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SENATE

The decline and fall of L. Patrick Gray as head of the FBI was followed today by the introduction of a brace of bills in the Senate; both of which - would have the effect of removing the FBI from partisan politics. Senate Democratic whip Robert Byrd saying - the FBI must "never become a political arm of the White House, regardless of which party is the in party.

Meanwhile, the choice of a new successor to J. Edgar Hoover - is said to have boiled down to three: Henry Peterson - who now heads the Justice Department Criminal Division; John Ingersoll - head of the Bureau of Narcotics and dangerous drugs; and Jerry Wilson - who currently heads the D.C. police force.

PRESIDENT

After months of waiting - President Nixon today named a new director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency: Californian Fred Charles Ikle - up to now, an executive of the Rand Corporation. Ikle succeeding Gerard Smith - who resigned late last year, you'll recall, to join the Brookings Institution.

MEAT

In this the sixth day of a nationwide meat boycott - a number of supermarkets around the country were offering special meat sales. A number of housewives - taking advantage of the specials to stock up.

However, the great bulk of American housewives - were continuing to boycott all meats. The great bulk of American meat packers - similarly holding the line on prices. As of now, at least - a Mexican standoff.

The leaders of the meat boycott today scheduled a meeting for next Wednesday, in Washington. Purpose - we are told: "To make a joint decision - on whether to keep this thing going."

VICKSBURG

Slowly but surely, the rain-swollen Mississippi River began to recede today - along the Illinois-Missouri border. Farther South though - the worst maybe yet to come. Officials predicting a flood crest of fifty feet by Sunday - at Vicksburg, the highest ~~stage~~ flood stage there - in thirty years. The weather forecast tonight for the lower Mississippi Valley - still more rain.

MIAMI

At Miami - the arrival today of two final "Freedom Flights" from Cuba. This marks the official end of a refugee airlift - that was started more than seven years ago.

At about the same time - in Washington - Secretary of State Rogers - addressing a meeting of foreign ministers of the Organization of American States, was saying: "We have seen no evidence of a change in Cuban policies sufficient to convince us that economic and diplomatic measures toward Cuba should be altered." He added: "Therefore, our policy toward Cuba - remains unchanged."

SPACE

America's new Pioneer Eleven space probe - was well on its way to Jupiter today; crossing the moon's path around the earth - eleven hours after launch. Only twenty months and six hundred and twenty million miles - still to go. A spokesman saying: "Everything seems to be working normally."

DENVER

Former astronaut Jim Irwin - who suffered a heart attack yesterday while playing handball - was apparently on the mend today. A spokesman for the Denver hospital where he's being treated - saying Irwin is "resting comfortably and progressing satisfactorily."

A friend adding, however - the ex-astronaut is still somewhat upset. Explaining: "He's ~~not~~ just a little embarrassed."

GANGTOK

Indian army troops were fanning out today - across the Indian protectorate of Sikkim high in the Himalayas.

The Indians seizing a number of local police stations - earlier captured by Sikkimese insurgents.

Indian troops were also setting up a road block - on the main highway along the Tista between Siliguri and Gangtok, the same road where LT Jr. and I encountered a great land avalanche when we were on our way to Tibet. The Indian troops thereby halting the advance of an estimated fifteen thousand demonstrators - attempting to march on the capitol.

Indian leader in New Delhi were quoted as saying; the situation "remains disturbed;" which is a bureaucratic euphemism - for all fouled up.

ANKARA

A twenty-four day crisis of leadership in Turkey - was finally ended today. The Turkish Parliament electing as the new President of Turkey - a seventy year old retired Admiral, Fahri Koruturk; only the sixth man to hold the office - since the founding of the Turkish Republic by Kemal Ataturk.

President Fahri Koruturk - once the commander of all Turkish Naval Forces; resigned to enter the Turkish Diplomatic service - served as Ambassador to Russia and the Sweden. He emerged as a compromise candidate just today - when it became apparent the front runners were hopelessly deadlocked.

STOCKHOLM

The Government of Sweden was - remember the first in the West to extend diplomatic recognition to North Vietnam. That was four years ago. Now - a repeat performance, Sweden becoming today the first Western country - to recognize North Korea. A Swedish spokesman adding - that the other Nordic countries - Denmark, Norway and Finland are soon expected to follow suit.

This coming at a time when North Korea is seeking an end to U.N. approval for the presence of U.S. troops in South Korea. In the eyes of those who should know Sweden is giving a big boost to North Korea.

Incidentally, the Swedish Government says it informed the U.S. of it's plan regarding Korea - before taking official action. Adding, however: "We have had no reaction from Washington - so far."

JERUSALEM

In the Middle East - at Jerusalem - Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir discusses the shape of things to come asserting that Israel intends to maintain a permanent defensive position - along the West Bank of the Jordan River, but adding that Israel has no intentions of taking in - making a part of Israel - the rest of the occupied West Bank area.

Why not? Because it might dilute the character of the Jewish State - we are told. The number of non-Jews in the West Bank area - now totaling more than six hundred thousand where the population of all of Israel - is only two point six million. Madame Meir saying: "I don't want to have to think every morning - how many Jewish babies or how many other babies were born during the night."

HELPER

From Helper, Utah - we have the story of a forty year old Mother of two - who is planning to cross the Atlantic in a seventeen foot canoe. Mrs. Shirley Haycock - who normally teaches a wilderness survival course - hopes to set out around the first of May. An auto mechanic from nearby Manti, Utah - has also signed on to help her row, row, row - the boat.

Mrs. Haycock's projected voyage has already drawn objections from Senator Moss of Utah. Nor is the Coast Guard exactly ecstatic. Mrs. Haycock, nevertheless, insists she's determined to carry through. "It's pretty bad when they take all the risk out of life," said she. Adding: "Risk helps some people grow." And - Bill - who doesn't want to grow?

NEW LEBANON

At New Lebanon High School - New Lebanon, New York the new coach of the boys varsity baseball team is the lady math teacher Barbara Mrozik; who has just agreed to take the job - because no male teacher wanted it.

Miss Mrozik scored a big hit with her team her first day on the job when she rescinding a rule banning long hair. "If I don't have to cut my hair" - said Coach Barbara - "I don't see why my players should."