HOME. POLICE SAY
THEY'LL SEEK A MURDER WARRANT AGAINST A MAN WHO OCCUPIES AN
APARTMENT ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE CONVENT. THE SUSPECT
-- ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHERS -- REPORTEDLY HAD BEEN FIRING
RIFLES IN RANDOM FASHION IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. SAID CARDINAL
JOHN DEARDEN OF DETROIT - "WE SHALL PRAY FOR SISTER JULITA
AND ALSO PRAY THAT SOCIETY MAY PROBE DEEPER FOR THE ROOT
CAUSES THAT PRODUCE SUCH SENSELESS TRAGEDIES."**

REUTHER

SAFETY INVESTIGATORS SAY THE JET PLANE THAT CRASHED
IN MICHIGAN LAST MAY KILLING LABOR LEADER WALTER REUTHER AND
FOUR OTHERS, ²₁ CARRIED AN ALTIMETER WITH SOME PARTS MISSING *and with*
~~ONE~~ ONE PART INSTALLED UPSIDE DOWN. THIS, SAY THE INVESTIGATORS,
PRESENTS A "STRONG POSSIBILITY" THAT A FAULTY READING FROM
THE ALTIMETER CAUSED THE PLANE TO HIT TREE TOPS TWO MILES FROM
A RUNWAY WHILE COMING IN FOR A NIGHTTIME LANDING. THERE WERE
NO VISIBLE LIGHTS ON THE RUNWAY - AND NO GROUND SHADOWS TO HELP
THE PILOT GAUGE HIS ALTITUDE BY EYE SIGHT.

PHILLIPSBURG

FROM PHILLIPSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA THE STORY OF A LATTER-DAY JOHNNY APPLESEED. OVER THE PAST TWENTY YEARS, W K "TURK" JONES PLANTING SOME THIRTY FIVE MILLION APPLE TREES. MOST OF THESE IN ABANDONED STRIP MINES IN THE PENNSYLVANIA COAL FIELDS - ON LAND ONCE BARREN, ~~THE~~ UGLY AND GENERALLY CONSIDERED WORTHLESS. "TURK" JONES' REMARKABLE RECORD NOW THE SUBJECT OF A BOOK ENTITLED APPROPRIATELY "THE NEW FOREST."

HIS FIRST COMMISSION - BACK IN NINETEEN FIFTY - HE RECALLS WAS AN ASSIGNMENT TO PLANT A THOUSAND SEEDLINGS IN ONE OF "THE ROCKIEST AND MOST FORBIDDING MOUNDS OF BLACK SHALE" HE HAD EVER SEEN. IN COAL MINE TERMINOLOGY - A "SPOIL BANK." WONDER OF WONDERS - THE SEEDLINGS GREW LIKE SIXTY! LATER STUDIES SHOWING THAT ABANDONED MINES - ARE OFTEN RICH IN UNSUSPECTED SOIL QUALITIES, AND APPLE ORCHARDS HAVE SINCE REPLACED ~~THE~~ SPOIL BANKS - CLEAR ACROSS PENNSYLVANIA.

Warren, W. K. "TURK" JONES OF PHILLIPSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, ^{via}
A TWENTIETH CENTURY ALCHEMIST WHO MAKES ^{Winecup, Jonathan and Warden} APPLES ~~OUT OF SOIL~~
~~FROM~~ Blush apples appear as tho' by magic out of
abandoned coal mines.

APOLLO

WHILE SCIENTISTS AT THE SPACE CENTER IN HOUSTON WATCHED THROUGH A GLASS SHIELD, THE APOLLO FOURTEEN ASTRONAUTS -- STILL IN QUARANTINE, UNPACKED THE LARGEST ROCKS EVER RETURNED FROM THE MOON. BOTH ABOUT THE ~~THE~~ SIZE OF FOOTBALLS. SHEPARD, MITCHELL AND ROOSA ALSO OPENED THREE NEW BAGS OF MOON SOIL COLLECTED NEAR THE FRA MAURO LANDING SITE. ^R THEY WILL REMAIN IN QUARANTINE UNTIL FEBRUARY TWENTY SEVENTH - A PRECAUTION AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY THAT SHEPARD AND MITCHELL MIGHT SPREAD LUNAR GERMS PICKED UP ~~RESEMBLY~~ WHILE STROLLING ON THE MOON.

*I like that phrase "strolling on the moon!"
My dear lets go strolling on the moon!*