

WASHINGTON

Thurs, Apr. 15-71.

~~Turning to~~
~~the domestic front~~ - a sharp climb in U.S.

income last month. According to government figures

^{just}
^ announced ~~today~~ an increase amounting to an annual

rate of nearly six billion; ~~which is just~~ about double -

the figure for February. Along with the surging stock

market - an indication that the economy is perhaps

shifting once again into high gear.



Also we have

~~And now this,~~ a report that the nation's

~~first quarter~~ gross national product - showed ~~an~~ a

first quarter
~~quarter~~ growth rate of six and a half percent; ~~the~~

sharpest increase - since mid-Sixty-Eight. Government

experts add that the improvement is "traceable

primarily - to large increases in automobile and

steel production;" also, "strong gains in housing -

and state and local government spending."

PARIS

April in Paris - at the Peace table anyway -
the same as ^{previous} ~~all these~~ months, ~~that went before~~. The
Communist side presenting ~~today~~ ~~a list of~~ so-called
"new" proposals; which turned out to be - the same old
hard line, ~~conditions as always~~ ^{and} As such - drawing a
prompt rejection from the U.S.

~~in the exchange that followed - U.S.~~

^{Says}
ambassador David Bruce ~~telling the Communist side~~ "The
war continues - because "Hanoi wants it to continue;"
because "Hanoi still believes it's political objectives
are best served ~~by~~ ^{by} the use of military force against
its neighbors." ~~And~~ ^{he said to them,} This, ~~is~~ ^{is} the real
reason "why you avoid serious negotiations - why you
refuse to stop the killing - why you demand immediate
U.S. withdrawal from South Vietnam - without indicating
in any way what you will do about ^{the} North Vietnamese
forces that are there - and also in Laos and Cambodia."

SAIGON FOLLOW PARIS

However,

~~But the fact remains~~ the war is winding down;

as ^{indicated} ~~evidenced once again~~ by declining U.S. casualty figures ~~as~~ announced today. ~~in Saigon~~ The U.S.

Command also announcing a series of troops moved; ~~and~~

~~these as are told~~ ^{this} aimed at ending the U.S. combat role - in military regions covering fully three-fourths of South Vietnam.

SHANGHAI

For the members of that touring U.S.

table tennis team - a flying visit today to Shanghai;

where they shared with their Red Chinese host - a

luncheon feast including, appropriately, Shanghai duck;

also, a series of toasts - to renew U.S. and Chinese

friendship. And then ~~another series of exhibition~~
matches - which they lost, ~~not surprisingly, six to five,~~

Incidentally, the Americans noting - on their

drive into town - a number of students marching along

the side of the road - wearing packs on their backs.

This - they were told - in accordance with Chairman

1966
Mao's directive of ~~Nineteen Sixty Six~~, the one telling

students to go into the countryside - and learn from the

peasants.

CANBERRA FOLLOW LONDON

~~Meanwhile,~~ At Canberra, Australian Prime
Minister William McMahon ~~is making~~ ⁱⁿ his first major
~~policy~~ speech π since his election ~~five weeks ago.~~
~~Stating that~~ ^{says} Australia would welcome mainland China -
as "a responsible member of the United Nations and
the international community." ~~Would do so - said he -~~
providing: ~~one~~ that the Red Chinese "are ready and
willing to "live up to their international obligations";
and, ~~two,~~ that Nationalist China's membership in the U.N.
- will not be forfeit.

GENEVA

Overseas again - another meeting of that Geneva Disarmament Conference; hearing today a pledge from the U.S. - to destroy its entire arsenal of biological weapons within a year. And this - we are told - a quantity sufficient to kill the earth's entire population ^{This} "several times over." ~~All of which~~ obviously \nearrow an attempt to get Russia to do the same.

COLUMBUS

From Ohio State University ^{comes} a report ~~today~~

that ~~studies~~ of recent snowfalls & have shown a high

lead content; ~~and~~ This, [^] according to Professor Wayne

~~Hamilton~~

Hailton, - no pun intended - this ~~says he~~ the residue

of mounting auto exhaust emissions ^{" picked up} ~~which are~~

~~scourged~~ by snowflakes on the way down.

The Professor ~~then goes on to say~~ ~~that~~ "leaded

snowfall - is "potentially lethal;" but practically

speaking ~~he adds~~ - a real God=send, ~~and the reason~~ -

~~he explained~~ because snow is ~~clearly~~ a much "better

atmospheric cleanser" than even rain.

I've just heard from my colleagues in New York that an item about my near misadventure in Miami has been ~~appearing~~ in the press ~~far and wide~~ yesterday and today. ^{I had planned} ~~This was something I hadn't expected. My~~ ~~plan had been~~ to slip quietly into Miami, visit two rhinoceroses, Mohan and Shanti, and see how they were doing. I hadn't paid them a call since we were ~~all of~~ ~~us~~ together in the ^{Nepal} jungle, ~~in a tropical area of Nepal~~ ~~called~~ The terai. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Durrance and ~~a few more of~~ our shikar group had gone ^{there} ~~into the Nepal jungle~~ to capture a pair of rare one-horned rhino, hoping to breed them over here, and perhaps ~~help~~ ^{if} keep them from becoming extinct. As you may have ^{read} ~~seen~~ in your local ~~newspaper~~, while feeding ~~these~~ two young rhino with one hand and shaking hands with some of zoo director Gordon Hubbell's friends with the other, either one or both of the rhino got me by the seat of the pants. If I had lost them, it wouldn't have

been the first time. But, there at the Miami Zoo it would have been embarrassing. ~~and~~ I might ^{even} have been yanked ~~putting~~ through the fence into the rhino corral. ~~The~~

~~Two year old playful male~~ Mohan weighs a thousand five hundred pounds. ~~and is now two years old,~~ Shanti, ^{she's} ~~the female is~~ ~~much~~ younger, and ~~only~~ weighs eight hundred pounds.

We ~~are~~ ^{hope} ~~hoping~~ one day there'll be a rhino family in the Miami Zoo. ^{It} But ~~it won't~~ ^{not} happen until they ~~are~~ are

five years old. Even then you can't be too sure because armor-clad

^{rhinos} get wild when they make love and sometimes either one or both is killed. ^{It} I hear ~~I believe~~ the newspaper ~~story~~

story also mentions ^{how} ~~that~~ (I celebrated my birthday), after leaving these friendly rhino at the zoo, with a flight

in a dirigible. Tomorrow, if the ~~days~~ news isn't too heavy I may ~~make a passing~~ comment ^{on} ~~about~~ that.

~~Oh yes, and one~~ ^{one} thing more, Dr. Hubbell

and Ralph ~~Scott~~ Scott tells me there are some two hundred and ninety odd zoos in this country, and we

made a rough estimate that in these zoos, more or less in captivity, are ~~something like~~ a half a million animals, everything from the cross word puzzle gnu and the giraffe, to the polar bear and the Malay sladang.

SANTA CRUZ

At the University of California - Santa Cruz
branch - a recent discovery by geology students, who
found beneath their campus - three - count 'em - three
~~sstk~~ earthquake faults; which - by tradition - they were
then given the privilege of naming.

Result: the students conferring with Santa
Cruz Chancellor Dean McHenry - whereupon ^{Warren,} they
christened their discoveries: "My Fault" - "Your Fault"
- "McHenry's Fault". ~~That last - apparently an attempt~~
~~at "no fault insurance."~~

EVERGLADES LUBBOCK

In the Florida Everglades - where a relentless grass fire is raging virtually unchecked - a sudden change of wind ~~has~~ ^{has} spread~~ing~~ a blanket of smoke - over Southeast Florida's famed Gold Coast. ~~And~~ The ^{Miami} weatherman ~~at Miami observing that~~ ^{- says} "the current dry season - has now broken all ~~existing~~ records."

Much of Texas, also suffering from heavy drought, ~~A condition which was only slightly relieved~~ ^{with} ~~by~~ a brief rainfall today in the Lubbock area. Farmer Arol Thomas allowing as how - that was Only a "Methodist sprinkle," ^{says Farmer Arol Thomas here in TEXAS,} ~~what~~ "what we really need" [^] said he - is "a real frog strangler".