

Friday, April 5, 1974

JERUSALEM

In the Middle East - Israeli military forces were placed on high alert today; attempting to guard against a Passover attack - such as the one that caught them by surprise last Yom Kippur. The Israeli alert following a massive Syrian build-up - on the Golan Heights.

VATICAN

At the Vatican in Rome - Pope Paul today was urging Christian generosity - toward the Catholic community in the Holy Land. The Pontiff noting that the local church has suffered "for some time" - from "internal divisions, persecutions from without and emigration; leaving it no longer self-supporting - and therefore in need of our understanding and our moral and material support." The Pope adding that "Christians of the whole world must be generous" - or Christian places in the Holy Land will "become like museums."

CHAPIN

In the Dwight Chapin trial in Washington - after two days of jury deliberations - a verdict at last. The former White House aide - found guilty on two or three counts of perjury.

The judge in the case - Gerhard Gesell - then setting sentencing for May Sixth. In the meantime - ordering Chapin to submit to a probation investigation.

The Judge telling Chapin: "I am anxious to know everything about you ~~that~~ ^{that} you think I should."

NEW YORK

The President's younger brother, Edward Nixon, ~~was~~
a witness today in the Mitchell-Stans trial here in New York,
Testifying with regard to his role - in arranging ~~that~~
campaign contribution from financier Robert Vesco. Ed
Nixon supporting Stans' claim - that he had not requested
a cash contribution, as charged. ~~The defendant quoted~~ Nixon quoted Stans
saying - cash or check, "it didn't make any difference."

STEINBRENNER

The American Shipbuilding Company and its chairman, George M. Steinbrenner - were indicted today by a Washington grand jury; accused of making illegal campaign contributions to President Nixon and others - and then attempting to cover them up. George M. Steinbrenner perhaps better known - as the President of the New York Yankees.

UNEMPLOYMENT

The U.S. unemployment rate - virtually unchanged last month at five-point-one per cent. The number of unemployed - actually dropping a bit; a development further supporting the President's contention - that there will be no recession this year.

RIYADH

From Washington and Riyadh - a joint announcement today telling of a new pact between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia. We and they agreeing to expand and develop cooperation - "in the field of economics, technology and industry." This to include the ^{possible} supplying of U.S. military equipment - "of a defensive nature."

On his own - King Feisal of Saudi Arabia insisting, however - the new agreement has nothing to do with oil. The U.S. is not attempting "to obtain a preferred position" - said he; instead, ^{We-the U.S. is} continuing to press "for a multilateral approach - to energy problems."

DACCA

*Murder in Bangladesh. A group of unknown
assailants - invading a youth hostel in Dacca. Hauling out
- seven young men; taking them to the University of Dacca -
where they were then shot to death. Why - as yet, unknown.*

NEW DELHI

The Foreign Ministers of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh - were meeting today in New Delhi; attempting to forge an agreement - aimed at securing peace throughout that vast subcontinent. And their first session said to have proved a "good, hopeful start."

FLIGHT

*Moscow - the start of regular weekly air service
- between the Russian capital and the U.S. capital. A
Soviet Aeroflot airliner - taking off for Washington by way
of Paris. The new run in addition to Moscow-New York
service - which began more than five years ago.*

CAPITOL HILL

Capitol Hill again - Senator Pastore of Rhode

Island today began another round of hearings - on the effects of TV violence on children. The Senator starting out by praising the networks - for reducing violence since the hearings on this last year.

CINCINNATI

In many an American home - there's a plaque or some needlepoint on the wall - saying: "Bless this house."

In the wake of this week's tornado disaster - a slight variation reported today from Cincinnati. A chap by the name of Frank Shotwell - placing a sign in front of his shattered house; Bill - a sign saying simply: "Bless this mess."

WHITE HOUSE

It was also confirmed today - that President Nixon will travel to Michigan next week; there to campaign - for Republican Congressional candidate James Sparling Junior. It was Spurling, you'll recall, who recently urged the President to come to Michigan - and "face the people."

Meanwhile , the President flying to Paris -where he plans to attend a memorial service for the late President Pompidou.

For "The Hammer" - Hank Aaron - who yesterday tied Babe Ruth's home run record - today some frosting on the cake; a telephone call from President Nixon, Bill, who congratulated the Atlanta slugger and wished him all future success. And so long until Monday!