

Wednesday, July 4, 1973

**NIXON**

*Julie Nixon Eisenhower says that - at one point recently - her father did seriously consider resigning as President, because of Watergate. She says she and other family members talked him out of it. To resign, they told him, would be regarded as an "admission of wrong doing" and, above all, he was needed in the Presidency.*

*In an interview with two wire service reporters at San Clemente, the President's daughter also sought to explain why it took so long for her father to realize what had happened. Says Julie: "He just had complete faith in everyone around him and I think he was really in the dark; and I guess that's part of the whole tragedy of the thing." Julie also dismissed as "ludicrous" the so-called White House political enemies list disclosed at the Watergate hearings. "The President," she said, "is too busy to be consumed with petty paranoid concerns." Moreover, said*

the daughter who will be age twenty-five tomorrow, - "the press I believe is obsessed with Watergate, so much so that it failed to focus enough attention on the recent summit meeting with Soviet Leader Brezhnev."


*[The following text is extremely faint and largely illegible. It appears to be a transcript of a speech or a document, possibly related to the Vietnam War or diplomatic relations. Key words like "Vietnam", "Cambodia", "fighting", "summit", and "Brezhnev" are faintly visible.]*

INDO CHINA

Vietnamese ~~negotiation~~ negotiators engaged in a new ~~to~~ round of wrangling in Paris today - with the Viet Cong accusing the United States of sending war aid to Saigon and setting the stage for what could become "a serious new situation in Vietnam".

The Viet Cong minister of State - Nguyen Van Hieu - issued the charge - telling the Saigon representative that "your side, with American encouragement, is torpedoing the peace." Which presumably had been negotiated last month by Henry Kissinger and Hanoi's Le Duc Tho. Saigon's negotiator ~~Now~~ Luu Vien - in turn demanded the immediate withdrawal of all North Vietnamese troops from the South and urged Communist cooperation in settling all political issues.

*Meanwhile*  
~~And~~ the fighting continues - both in Vietnam and Cambodia. Communist forces attacked a South



Vietnamese ranger outpost in the ~~Ann~~ Annamite  
foothills - tightening pressure on the camp for the  
second ~~straight~~ day. In Cambodia, American war  
planes struck again at Communist troops encircling  
Phnom Penh - some bombs falling within ten miles  
of the ~~center~~ city's downtown section. But the exploding  
bombs failed to dampen Fourth of July observance  
ceremonies ~~at~~ the U S Embassy where American and  
Cambodian officials raised their glasses in toasts to ~~Peace~~  
~~"the Pax" - the French word for peace.~~

CHINA

President Nixon is planning to send Henry Kissinger to Peking this August for another meeting with Chinese Premier Chou En Lai. <sup>Dr.</sup> Kissinger confirmed this today in a telephone interview, adding that a definite date is still to be determined with August the most likely month. The continuing thaw in Sino-American relations was reflected in Peking today ~~and~~ when American diplomats held a Fourth of July reception -- the first one in the Chinese capital in twenty-four years. Some sixty Chinese officials exchanged toasts with U S Ambassador David Bruce. - ~~even though~~ Chou En Lai, <sup>was not among them. But, they say</sup> ~~himself did not attend. Not surprising, we've~~ told, because Chou rarely takes part in such functions.

HELSINKI

In Helsinki, Foreign Ministers attending  
the European security conference <sup>today</sup> received from  
Russia's Andrei Gromyko ~~Secretary of Foreign Ministers~~ a six point blue print  
for peace - but there <sup>was</sup> a catch to it. Attached to  
the proposal was a rider ~~which~~ specifically reserv<sup>ing</sup>  
Russia's right to carry out another Czechoslovak  
type invasion should any Soviet allied nation stray  
from the fold. <sup>Then a</sup> Moscow spokesman ~~put it succinctly~~  
-- "~~the same goes for the future~~" as he repeated  
the <sup>in</sup> old <sup>argument of</sup> ~~contention that~~ Russia ~~was~~ invited into  
Czechoslovakia during that country's internal troubles  
in Nineteen Sixty Eight. <sup>At any rate</sup> ~~Secretary~~ Gromyko's blue-  
print ~~had~~ call<sup>ed</sup> for the banning of force along with  
pledges not to interfere in the internal ~~for~~ affairs of  
other nations.

## **IRELAND**

**In Northern Ireland today the worst Belfast street rioting of the year - with Roman Catholic youths hi-jacking and setting fire to a bus, resulting in injuries to at least seven persons. An estimated one thousand took part in the rioting throughout Catholic areas of Belfast.**

## FOOD

A government economist says food prices may hold firm at current levels - even after the sixty day price freeze is lifted. This, however, depends on fulfillment of a hoped-for record harvest of crops this coming fall. Even so, food prices would still be some twelve percent above Nineteen Seventy-two levels. Despite these projections on the cost and availability of food, it now appears that tomatoes are in trouble, -- particularly in southern Arkansas where ~~the~~ tomato markets at Warren, Hermitage, and Magnolia have ~~be~~ shut down. The growers blaming the price freeze with scaring <sup>off</sup> the buyers. ~~off~~



**ALICE**

**Hurricane Alice - first of the season -**

**glanced off Bermuda with ninety-five mile per hour winds today - causing little damage - then swept on into the North Atlantic where she's expected to gradually weaken tomorrow and Friday. At the moment, ~~at least,~~ Alice poses no threat to the U S mainland, so says the ~~Miami~~ Miami hurricane center.**

## VOLCANO

The world's most tempermental volcano -  
Mount Etna on the island of Sicily - is acting up  
again - with clouds of black smoke rising a thousand  
feet or more above its eleven thousand foot crater -  
Europe's tallest volcano. Cars are parked in the  
neighborhood and, so-far at least, the disaster is  
confined to a marked increase in the car-washing  
business. <sup>R</sup> But Aetna isn't always so easy. Since  
man first learned to ~~not~~ record his ~~and~~ disasters in  
writing, Aetna's eruptions have claimed an estimated  
one million lives - although only three in this century.

<sup>TP</sup> ~~But~~ <sup>But</sup> its displays are becoming more and more  
spectacular - with lavish flows of lava followed by  
pulverizing explosions of flying rock and boulders -  
punctuated now and then by giant-sized smoke rings  
puffing lazily upwards from the smouldering crater.-

<sup>Bill, Os</sup> ~~causing~~ <sup>said:-</sup> one scientist ~~to say~~ - "the strangest ~~or~~ behavior  
I've ever seen by a volcano."

## CHECKS

Post office workers in Cleveland, Dayton

Cincinnati, and other Ohio cities gave up their

Fourth of July ~~holiday~~ <sup>holiday in order to come</sup> ~~holiday in coming~~ to the

hundreds of  
rescue of thousands ~~of persons~~ who were expecting

their monthly Social Security checks, ~~in the mail.~~

The checks were ~~due~~ due in the mails yesterday, but

a processing breakdown in the Chicago Post Office

caused a delivery delay in ~~the~~ eleven mid-western

states, including Ohio where more than a million

~~persons~~ were waiting for the postman to arrive.