

Monday, March 11, 1974

HOMESTEAD AIR FORCE BASE

With a fond send-off from the President - First Lady Pat Nixon today went winging South; first to Venezuela, and then Brazil. A six day, nine thousand mile "good neighbor" tour.

Mrs. Nixon's departure followed a brief ceremony at Homestead Air Force Base in Florida. The President calling his First Lady - the best Ambassador the U.S. has. Adding that Pat Nixon will be traveling "not only in an official capacity - but she will do something she has done in all her travels around the world - bring the best wishes of the American people to the peoples of all the countries she visits."

CARACAS

*Next stop - Caracas - where Mrs. Nixon will
attend tomorrow - the inauguration of Venezuela's
President-elect, Carlos Andres Perez.*

HILLSBORO

At Hillsboro, California - an anguished father answers his daughter's kidnappers. Newspaper publisher Randolph Hearst, the father of Patricia Hearst - pledging to do all he can to meet the kidnappers' latest ransom demands. Also, saying he would be "delighted" - to have two imprisoned members of the Symbionese liberation army appear on radio and TV. California officials have already said ~~though~~ - it can't be done.

TEL AVIV

Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban - ^{is enroute} ~~was heading~~

~~for the U S today. He plans to meet with~~ Washington

^{hoping} ~~officials~~ to pin down the arrangements for coming

disengagement talks with Syria. Tel Aviv newspapers

saying the Israeli delegate at such talks - will probably

be Defense Minister Moshe Dayan.

DAMASCUS FOLLOW TEL AVIV

~~Reverse side~~ ^{From} Damascus ^{camp} a statement ~~today~~
from Syria's ~~Pres.~~ President, ~~Assad~~, saying he ^{is} ~~was~~ "not
pessimistic" -- about the chances for a mid-east
settlement. ^{Pres.} Assad adding that a joint demilitarization
of the Golan Heights - may be acceptable as a "temporary
measure."

CAIRO

From Cairo ^{came} a report ~~today~~ ~~telling~~ telling of a
secret meeting - between Egypt's President Sadat and
a number of Arab oil ministers. Sadat said to be
urging an easing of the ~~present Arab~~ ^{present Arab} oil embargo -
against the U S. This in preparation for a full-scale
Arab parley - now set for Wednesday in Tripoli.

PRICES FOLLOW CAIRO

From the U S Internal Revenue Service - a progress report in the battle against price gouging gasoline stations

The I R S receiving more than seventy thousand citizen complaints - since January seventh. A spokesman adding that the I R S has already forced price roll backs -

"totalling refunds of three point two million."

PHILADELPHIA

From the Pennsylvania Crime Commission a report today charging "on-going wide spread systematic corruption - in the Philadelphia police department. This - the ~~product~~ product of an eighteen month investigation. In the words of Pennsylvania Attorney General Israel Packel - ~~is~~ not a blatant indictment of all Philadelphia police but a report that "points out problems - the police department has refused to recognize."

LITTLE ROCK

Senator Fulbright of Arkansas - the target of
a primary challenge issued today in Little Rock. Arkansas's
~~immensely~~ popular ~~governor~~ Governor Dale Bumpers -
saying he plans to run for Fulbright's Senate seat; a
~~senate~~ seat the latter has held for nearly thirty years. ~~now~~.

~~Bumpers~~ Twice elected Governor by overwhelming
margins, ^{Gov. Bumpers will} ~~Deciding to~~ challenge his fellow Democrat -
on the grounds - said he - that "faith in the government
is at an all-time low -- and people are pleading for
leadership."

A four day general strike in Ethiopia - has finally ~~not~~ ended. Some eighty ~~thous~~ thousand unionists returning to work - after winning sweeping gains. But the violence and unrest continue. Including today a demonstration - on the grounds of ~~the~~ Haile Selassie University. Some three thousand students - burning ~~an~~ effigy of Prime Minister Makonnen = whereupon they were dispersed by club swinging police.

Meanwhile, the ~~fabled~~ "lion of Judah" ^{was} meeting with western newsmen. ~~Emperor~~ Haile Selassie saying ~~that~~ Ethiopia must accept sweeping political and social ^{But,} reform. The world's longest serving ruler ~~saying~~ ^{says} ~~however~~ he has no intention of stepping down.

HOUSTON

America's first man in space - will soon be calling it quits. Admiral Allen Shepard says he plans to retire in June after thirty years ~~active~~ service with the U S Navy. His job as chief of the astronaut office in Houston to be taken over by ^{veteran spaceman} Captain John Young, ~~himself a veteran spaceman~~

NAHA

*This next - will, I guess you could call it -
~~the work~~ "streaking around the world." At any rate,
a nude - dash today -- through a U S high school at
Naha, Okinawa. A nude water skier - in Hong Kong,
while in Dublin - the arrest of four would-be streakers.
A judge there calling streaking - "scandalous, disgusting
and immoral."*

Bill
Adding that "this - must be nipped in the bud."

BATON ROUGE

The next big test for that proposed equal rights amendment - the Louisiana legislature where the opposition is led not by a man - but by a woman.

State representative Louise Johnson saying "this bill promises nothing - it doesn't do anything except take existing powers away from the states."