

Thursday, April 1, 1976  
Omaha, Nebraska

**BEIRUT**

*Rebel Moslems in Lebanon - finally bowed today to U.S., Syrian and Palestinian pressure; agreeing to a ten day "trial truce" to begin at noon, local time, tomorrow.*

*Moslem leader Kamal Jumblatt, stressing, that a lasting peace is dependent on the resignation of Lebanon Christian President Suleiman Franjeh. Also demanding that Parliament begin the drafting of reforms - aimed at stripping Maronite Christians of their present favored status in Lebanon.*

## CAPITAL BILL

*On Capitol Hill the House today approved a bill to reconstitute the Federal Election Commission, as required by the Supreme Court; also, voting a number of major revisions - in the law the Commission is supposed to administer; also turning back an attempt to extend Federal financing to Congressional elections. The bill now to go to a conference with the Senate - to iron out differences. Then the President may or may not veto it.*

## PLANE

*The magazine New Scientist, published in Britain, tells about a revolutionary new Soviet spy plane. The Mig Twenty-Five Foxbat - said to be making regular reconnaissance flights over Western Europe and the British Isles; - a plane that flies so high and so fast - there is as yet no way to do anything about it. Speeds up to three times the speed of sound - at altitudes up to Ninety thousand feet. So far the only attempt to shoot one down - was not over Europe, but over Israel. An Israeli Phantom jet said to have fired a sidewinder missile at a Foxbat - but to no avail.*

## LONDON

On the big London money market - the value of the British Pound again fell today, below a buck ninety - for the first time ever; finally ending up - at a dollar eighty-eight-and-a-half. The drop blamed mainly on trickling wildcat strikes at British-Leyland - Britain's top auto maker and chief exporter.

**STRIKES**

*Here at home - a series of strikes involving truck drivers - San Francisco city employees - TV newswriters and technicians - brewery workers - and others. Observers calling it the worst outbreak of labor strife in the U.S. - in more than a year.*

**BELFAST**

The U.S. Ambassador to Britain, Anne Armstrong -  
today visited bomb-torn Belfast in Northern Ireland; there  
saying a U.S. Customs team will arrive within ten days - to  
try and work out a plan for clamping down on illegal weapons  
shipments from the U.S.

## KAMPALA

*Bishop Abel Muzorewa, a black nationalist leader from Rhodesia - currently visiting Uganda, told a group of students how his followers are planning to escalate their guerilla war against Rhodesians white minority government.*

*Bishop Muzorewa saying: "With the assistance of friendly countries, such as the Soviet Union and Cuba" - Rhodesian nationalists are now "in a position to step up the armed struggle."*

**ROME**

*A long bitter battle in favor of abortion-on-demand in Italy - was rejected by the Italian Chamber of deputies by a narrow margin voting instead to limit it to therapeutic and rape cases.*



## BLACKSBURG

*Ever wonder how Abe Lincoln got his nickname - "honest Abe?" The answer - according to a Virginia Tech Sociologist - it was because he was such a good referee at Cock fights. Lincoln's interest in cock fighting, we hear was shared by George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Andrew Jackson.*

*Professor Clifton Bryant, says cock fighting also gave us words such as, cockpit, cocky, and even cocktail. "The winning cock" - he tells us - "normally toasted with an alcoholic drink - made up of as many ingredients as the number of feathers left on the tail of the cock.*

**WHITE HOUSE**

*After a quiet year former Texas Governor Connally, was back in the Washington spotlight today. Standing with President Ford - as he was sworn in as a member of the President's new Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.*

*Connally and his wife - also to dine tonight with the First Family; where of course, they are likely to discuss the May 1st Texas Primary.*

## BIRTHS

According to Census figures released tonight, the U.S. birthrate last year - "a new record low, - same for each successive year since 'Seventy-Two." Officials adding - it could go even lower. Young married women - planning to have fewer babies than any generation in a hundred years.

The Census Bureau also saying divorces last year - topped the million mark for the first time in history; and - the number of marriages - lowest since 'Sixty-Nine.

RUBENSTEIN

President Ford today also presented a Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award - to famed pianist Arthur Rubenstein. The applause from onlookers lasting twominutes; Rubenstein, age Eighty-Nine - saying "I blush orally - because my old age doesn't allow me to blush in the usual way."

And now this message...

**FISH**

A new book inspired by the Bicentennial - "New York State - Battleground of the Revolutionary War" by the legendary Hamilton Fish - who served for twenty-five years as a Congressman from New York.

Ham Fish, age eighty-eight, saying <sup>New England</sup> ~~New England~~ was the cradle of the Revolution - but New York was "where it was at." The Empire State - scene of more battles than any other state - more than ninety in all; many of which he tells about - in this unusual book. Ham ~~the~~ Fish adding that New York's part in our Revolutionary War has been largely overlooked by historians.

## FERGUS FALLS

*From Fergus Falls Community College in Minnesota we hear of male backlash. A pair of male freshmen - demanding trial on the new Fergus Falls Girls Ball Team; Coach Gloria Peters saying: "The courts have agreed it is not a contact sport - so males must be accepted."*

*But there's a catch. Coach Peters adding: "They still have to make the team," and she has "a couple of girls who are better than both guys!"*

*And now for CBS .....*