

Fri., October 27, 1972

PARIS

In the quest for peace at Paris - a move today that perhaps augurs well. The Communist side agreeing to meet with Henry Kissinger next Tuesday - just as he had asked. Where Dr. Kissinger was insisting on additional talks though - the Communists still saying that a peace treaty must be signed that day. Hanoi's Nguyen Than Le observing that - "peace is at the tip of a pen." As for U.S. reaction - as yet, no comment.

SAIGON FOLLOW PARIS

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Meanwhile, in Saigon, a street parade led by South Vietnamese legislators - in a demonstration of solidarity with the Thieu regime. President Thieu later addressing the throng - saying: "We are not afraid of a cease-fire, and the peace - I am sure it will come. But it will come" - said he - "only when I personally sign the treaty." Thieu adding: "We haven't agreed on anything yet."

PENTAGON FOLLOW SAIGON

Here on our own shores - the Pentagon was underscoring Thieu's remarks. While admitting a cutback in air strikes - going on to say: "The other side has not stopped its infiltration and resupply efforts - and we have not either."

UNITED NATIONS FOLLOW PENTAGON

A related item - from the United Nations; where
U.S. Ambassador ~~George~~ Bush - was conferring with
U.N. Secretary General ~~Kurt~~ Waldheim. The latter
reportedly offering to supervise - both a cease-fire in
Vietnam and the later rehabilitation of that country. Kurt
Waldheim quoted as saying - the U.N. has both "the
machinery and the experience" to do the job.

WHITE HOUSE

The White House - President Nixon issued a statement today - announcing plans to veto nine newly-passed spending bills. These including appropriations for Health, Education and Welfare - for public works and economic development - for veterans health care - for flood control - for airport development and so on. All of which would have cost - nearly Three Billion.

The President explaining that such an expenditure - would have forced him to exceed his self-proclaimed spending ceiling. Adding that he realized his decision - could be "politically very damaging." But "if I were to sign these measures into law" - said he - "I would, in effect, be making promises that could not be kept; since the funds required are not available and would not be available - without the higher taxes I have promised to resist."

PRESIDENT FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

The President also made today - his fifth campaign speech via nationwide radio. Discussing Administration efforts in the past - "helping farmers to do better."

Further pledging in years to come - to help farmers achieve that "which for too many years they have not been receiving;" namely, "a full, fair share - in our nation's prosperity."

In the same vein - the President disclosing another grain sale to China. Twelve million bushels of corn - which really isn't much. But this - said he - serving "only to scratch the surface - of an immense trade potential between our two countries."

LCS ANGELES FOLLOW PRESIDENT

On the Democratic side - George McGovern was campaigning today in Los Angeles. There telling a group of labor leaders - that President Nixon is preparing to launch, in his second term, "a major assault" on American labor.

The proof - said McGovern - in a copy of a secret report he had just obtained; a report - supposedly drawn up by an Assistant Secretary of Labor. This - said he - calling "for a second Nixon Administration to slow the expansion of workmen's compensation - phase out the enforcement of minimum wage laws - and seriously undermine the construction unions."

4 As for his own policy - McGovern pledging not to shut down any defense industries; not to do so, that is - until "alternate jobs are on the drawing board or ready to go."

SANTIAGO

For the third day in a row - striking workers rioted today in Santiago, Chile. This time - less than a block from the Presidential Palace; ~~with~~ clouds of tear ^{were} gas, used in quelling the violence;- actually billowing into the Palace itself. For Chile's Marxist President - Salvador Allende - a real test of leadership.

TACOMA

At Tacoma, Washington - the start of operation

"Head Start;" with County Auditor Richard Greco - printing up more than twenty thousand absentee ballots; urging those who can - to come on in now and cast their ballots. "Vote early" - says Richard Greco - "avoid the crush."

AMSTERDAM

Another Fischer-Spassky chess match soon to come? Could be. The President of the World Chess Federation - today announcing plans to try and set it up. Max Euwe of Amsterdam - saying it will take a change in the present rules; a change permitting Bobby Fischer to face Boris Spassky - instead of the winner of a special elimination tournament, as usual. But he stresses it can be done - thereby paving the way for ^{what they are calling} a "second match of the century."

Only one trouble - says Max Euwe; the fact that the Soviet Chess Federation has been "lukewarm" so far - to the idea of such a "revenge match." "Possibly Moscow no longer has faith in Spassky" - says Euwe. "But I think that is wrong" - he went on - "because at Reykjavik, in the second half of the title match, he was improving by the day." "Moreover, it is the custom" - he adds - "that the loser wins in ^a revenge encounter."

PINKNEYVILLE

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Coming up tomorrow night at Pinkneyville, Illinois -
the fiftieth annual Pinkneyville Halloween Parade; one of
the greatest - I am told - in all the country; complete with
marching bands - lavish floats - masked clowns - strolling
ghosts - and even a prize for the best hobo costume.

Pinkneyville, Illinois - in the words of its Chamber
of Commerce: "A happy little town - whose finances are in
the black - which meets civic and charitable needs with
pleasant speed - which often splits its political personality
to choose a man rather than a ticket." Its annual Halloween
Parade also cited as living proof - ^{- John -} "that all is still well in
this land of ours."

MEGALOPOLIS

From the U.S. Postal Service - a report today that new zip codes have all but zapped a colorful slice of Americana. The new digital designations - wiping from the books the names of dozens of wayside postal stations, such as: Big Tussel, Kentucky - Tight Wad, Missouri - Gnaw Bone, Georgia; also, Lickskillet, Tennessee - Soso, Mississippi - and Bowlegs, Oklahoma; along with Fearnot, Pennsylvania - Cuthand, Texas - and Good Times, South Carolina. All encompassed now - by the nearest town big enough to have ^a~~its own~~ zip code.

And what with the present population explosion - the experts tell us this could well be the wave of the future; perhaps foretelling the day when zip codes will be all that distinguish one community from another - here in Megalopolis, U.S.A.