

Wed. ~~Aug~~ Aug. 18-71.

The land of Lincoln - Springfield, Illinois -

~~a flying visit today from~~ ^{welcomed} President Nixon; ^{today. He was} ~~who~~ there

^{to} signed a bill * making Lincoln's old homestead a

national shrine; ^{He} ~~and~~ also walked the corridors of the

old Illinois State Capitol - where the legend of Lincoln

^{as a political figure}

[^] first began ~~to reach its full fruition.~~

In the same room where Lincoln delivered his

immortal "house divided" speech - the President

invoking the memory of his Republican predecessor.

Asserting that we of "this nation - need to remember

the Lincoln legacy;" ~~and thus~~ "revitalize ourselves -

and rekindle the ~~competitive~~ competitive spirit of America;"

For the U.S. "is the only nation" - said he - capable

of providing the leadership "to build a world of

peaceful competition."

ECONOMY FOLLOW LAND OF LINCOLN

This, of course ^{was} a reference to the President's new economic initiative; whose after shocks ^{are} ~~was~~ still being felt today; - right around the globe.

At Brussels ^{there was quite} a gathering, of European common market officials, ~~and~~ trying to decide - just how to cope with the new situation; ^{But they did} ~~but, nevertheless~~ stressing that - "there will be no retaliation." While at Stockholm

- a similar meeting of Scandinavian finance ministers. ^{announced how it is} And the Bank of Japan ^{is} forced to absorb an additional two hundred and eighty-three million American dollars; ^{for} ~~making~~ a grand total of more than a billion and a half - in the last three days.

However, the Japanese stockmarket after ^{hitting an} ~~all time low~~ ~~disastrous decline~~ ^{ed} finally leveling off today. Likewise - the New York stock market - which had been ^{zooming} ~~going~~ the other way, ^{heavy} ~~This followed by a surge of profit taking.~~ - ^{list} ~~with~~ The Dow Jones Industrial ^{by nearly 14 points,} actually dropping ~~more~~ ~~than twelve points.~~

COUNCIL FOLLOW ECONOMY

~~And now the latest:~~ The President's newly
created cost of living council ^{late today} issued a seven page
question and answer statement ^{in an} Attempting to clarify
some of the issues - relating to the ~~President's~~ wage
price freeze. Ruling for example, that ~~the~~ the salaries
of state and local government workers including teachers
-- are frozen; just as are all wages in private industry -
said the council. But ^{with} state and local taxes - no. ~~such~~
~~such.~~

1 At Canberra in Australia and Wellington in
New Zealand, - ~~the end of the line today~~ Australia's
Prime Minister ~~William~~ McMahon and New Zealand's
Sir Keith Holyoke - announcing ^{ed} plans to withdraw all
~~their~~ troops from Vietnam; ^{and} to complete ^{this} ~~the job~~ - by
the end of the year.

While ~~Here~~ at home & the White House ~~stressing that~~ ^{said their}
~~said~~ decision ^{had been} ~~was~~ made & after "full consultation" with
the U.S. and South Vietnam. ^{Washington} ~~It was~~ also called this
"further indication - of the South Vietnamese ^{now being able} ~~ability~~
to provide for their own defense."

FIRE BASE SARGE FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

Meanwhile; ^{another} ~~a~~ six hour battle - at the southern
of the ^e DMZ in Vietnam; with ^{the} ~~a force of~~ enemy ~~troops~~
a attempting to halt a South Vietnamese sweep from
nearby Fire Base Sarge; - which they did; then trying
to overrun a hastily established South Vietnamese
defensive position - which they didn't. In the end,
the battle leaving an estimated two hundred dead -
on both sides.

SKOURAS-ANTHONY

Two more unusual Americans have ~~just~~ departed from the scene, ~~and I don't like to pass up an opportunity to mention unusual men.~~ SPYROS PANAGIOTIS SKOURAS

was born at Skouraborian on the Ionian Sea. His father ^{As a boy} was a sheep-herder. [^] Spyro seemed headed for a career

as a Greek priest. But by the time he was seventeen

he and his brothers ^{had} managed to get to America. ~~Many~~

^π Years ago I recall dining in a restaurant in St. Louis

^{Where} ~~and~~ on the wall ^{was} ~~of which was~~ a picture of Spyro ^{shown} ~~when~~

~~he had been~~ ^{as} a bus boy. ^{Then,} ~~there~~ He and his brothers

bought a small nickelodeon. ^{Later,} ~~outfit and~~ after serving in

World War One, ^{they} branched out ^{with} ~~into~~ movie theaters, ^{and} ~~they~~

soon had a chain, ^{which they} ~~and~~ sold ~~out~~ to Warner Brothers. The

Three young Greeks ^{did} ~~doing~~ all this in a dozen years

or so.

^{Next} ~~then~~ Spyro took over the Fox theaters, and ~~soon~~

^{was} ~~beginning~~ building the Twentieth Century Fox empire. I

was associated with him ~~DEX~~ off and on for nearly
twenty years, and found him one of the most interesting,
colorful men I ever knew. ^{In the days when} The two of us frequently
were billed to speak at the same ~~motion picture~~ ^{film} affairs,
~~and~~ ^{we} became warm friends. ~~He was generous, gave~~
~~much of his fortune away.~~

Horatio Alger never could have dreamed up a
biography as exciting as the life story of the Greek
sheep boy who became a ~~movie~~ movie mogul in America,
a generous man who gave most of his
fortune away. ---0---

It isn't ~~so~~ often ~~that~~ ^{new} a writer puts a word or
a phrase into the English language. Ed Anthony did it
when he ghosted one of the major best sellers of our
time. The title of the book, ~~was~~ BRING 'EM BACK ALIVE.
^{This} Ed Anthony did ~~this in connection~~ with the life story of
Frank Buck who rounded up animals for the zoos and
circuses of the world. Later Ed Anthony did The Big Cage

a thrilling account of the life of animal trainer Clyde Beatty.

He had a real gift for working with other people on their life stories, Gene Tunney and many more.

He also will be remembered for his whimsical biography of Don Marquis, humorist and poet.

In its later days Collier's Magazine was rather shakey. Ed injected new life into ~~the~~ it by lining up Lowell Junior to do the story of our Tibetan expedition in Nineteen Forty-Nine. ~~He was~~ One of the ablest editors of our time.

Two extraordinary men, Spyros Skouras and Ed Anthony.

The death toll from Typhoon Rose - at Hong Kong

alone is

now set at more than a hundred and twenty; with

hundreds more injured - and thousands left homeless.

Weather officials ~~saying~~ ^{say} that the storm - at its peak -

~~was peaking~~ ^{included} winds ^{at} up to a hundred and fifty-five miles

an hour. ~~It was~~ The worst storm in that part of the

world - since typhoon Wanda in Nineteen Sixty-Two; ^{and}

~~when all the figures are in~~ maybe even worse than

Wanda.

~~New York Times~~ Columnist James Reston -

one of the first American journalists ~~admitted by~~

admitted ~~recently~~ to Red China; ^{has been wiring} ~~telling of his observations~~

~~to~~ a series of "letters from China" ^{to the N.Y. Times, In} ~~including an~~

^{today's he notes}

~~installment today noting that there are many reasons~~

- why Americans have always found the Chinese "so

attractive;" ^{will} ~~but~~ one of the main reasons now ~~is~~

~~contains~~ the fact that the Chinese "remind us of

our own simpler agrarian past - before the

complexities of sur taxes and wages and price controls."

~~James~~ Reston adding that, indeed - the Chinese are "engaged in one vast cooperative barn raising."

And he goes on to say: "They work at it night and day

with a pride and persistence that are astonishing; and

they do it against a background of sights and sound -

that tend to make Americans outrageously nostalgic and

even sentimental;" using old time steam engines instead

of diesels - bikes instead of cars; and "always telling you - how much better things are now than they used to be."

~~In ^{the} light of China's past, this demonstrating "among other things" - says James Reston - "that the human animal can endure anything except hanging."~~

CLEVELAND

~~By~~ Cleveland, ~~the story of~~ John Vanek, ⁺ age
eighty-three; ~~who demanded~~ ^{ordered} that his wife, Olga - age
seventy-six, ^{to} fix his lunch and also sign over her
social security check. ~~When she refused~~ ^{he shot} ~~shooting~~ her,
~~dead.~~

~~All this coming to light with~~ Vanek ^{today}
~~arrested today on a charge~~ ^{was} ~~of~~ manslaughter; ~~a charge~~ ^{with}
~~to which he pleaded~~ ^{So he was promptly} ~~a~~ guilty, - no defense. ~~His~~ ^{sentence}
~~promptly set~~ ^{to} ~~at~~ life; ~~but not in jail~~ ^{In prison? No! In} ~~rather,~~ ^{a rest}
home, Warren.

MOSCOW

~~This next - from~~ ^{In} Moscow, ~~where~~ a Russian woman dressed in a pants suit was recently banned from a State run gorky restaurant. ~~The sort of thing that~~ ^{Same as} used to happen ^{often, with us,} ~~all the time and maybe still does. -~~ ~~here in the States.~~

~~At~~ ^{Moscow lady has} ~~But the~~ ^{lady in question} ~~apparently the~~ ~~possessor of~~ friends in high places, ^{and} At any rate - ~~taking her~~ appeal ^{led} directly to the Kremlin; There a Deputy Trade Minister, ^{today} ruled ^{as how} ~~today~~ it was the director of the restaurant who was ~~really~~ at fault, ~~not~~ ~~the lady.~~ ^{and} ~~Adding that,~~ ^{said he:-} henceforth, "we should strictly punish those who impose on guests, - their taste; ~~which~~ are often - ~~far from immaculate.~~"

~~Today - the Kremlin; tomorrow - St. Peters.~~