

Monday, March 27, 1972

Good Evening Everybody:

And first of all thanks to Stuart Novins, my tall colleague whom I visited some years ago in Moscow. By taking my place on the air for a few nights he made it possible for me to take my wife to the sunshine of Arizona - also Colorado and Utah.

It wasn't long ago but it seems many years since conservationists were strenuously objecting to a bridge and dam being thrown across the Colorado River. I flew low over the region at the time, and even ran some of the gorges of the Colorado River. But, I hadn't been back to see the results of the building of the dame. So this time we visited new Lake Powell, went by boat to Fabulous Rainbow Bridge. Also, visited nearby Monument Valley. This is one of the most excting areas in the world.

Almost on the border between A[^]izona and Utah, a new city has emerged as a result of the building of the

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Glen Canyon Dam. Road signs read - "Add a page to your trip." I suggest you do. The name of this brand new city is Page. We stayed with a family of old timers in the area - the Greenes at Wahweap. No American should miss a visit to this region, with wide trips down into the canyons and of course a stop for another look at one of the ~~wonders~~ wonders of the world, the Grand Canyon of the Colorado from which I never fail to get a thrill.

HUSSEIN

Jordan's touch, young King Hussein is enroute to the U S tonight - under a cloak of top secrecy. This in order to prevent trouble - from either Arab or Jewish extremists. The White House announced however, the King will meet with President Nixon tomorrow morning and again at a black tie dinner tomorrow night. The purpose of the King's visit - we are told - "to ~~max~~ review the Middle East situation - and review other bi-lateral and international matters."

BRUSSELS

**At Brussels - the new President of the European
Common Market - held his first press conference today.**

**Ficco Mansholt of the ~~the~~ Netherlands setting as his main
job - that of producing "guide lines for the future;" in order
to ~~the~~ overcome what he called - "the diabolical growth"
of Europe's ~~gross~~ gross national product.**

**"We must think instead in terms of the happiness
of our people" - said Mansholt. Adding "this means -
rather than gross national product - gross national
happiness."**

SPACE

On the space front - Russia today launched another unmanned space craft on a mission to Venus. This one - officially tagged Venus eight. For a change - the Russians also stating its purpose ~~■~~ saying they hope to achieve a soft-landing on the Venutian surface, # some time in July. According to U S space experts - a signal mark of confidence.

SARAWAK

Famous substate on the
Malaysia's Sarawak, ~~state~~ ~~island~~ island of Borneo
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-- ~~the~~ scene of a visit this past weekend from Malaysia's
Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak. Also - it was announced
~~today~~ today the scene of a Communist ambush directed
against a Malaysian military convoy.

On a jungle road near Kuching - ~~the~~ the
insurgents trapping and killing fifteen government rangers.
This ~~we are told~~ ⁱⁿ an apparent ~~an~~ attempt to revive a
Communist uprising - originally thought to have been
stamped out some nine years ago.

SUPREME COURT

~~Elsewhere~~ In Washington - the Supreme Court today ~~has~~ upheld a law - banning cigarette commercials from radio and TV. This - by a vote of six to two.

Perhaps of greater interest to young people and their parents - a second ruling today. The high court upholding the right of a state to discipline or expel any public school student - whose hair length exceeds prescribed limits.

PAY

The White House again - President Nixon today selected Rocco Siciliano - to serve as the one remaining business member ~~on~~ on the Federal Pay Board. Rocco Siciliano - an assistant labor secretary in the Eisenhower administration and under secretary of commerce in the early days of the Nixon administration - and most recently a successful west coast business man. All of which makes him - according to the White House - ~~particular~~ particularly qualified.

SAN FRANCISCO

**San Francisco - a verdict of ~~was~~ not guilty today -
in the case of those two surviving "Soledad brothers."**

**An all-white jury finding them innocent - in the murder of
a prison guard. This - as you know - a case allegedly
linked with that of ~~Angela~~ Angela Davis; whose trial opened
today at San Jose.**

SIGON

At the top of the war news today - ^{a long awaited} ~~the~~ milestone
in the U S withdrawal program. The number of U S fighting
men in South Vietnam - now cut to less than a hundred
thousand; the lowest figure - in nearly ~~se~~ seven years.

The U S command also notes that President
Nixon has pledged a cut to sixty-nine thousand - by May
One. Further stating: "There is no doubt at all - that
goal will be met." Adding, in fact; "We ~~are~~ anticipate being
below it."

DENVER

In that continuing I T and T controversy - still another surprise twist today. A lawyer for lobbyist Dita Beard reporting there were two ~~was~~ witnesses present when Mrs. Beard first met with newsman Brit Hume; and these two will confirm - he indicated - that Mrs. Beard repeatedly denied authorship of an incriminating memo; that she ~~was~~ repeatedly denied any link between the settlement of an I T & T anti-trust case - and proposed financings ~~for~~ for the Republican National Convention. And so - it would seem a whole new ball game.

PAPEETE

Here's one -- trouble in paradise. The story starting ^{with} ~~out~~ a theft of guns and ammunition - at Papeete on the island of Tahiti. Police seizing six youths - five of whom then escaped from Tahiti prison. A second police round-up ~~was~~ netting three of the five -- including the ring leader. In the meantime though - an early morning fire at the Tahiti Palais de Justice. By which time - we are told - the start of a general panic.

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Now - Tahiti's governor Pierre Angeli - attempting to restore calm in a special ~~was~~ statement today - noting that the six troublemakers were, indeed "revolutionaries."
— Bill Martin —
But there is - said he "no revolution in Tahiti, not even a pre-revolution, ^{that So. Sea} in ^a Paradise.

DETROIT

Famed dare-devil motorcyclist Evel ^{Can}Knievel
-- who already had a broken ankle a victim of another
accident this past weekend in Detroit. Evel Knievel
attempting to jump thirteen cars - which he did, alright;
when he landed though - also "jumping his motorcycle."
When he stopped bouncing a team of attendants quickly
placed him on a stretcher - wheeling him out the door.
But, ~~then~~ - he "came to," ~~again~~. Evel Knievel getting
off ~~the~~ ^{the} stretcher; supported by one of his helpers - walking
back out to the crowd. A thunderous ovation. ^{Said} Evel Knievel
~~observing that~~ "a man runs short of guts sometimes -
and that's when he needs the support of the audience."

Next stop - a Detroit hospital - for treatment
of a broken collar-bone plus assorted cuts and bruises.