

DAMASCUS

Thurs. May 23, 74.

In the Middle East - it's now a race with time. Henry Kissinger attempting to wrap up a disengagement of troops between Israel and Syria - before heading home this weekend.

But along the way, Dr. Kissinger also hosting today - a luncheon for Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khaddam. In a toast saying: "We have made great progress in this negotiation - and even if ~~we~~ for some reason we can't complete it on this trip we will certainly accomplish it in the near ~~go~~ future."

From ~~her~~ her two younger sisters -- an appeal today to Patricia Hearst; to give herself up -- before its too late.

Seventeen year old Vicki Hearst saying:

"We just want to see you alive, safe and unharmed."

Eighteen year old Anne Hearst also challenging Patricia's apparent belief - that her parents have let her down.

Anne saying: "I've been here the whole time and ~~the~~ I'd never put up with it if I thought for a minute - they were putting their money ahead of you."

WATERGATE

A request from the Senate Watergate committee for five White House tapes was rejected unanimously by a federal court of appeals. The court observing that the committee can point - to no specific legislative decision that cannot responsibly be made without the tapes. Adding that "whatever force there might once have been in the committee's arguments - has been substantially undermined by subsequent events." That last - a reference to the President's release of edited transcripts - of thirty-one tapes; among them - the five in question.

HOUSE FOLLOW WATERGATE

From the House Judiciary Committee a charge today that the President's Watergate transcripts - are - "inadequate" "unsatisfactory" and contain too many errors; a charge promptly denied - by the White House. Spokesman Ron Ziegler adding that any questions of fact - can easily be resolved; by having ranking members of the committee listen to the actual tapes - as suggested earlier by the President.

WHITE HOUSE FOLLOW HOUSE

Meanwhile, the President ~~himself~~ was
~~putting in a busy day~~ meeting first with ranking
members of the Senate Finance Committee - to push
for passage of the² long pending trade reform bill.
Next, meeting with eight Soviet parliamentarians -
to discuss his forthcoming trip to the Soviet union.
Also, meeting with Pakistani Foreign and Defense
Minister Aziz Ahmed - to discuss the implications of
India's new nuclear capability.

A couple of months ago - ~~you may recall,~~
a Russian helicopter from Siberia - was forced to
crash land in a border area of Red China. Its three
man crew - later accused of spying and threatened
with prosecution. The negotiations that followed -
finally leading to a veiled threat today from Moscow.
The Kremlin warning of "inevitable consequences" -
if the Chinese continue to fail to respect Soviet
rights. Adding that one of these consequences would
be the barring of ~~The~~ Chinese boats from inland waterways
near the Russian ^{Far East} border cities of Khabarovsk which
may not sound like much - except that in summer -
the waterways in question are ~~absolutely~~ absolutely vital
to Chinese commerce.

VATICAN

At the Vatican in Rome - Pope Paul today
proclaimed Nineteen Seventy Five - officially a holy
year. Starting with Christmas Eve a period of world-
wide pilgrimage to Rome.

~~The Pontiff also calling on World governments
to observe the holy year - by granting amnesty to
political prisoners and others, and by providing
additional aid to countries and people still afflicted
by hunger and war.~~

LISBON

The new government of Portugal took another big step today ^{towards ending its} ~~in the process of ending its long~~ years of colonial warfare. ~~Portuguese~~ Foreign Minister Mario Soares - praising the leaders of rebel movements in Guinea, Mozambique, and Angola; ^{as} ~~saying them~~ - "men of great stature," ^{and} ~~also~~ appealing to ^{all} white settlers ~~in the three lands~~ to accept self-determination; not only for ^{their} ~~an other~~ own interests - but "for their childrens future."

DE NIM

Here's one - a report that American style
blue jeans ~~are~~ or denims -- have now become a billion
dollar worldwide industry; the latest rage in Europe -
in Africa, in the Far East.

Incidentally, the word Denim - from the
city of its origin ~~from~~ hundreds of years ago: Nimes,
France. The weavers of Nimes - producing a cloth
"serge de Nimes;" since shortened to ^{just}~~serge~~ denim.

ENTERPRISE

The nation's only monument to a pest -
as far as we know - at Enterprise, Alabama; a statue
dedicated to the boll weevil - which somehow disappeared
a few weeks ago. *And*

~~At~~ ~~But now its been~~ found - in a road-
side ditch. The ~~five~~ five-and-a-half foot statue to be
returned ~~tomorrow~~ to the town square from which
it was stolen. *Why such a statue? In 1915,*
~~it of which raises the question,~~

~~why?~~

~~The answer - in the fact that~~ the boll
weevil decimated the *Enterprise* area - ~~back in~~
~~Nineteen Fifteen~~, destroying cotton crops - forcing
cotton planters to ~~switch~~ switch to peanuts - which
turned out to be *an even bigger* ~~a big~~ money crop.

So
~~So it's all hail to~~ the boll weevil - at
Enterprise, Alabama, *proved to be a* ~~a~~ blessing in disguise.