

**Thursday, September 21, 1972**

**CORPUS CHRISTI**

**And now a salute to CBS Radio station K-S-I-X -  
at Corpus Christi, Texas. Twenty-five years old today -  
and still going like sixty is K-S-I-X.**

## WHITE HOUSE

1/2 The White House - President Nixon signed into law today - a bill providing survivors' benefits for the widows and orphans of retired military personnel. This prompted by the discovery that many service families - including those of high-ranking officers - had been left almost destitute. The President saying as he signed the bill: "It is too often over overlooked - that America's military families serve our country - in as real a way as do the men and women in uniform."

## **WILDLIFE FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE**

**The President also sent to Congress today - a message calling for the appropriation of three-and-a-half million more acres of wilderness land; "to help make sure"- said he - that "the world of nature is preserved - along with the world of man."**

**And later on, the appointment of a new twenty-member advisory committee - on the economic role of women.**

**Its main task - said the President - to ensure that women "have full equality of opportunity and freedom of choice to pursue their careers - whether they be in the home or outside the home."**

## **WATERGATE**

*In Washington - a sudden halt today in the civil cases - filed in connection with the Watergate bugging incident. District Judge Charles Richey ordering a temporary end to the taking of depositions - after a lengthy conference with lawyers for both sides. "It is patently obvious" - said he - that the civil cases "cannot be tried before the election; and, therefore - he continued - today's action was necessary - to avoid prejudicing criminal proceedings.*

## SAIGON

*From the U.S. Command in Saigon - another Vietnam casualty report today; but this one - for the U.S.; at least - the lowest of the entire war; with none killed - only seven wounded.*

*These figures comparing with South Vietnamese losses - of more than four hundred; and enemy losses -*  
*put it*  
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*more than four thousand.*

## THIEU FOLLOW SAIGON

Meanwhile, South Vietnam's President Thieu -  
~~was~~ returning from a two-day battlefield tour, <sup>was</sup> Assuring  
reporters that government forces - now have "the situation  
in hand." Adding that they also have the "flexibility" - to  
"handle" anything the Communists can now throw at them.

And then - a TV address. Thieu warning the  
French - against interfering in Vietnam peace  
negotiations. Further declaring that, indeed, it was  
France - whose "traitorous and cowardly action" originally  
"sold out Vietnam in collusion with the Communists." Thieu  
adding that the memory of same - is truly "nauseating."



## **PARIS FOLLOW THIEU**

**Paris again - another peace session; with William Porter for the U.S. - again rejecting a Communist call for a tri-partite government in Saigon. Porter observing that "a quarter of a century of ruthless Communist fratricide - has made observers pardonably skeptical about professions of coexistence."**

## NEW YORK FOLLOW PARIS

Here at home - the war was also paramount in the thoughts of <sup>Sen.</sup> ~~George~~ McGovern; as demonstrated by campaign appearances today - in Southern New Jersey and then here in New York.

~~Time and again~~ <sup>With</sup> the Democratic nominee returning <sup>time and again</sup> to the issue - that first gained him national prominence; ~~time and again~~ - calling for "an end to the killing, destruction, dying and waste;" time and again saying - it's time to "stop the bombing of South Vietnam and begin the building of America."



**TEL AVIV**

**In the Middle East - Israeli police today reported the discovery of a plot - said to involve the militant Jewish Defense League. Authorities saying the JDL - was attempting to smuggle weapons out of Israel. ~~These~~ to be used - we are told - in counterattacks against the Black September movement and other Palestinian terrorist groups in Europe.**

## **KREMLIN**

**At the Kremlin today - the signing of a history-making document - to benefit, hopefully, the entire world. The U.S. and Russia - agreeing to coordinate about thirty joint anti-pollution campaigns. And this - according to Russell Train of the U.S. - "the most comprehensive agreement on environmental cooperation - ever entered into by any two nations."**

**The Chairman of the President's Council on Environmental Quality adding: "We are building bridges of communication between the U.S. and Russia - and this will be one of the strongest bridges of all."**

## COCOS ISLAND

The subject of this next - the "King of Cocos Island"  
- one John Clunies-Ross; a Scotsman so <sup>named</sup> ~~designated~~ by  
Australian <sup>S</sup> ~~do-gooders~~ - because of his stewardship over  
Cocos Island <sup>in the Indian Ocean,</sup> ~~off the coast of Eastern Australia.~~

John Clunies-<sup>Ross</sup> ~~Brown~~ - the fifth in his family line to  
hold sway over this Australian dependency; <sup>over</sup> ~~the "head man"~~  
~~to~~ some five hundred Malays <sup>equatorial mid-ocean</sup> who live and work on the  
Clunies-Ross coconut plantation. ~~When~~ suddenly - in  
Canberra - he was accused of being a "benevolent slave  
owner." This as part of a move - aimed at freeing all such  
dependencies.

~~At,~~ But a recent investigation by the Australian press  
- disclosing <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ Cocos Islanders couldn't be happier. The  
work is easy - the wages are good; they get free housing  
- free medical care - and free "Social Security." All of  
which was recently summarized in a big headline - in the  
mass circulation Sidney Daily Mirror.

<sup>Bill</sup> Reporters and resident alike saying: "Hands Off <sup>Cocos!</sup> ~~Cocos!~~"  
Three cheers for Clunies-Ross King of the Cocos!

*Remember Teddy Nadler - the "human encyclopedia" - who won more than Six Hundred Bucks on TV quiz shows a few years ago? Well, Teddy isn't exactly destitute - but it turns out now he sure could use a job.*

*"What am I doing these days?" - says Teddy.*

*"Nothing. When I take a test for a job - they tell me I'm too smart for the job." And he adds - ~~in this case,~~ perhaps with some truth: "It's not what you know - it's who you know."*