

BERLIN

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At last - agreement in Berlin. The Big Four Ambassadors finally completing today - seventeen months of negotiation; coming up with a tentative solution ~~to~~ to the long standing Berlin problem; a solution said to call for a number of major concessions -- on both sides. These - still secret, ~~of course~~ ^{and of} course, subject to final approval ~~by~~ by east and west ~~Germany~~ Germany as well as ~~the various~~ ^{by the} Big Four ~~capitals~~ ^{IP} Diplomatic sources indicating, however, that the west ^{henceforth} will get - unimpeded ~~access~~ access to West Berlin and freer access to East Berlin; also, Russian recognition - of the ties that bind West Berlin to West Germany; ~~In~~ ^{this} return for ~~which~~ the Russians will supposedly get - a limitation on West German political activity in West Berlin; also, the right to open a consulate ^{there} - ~~in West Berlin.~~

This marking the first major agreement on the Berlin situation ~~since~~ since the lifting of Berlin blockage some twenty-two years ago.

DOLLAR

In spite of all the furore last week - the U S dollar is apparently a lot stronger than many people thought. ~~At any rate,~~ The dollar coming ~~pretty~~ close to holding its own -- with the reopening of major European money markets today; dropping only one or two percentage points -- in most cases; while actually gaining in strength - at Frankfurt and Paris.

This in sharp contrast - to the discount rates generally in effect just a few days ago, ^{with} ~~Remember?~~ American tourists paying anywhere from ten to twenty percent - to get their dollars changed into local currency.

AUSTIN FOLLOW DOLLAR

Here at home -- the eyes of Texas were focused today - on that state's Attorney General -- Crawford Martin; who ruled today that Texas Governor Smith -- was wrong in attempting to defy President Nixon's wage price freeze, ~~this~~ by authorizing higher salaries ~~to~~ to Texas teachers and other state employees. Martin thereby upholding State Controller Robert Calvert -- who had refused earlier to release the necessary funds. The Attorney General stating simply - President Nixon's directive "is valid, and applies to the state of Texas." In so doing, it seems - also obviating the threat of a federal lawsuit.

MORTGAGES

Another development. Chairman Preston Martin of the Federal Home Loan Bank ^{has} ~~is~~ ^{ed} calling a press conference ~~is~~ for tomorrow morning, to discuss, "a rise in mortgage ^{interest} ~~insurance~~ rates, -- which are exempt from the President's wage price freeze; also, "several steps being taken -- to stabilize these rates."

VIETNAM

In Vietnam - the ^{most serious} ~~worst~~ political crisis -
we hear - since the Buddhist uprisings of Nineteen
Sixty-Six; caused by the decision of VicePresident
Ky -- to withdraw from the race for president.
Ky ~~saying he was~~ ^{so he says -} pulling out _^ because of President
Thieu's alleged "maneuvers." ^{Thus} ~~thereby~~ following in the
footsteps of General Duong Van Minh ^{"Big Min"} _^ who earlier
charged that the election was rigged. Ky further
urging that both he and Thieu resign - to pave ~~for~~
the way for truly free elections.

~~End result:~~ Thieu becoming once again -

the sole candidate to succeed himself. ~~And later~~

der talks with U S Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker -
apparently failing to solve the ~~dis-honouring~~ dilemma.

→ This leading to fears of a ~~poss~~ possible attempted

Coup. Meanwhile, Hanoi ^{is} _^ taking full advantage

of the situation ~~for~~ for propaganda ~~purposes~~ ~~or~~ calling

it "another failure for the Americans and President Thieu -- in their arrangements for this election farce."

MANILA

In the Philippines - a state of near martial law tonight, ^{for the} First time - in twenty-one years.

So ordered by President Marcos -- in the midst of a series of Communist terror attacks. The worst of these coming Saturday midnight - when two hand grenades were hurled into an opposition political meeting, killing eight - wounding ninety-six. The President declaring that this "campaign of terror and assassination" must and will be stopped.

BELFAST

At Belfast in northern Ireland - a British soldier was killed by a sniper bullet today; while standing guard outside a mill -- in a predominantly Roman Catholic district.

This marking the thirty-second death - in two straight weeks of religious violence. Also, the fifteenth British soldier to fall in the line of duty -- while serving in Northern Ireland this year.

MAGHERAFELT

Elsewhere in northern Ireland - at Magherafelt
-- its a girl for Bernadette Devlin. The firey
civil rights leader - giving birth to a six pound,
two ~~ounce~~ ounces baby daughter a month or so premature -
we are told; ~~but mother and child~~ but mother and child --
The father? Name not mentioned.
both doing well. Miss Devlin adding that the birth-
will not interfere with her political work.

WASHINGTON

In compliance with a new federal law --
the U S Department of health has been taking chest
x-rays of American coal miners; and now - ~~xxx~~ a
preliminary report ~~xxx~~ of those checked so far
indicat^{es}~~ing~~ that fully forty percent of the coal miners
in Pennsylvania and West ~~Birginia~~ Virginia are
afflicted with black lung disease; along with an
average of twenty-eight percent -- in Virginia,
Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Alabama, Illinois,
Colorado and Utah. This - from inhaling excessive
amounts of coal dust. All of which ^{brings a} ~~is expected to~~
^{demand} ~~signal a call~~ for new, improved health and
safety regulations.

NEWARK

At a county jail in Newark, New Jersey -
an attempted break out today; with three inmates -
making their way to the roof of the building -
thirteen floors up; there tossing down a make-shift
escape line -- consisting of knotted bed sheets;
whereupon the ring leader clambered down - making
it all the way. But ^{when} the second and third ~~of the~~
would-be escapees ~~w~~ attempted ^{ed} to slide down one
right after the other; it was too much weight -
and the line parted somewhere around the tenth
~~floor~~ floor sending both -- plummeting to their
deaths, arriving at the end of their rope!

HONOLULU

Foiled by the fickle ~~luck~~ finger of ~~his~~ fate;

Comedian Dick Martin of the Rowan and Martin

Laugh-In; the leering bachelor of countless TV

skits -- who bit the dust today in Honolulu. Dick

Martin taking as his bride - British actress Dolly

Read; from whom it was all kept a secret -- we are

told -- until they arrived in Hawaii. Then how did he

cajole her into it? Well, ^{Warren} it's easier in
~~he got her to come across? Well, it was a case -~~

Hawaii, on the beach at Waikiki, the
~~I guess -- where he just blew in her ear and~~

surf, the music, the palm trees. Dick
~~she followed him anywhere~~

Martin surely had everything going
for him -

ATLANTIC BEACH

Down south - a new school marm today at Atlantic Beach Florida; name of Julie Eisenhower - the President's daughter -- also the wife of young David Eisenhower; reporting to a pre-school work-shop along with four other third grade teachers.

At the request of school officials - Julie later agreeing to pose for pictures; with a request though -no questions. Principal Ray Bailey explaining: "I think the reason is -- she has this ~~idea~~ idea she wants to be a teacher and that's all."