

Friday, October 1, 1971

KEY BISCAYNE

From the Florida White House - Key Biscayne - a special request to Congress today. The President urging an emergency increase - of two hundred and fifty million in U S aid funds; of which a hundred and fifty million - would be ear-marked for the relief of East Pakistan refugees now in India; the remainder - for, direct "humanitarian aid to East Pakistan."

The President's message - carefully avoiding any mention of the Pakistani central government in West Pakistan. But he did say: "Recent events in East Pakistan - compounding the destruction from natural disasters - have led to wide spread human suffering." Adding that "unchecked, this situation could drift toward greater disaster - in the form of famine or even war."

STRIKES FOLLOW KEY IBSCAYNE

~~Turning next to the Domestic front -~~

The Florida White House ^{also takes} ~~taking~~ note of a spreading dock strike. ~~With~~ Press Secretary Ron Ziegler saying the President was encouraged by reported progress toward a settlement. Adding that the President will hold off for a time - before invoking the Taft-Hartley Act. Obviously - said Ziegler - "we're not going to rush into ~~something~~ something and take a step not called for;" especially ^{he added -} ~~said he -~~ when "we are optimistic about the outcome."

CONNOLLY

In Washington - Treasury Secretary Connolly was explaining - and defending - the President's new economic program, telling a Senate economic sub-committee - the U S can no longer tolerate an unrestricted flood of foreign goods. Adding, therefore, the President will not lift the present ten percent import surcharge - will not "until we can be assured there will be a turn around in our balance of payments."

And then - to a Senate finance sub-committee - he said: "We don't want a trade war - we don't anticipate one;" but the time has come when the American people - are being asked "to make sacrifices - to give up something" and that means - said he - "we must insist that other people around the world - treat us with equity and fairness."

SCHWEITZER

Connolly's double barreled Senate
testimony ^{ed} following ~~ing~~ the final session of that
international monetary fund meeting. I M F
managing ~~director~~ director Pierre Paul Schweitzer
telling assembled delegates - he had begun to
discern the emergency of a concensus on some
important issues;" adding that most member nations
were agreed - the U S import surcharge "should
be removed as quickly as possible."

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But how to accomplish that - still the
question - he admitted. Accordingly, the I M F
~~assigning~~ ^{asking} its twenty member executive board - to
study "all aspects of the international monetary
system;" and report back - without delay."

INDO CHINA

In Southeast Asia - a continuation of heavy fighting along the Cambodia South Vietnamese border; with enemy troops surrounding a U S artillery support base.

South Vietnam's General Nguyen Xuan Tinh - claims a string of victories elsewhere. He says: "I think we've broken the back of the Communist offensive."

SAIGON FOLLOW INDO CHINA

This on the final day of campaigning marked by additional anti-Thieu demonstrations - in Saigon and Hue. In one of these little children, no more than six, were hurling fire bombs at riot police.

There's a rumor that Thieu is planning to round up his political opponents - and hold them "for four or five days;" to help "cool it" off - pending the outcome of the Presidential balloting. At last report, though - it was still just a rumor.

PARIS

President Pompidou of France today had a luncheon in honor of visiting Red Chinese officials. His toast included a call for unilateral U S withdrawal from Vietnam. Said Pompidou: "While we are convinced that President Nixon is determined to withdraw American troops - we regret that South Vietnam cannot express itself rightly through truly free elections; and we deplore the resumption - of even limited bombings of North Vietnam."

Next up - Red China's Pai Hsiang-Kuo; who offered a toast of his own - deploring so-called "big power" oppression. But unlike Pompidou - he named no names - and said nothing really critical of the U.S. Quite a switch!

BELFAST

At Belfast another British soldier was killed today by sniper fire. The twenty third - since the first of the year.

British Defense Secretary Lord Carrington - also authorizing an increase in the Ulster defense regiment reserve force; from its present six thousand men up to ten thousand.

VATICAN

The news media of the world - press, radio and TV - again the target of bitter criticism today - at that world synod of bishops at the Vatican. Cardinal Hennen of Britain - charging the media with having "a fascination for sex in every form;" and this including especially - said he - a fascination for priests who run away to marry. Cardinal Wyszynskiof of Poland - urging his colleagues to stop granting interviews; charging that the media are only spreading, in his own words - "error and confusion."

MADRID

By order of Generalissimo Franco of Spain - a general amnesty today; freeing - or greatly reducing the sentences of - more than nine thousand inmates of Spanish prisons; including - twenty-two Americans; also four hundred political prisoners released outright. All by way of celebrating - the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Generalissimo's rise to power.

Meanwhile, a steady stream of special planes, trains and busses were pouring into Madrid. Bringing more than a million people - to a giant rally outside the Spanish royal Palace. There, from a palace balcony - the seventy-eight year-old Franco told his countrymen: "Once again I want to assure you that as long as God gives me life and clarity of judgement - I will continue to hold the helm of State." A statement - received, no doubt, with mixed emotions.

PARIS-PARKING METERS

Overseas again - Paris - a report today that parking meters have just been installed - on all the main streets of - ze boulevards - the French capital. This a Paris first - over the bitter objections of the French automobile association. And the result we are told - all Paris is burning - Warren - Parking meters on the Champs Ellessay!! Sacre bleu! Or what would you say?

DISNEY WORLD

Down Florida way - near Orlando - the grand opening of Walt Disney World; bringing with it - an influx of tens of thousands of visitors; and mammoth traffic jams. But one and all - reporting the wait was well worth it.

Mr. and Mrs. William Windsor and their two small children of nearby Lakeland, Florida waited all night in a small car - to make sure they'd be first in line. They, getting V I P treatment - and a Disney ~~world~~ lifetime pass. And so long until Monday.