

Monday, July 12, 1971

SAN CLEMENTE

The Western White House - San Clemente - a giant step today toward the solution of one of America's most pressing problems - unemployment. President Nixon signing into law - a new two billion dollar measure aimed at creating more than a hundred and fifty thousand jobs - over the next two years.

The President - who vetoed an earlier public works bill saying he was definitely set against "a dead-end entrapment in permanent public subsidy." But he added that "a very important feature" of this new act - "is that the jobs will be transitional;" which means - said he - "they will lead people into permanent jobs and not be a substitute for them." With first preference to go to returning G I 's.

WASHINGTON

A summer-long suspension of the draft - became a distinct possibility today. With House and Senate conferees - again failing to reach an agreement; thereby leaving in limbo - a scheduled two year extension of the present selective service act.

Chief stumbling block - the same as before. The Senate insisting on a clause - calling for total withdrawal from Vietnam within nine months, subject to the release of all American prisoners. The House - refusing to go along on this.

In any event, the conferees are now scheduled to hold their next session - July Twentieth, a week from tomorrow, and then face a deadline of August Sixth - when the Congress is set to begin a month-long summer recess.

HELSINKI

From ~~fifth round~~ ^{the} Salt ~~talks~~ talks in Helsinki

^{comes} -- ¹ a report today that the U S will present shortly a detailed plan ~~to~~ for restricting anti-ballistic missile defenses. The Soviets ^{may do the same,} ~~may~~ perhaps as early as tomorrow's first full negotiating session; with both sides said to be shooting for a tentative agreement - sometime around mid-September. This contingent on the acceptance of eventual curbs -- for offensive weapons as well.

SAIGON

In Vietnam - the commanding general of the
U S Americal Division -- has been relieved of his
command. Major General Ames Baldwin - departing the
war zone about six months early. This - according to
U S headquarters pending re-assignment by the Department
of War. ^{We are told} Nothing more.

You may recall, however, a base manned by
troops of the Americal Division ^{was} the target of a
Communist sapper attack late last March; with American
losses - coming to thirty-three dead, seventy-six injured;
^{the most serious}
~~on the scene~~ such incident of the entire war. Observers
later noting that the base was poorly defended - and
worse, ^{were} its personnel bunched together ^Λ sitting ducks.

PARIS

Paris again - Hanoi's Le Duc Tho ⁱⁿ discussed ~~ed~~
the latest Communist peace offer ^{today said} ~~saying~~ it came at
a time ~~#~~ when the U S was judged to be in its worst
position ever. This because of U S economic difficulties
-- and growing public pressure to end the war. --
^{So he} said; ^{then} ~~he~~ adding that said pressure "has just been
revived" -- by the publication of those Pentagon papers.

KISSINGER FOLLOW PARIS

Elsewhere in Paris - the President's top security advisor met today with U S peace negotiators.

Henry Kissinger reviewing Vietnam developments -

with Ambassador ~~David~~ Bruce and ^{his} aides. But a

Communist offer to meet with Kissinger, ^{— no more on that,} ~~that was~~

~~simply ignored.~~

BELFAST

In Northern Ireland - more than a hundred thousand protestants today celebrated their two hundred and eighty first anniversary - of the Battle of the Boyne; King William's victory - over the Roman Catholic armies of King James the Second.

Except for a few scattered incidents *today was* *fairly* ~~relatively~~ peaceful ~~and~~ till shortly after dark - when a sniper shot ^{and} killed a British Army soldier - standing guard in a Roman Catholic district of Belfast. The ninth British soldier to ~~perish~~ ^{die} in northern Ireland - since the first of the year.

HOUSTON FOLLOW CAMPE KENNEDY

Meanwhile, at the U S Manned Space Center in Houston - Dr. Chuck Berry discussing the problems of weightlessness ^{was} noting that Stuart Roosa of Apollo Fourteen - who did not walk on the Moon like his two crew mates - was decidedly weaker and thinner on return to earth. Showing a "fairly marked" deterioration of the heart and blood ~~system~~ vessel system - as well as a loss of exercise capacity. ^{This a} ~~a~~ condition that lasted just ~~for~~ a few days ~~was told~~ - but still something to think about.

NAIROBI

Today's stop for touring Vice President

Agnew - ~~the city of~~ Nairobi - capital of Kenya; where he was welcomed by his Kenyan counter-part -- Vice President Daniel Arap Moi. ^{W.D.} ~~Spoke~~ Agnew telling an airport crowd, "on behalf of President Nixon - and the people of America - I bring our most sincere hopes for Kenya's ~~own~~ continued success and growing prosperity."

The U.S. Vice President ^{was} ~~λ~~ scheduled next for talks with Kenya's President Jomo Kenyatta; and then a brief rest - at the ^{and plush} secluded ^λ Mt. Kenya Safari Club.

MILWAUKEE

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

*convention - in session today at Milwaukee - with
one of its pending issues - a resolution continuing
a church ban on the ordination of women as Lutheran
ministers.*

*This a matter originally scheduled for a
Sunday vote - with most delegates thought to favor it.
However, the resolution finally set aside for further
study - after an unscheduled interruption and resulting
confusion. A pro-woman delegate grabbing the microphone
-- telling his fellow Lutherans: Our Lord promised
to protect the Church against the gates of Hell ^{— but —} not
against women. ~~So he should, Warren!~~*

MERIDA

From Merida - high in the Venezuelan Andes - the story of a twenty year old peasant who wandered into town today - all bruised bloodied and battered. Silverio Rivera explaining that he had been cornered in a cave - by an Andean tiger. That means a jaguar. Adding that he had used his fists and a knife - his only weapon - to slay the beast.

Sounds far-fetched? Bill? Young Rivera to prove it he brought back the jaguar skin.

PAMPLONA

At Pamplona, Spain - this year's "running of the bulls" - yes - the bulls winning again. Today injuring nineteen youths - in the worst one day toll to date. These including - a local youngster - one Javier Jamarbide - who was seriously gored in the lower back. Said the Pamplona police: In attempting to prove his manhood he almost lost it.