

Fri. Dec. 13th 1944

SENATE

After two years of bitter controversy--the Senate today ~~passed at last~~ ^{finally passed} a new trade reform bill. This to include the granting of most favored trade status--to the Soviet Union; in return for which ~~the~~ ^I the Kremlin to permit the emigration--of Sixty Thousand or more Soviet Jews each year.

Senator Jackson, for one, also urging that the Soviets take care--"to live up to the letter and spirit of this agreement." ~~It symbolizes--said he--"the basis of trust and confidence that is essential--to the whole range of~~
of this agreement." If not--said he--it could destroy "the basis of trust and confidence that is essential--to the whole range of our relations."

SAXBE

~~From~~ The White House ^{comes} an announcement ~~today~~ that William Saxbe has resigned as Attorney General. ~~A spokesman~~ ^{and now} ~~adding that he will~~ ^{take over our embassy in} ~~now become our new ambassador to~~ India. ^{But with enough time} ~~but the timing of his move~~ ^{left somewhat up in} ~~the air.~~

~~This apparently to~~ allow ^{ed for} ~~for the~~ selection--of a new Attorney General. University of Chicago President Edward Levi ^{is} ~~is~~ said to be the President's first choice. But Levi apparently ^{is} ~~is~~ opposed ^{by several} ~~by two~~ key Senators; ~~and~~ ~~it may be--he'll have to wait a bit.~~

WHITE HOUSE

The White House again--President Ford met today with leaders of the U.S. home building industry, ^{who} ~~meeting much the same as that he held yesterday, with leading automakers. The builders similarly~~ ^{are} urging Federal action--to spur lagging sales. ~~The President, for his part--pledging some sort of assistance. But what, when and how we'll have to wait and see.~~

VIENNA

At Vienna ~~another meeting of~~ the world's major
oil exporting nations ^{came up with} another price hike. ~~The cost of~~
Crude oil to ^{cost} ~~jump an additional~~ three per cent ^{more,} starting
January One; ~~a spokesman stressing, however,~~ ^{of which} the oil
companies are expected to absorb some of the cost, ^{and}
~~adding that exporters will~~ then hold the line on prices--
for the first nine months of Nineteen-Seventy-Five;
~~This--we are told--in order~~ to give consuming nations--
^{hopefully, the} ~~sufficient~~ ^{they need} time to resolve their present difficulties.

LAS VEGAS FOLLOW VIENNA

~~A related item--from Las Vegas; telling of a sudden~~

~~influx--of~~ ^{The} oil-rich Arabian princes, now in Las Vegas

are called

~~These apparently~~ the biggest spenders in ~~the~~

Vegas history. ~~Hotting up~~ ^{Staying} in Eight Hundred-Dollar-a-

day ~~hotel~~ suites,--gambling only with Five Hundred-Dollar

chips, and blowing ~~literally~~ millions.

LONDON

From the British government ^{comes} a report ^{of their} ~~today~~

~~confirming the worst. The British rate of~~ inflation--
soaring to more than eighteen per cent a year;

~~at the same time,~~ ^{with} a warning from the Bank of
England--that ^{it's likely to go still farther} ~~the worst has yet to come. A bank~~

~~bulletin saying inflation will continue to soar--~~

^{continue to soar}
as long as the British continue to chase price hikes
with wage hikes.

NEW YORK

Here in New York--another cut today in the
wholesale price of sugar; from sixty-one--to fifty-seven
cents a pound, ~~by order of Amstar, Incorporated--the~~
~~nation's leading sugar refiner.~~ This the third such
cut--in as many weeks; due ~~at least~~ in part to a
nationwide sugar boycott ~~by American~~ housewives.

BUENOS AIRES

Two young couples were found shot to death today--
at a ~~garbage~~ dump on the outskirts of Buenos Aires.
Police saying the four were alleged leftist guerillas--
apparently murdered by right wing extremists, ~~the~~ in
retaliation for a guerilla attack--that led to the
killing of a three-year-old girl.

RANGOON

In Rangoon--thirty-five persons ~~were~~ arraigned today in special military courts ^{were} ~~all~~ accused of taking part in riots--over the ~~the~~ selection of a burial site for former U.N. Secretary General U Thant; ~~and all~~ ^{All were} ~~quickly~~ found guilty.)

↘ Nine immediately sentenced to three years ^{each} ~~terms~~.
The remaining twenty-six--getting five-year terms;
~~from which we hear there is~~ ^{and with} no appeal.

COLLEGES

The nation's colleges were recently ordered to take "affirmative action"--in hiring and promoting women and members of minority groups. But some--taking more action than originally intended. In fact, bending over backward --to attract and hire more and more of the formerly oppressed. And so--a memorandum of clarification--from the Department of Health, Education and ~~Education~~ ^{Welfare}. The government, in effect, banning discrimination, henceforth --against white males.

MAIL

A bit late perhaps, but nevertheless--a reminder today from the U.S. Postal Service--to mail early for Christmas. Officials warning that cards and letters sent by regular mail--should be posted no later than Sunday; and those to be sent by air mail--no later than the end of the week. So come on, Santa ^{! get a move on!} ~~you better~~ ~~get cracking.~~

GENEVA

From the World Health Organization in Geneva--a report today that men are now smoking less, but women more, [^]the world over. Indeed, it's now about a fifty-fifty split. ~~This--according to~~ An American expert, ~~Dr. Daniel Horn;~~ who blames the upsurge in women smokers--on what he calls a global "trend toward unisex."

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