

Tuesday, April 10, 1973  
Salt Lake City, Utah

## WEATHER

*One of the worst spring snow storms in mid-western history has left at least thirty known dead - as residents began shoveling out from towering snow drifts stretching from Missouri to the upper Great Lakes Region. Even as the storm abates in the mid-west, a new storm is moving into the northeastern states - with lots of snow predicted for upper New England and on south to West Virginia. As for the Mississippi with seventeen million acres in seven states already under water - the river is building towards it's highest crest in thirty years, that is in the Mississippi Delta*

## CRASH

*In Switzerland, a British chartered airliner crashed on a lower Alp near Bale Basel - killing at least one hundred and four of those on board - many were young mothers enroute to a Swiss Fair. Forty-one others were injured. The plane crashed while attempting an instrument landing in a blinding snow storm and fog, because of weather conditions rescue operations and medical care were delayed for more than two hours.*

## TRADE

*In a lengthy message to Congress, President Nixon asked the lawmakers to give him an unprecedented free hand in working out trade agreements - including more trade exchanges with Communist nations - particularly China and Russia - and the right to retaliate against those countries which discriminate against our exports. The measure sent to Capitol Hill - if passed by Congress - would give him broad, flexible authority to raise or lower tariffs and quotas - powers which, up to now at least, Congress has jealously guarded for itself. In making his request, the President promised that its approval would result in "expanding trade and expanding prosperity for this country and its trading partners." In asking for favorable ~~conditions~~<sup>trade</sup> conditions with Russia, the President said they should not be linked with a more liberalized emigration policy for Jewish citizens in the Soviet Union - as some members of Congress are demanding.*

## VETO

The House today upheld President Nixon's recent veto of a ~~water~~ water and ~~sewer~~ sewer program - giving the White House its second major victory in a week in the current battle with Congress over Federal spending. Only last Tuesday the Senate upheld the President's veto of a multi-Billion-dollar vocational rehabilitation program.

In another action today, the House Education and Labor Committee approved a four-Billion-dollar extension for a public jobs measure which the President <sup>also</sup> has vowed to veto if it passes Congress.

## WAGES

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**The Nixon Administration wants to raise to present  
one-dollar-and-sixty-cents per hour minimum wage to  
two-dollars-and-thirty-cents - a goal to be reached over a  
period of three years. Labor Secretary Peter Brennan,  
speaking for the White House, made the proposal before a  
House Labor subcommittee.**

## ASIA

*With fuel and water supplies running low and the prospect of renewed communist attacks later this week, several foreign embassys in the beseiged Cambodia Capitol of Phnom Penh are planning evacuation of dependents wives and children and staff officials. The British, Japanese and Israeli Embassys have already issued such orders with the French and Russians expected to follow suit. Latest reports place communist forward units less than fifteen miles from the city. However, one blockaded highway was re-opened today with the aid of U. S. bombers.*

*In South Vietnam - only fifty miles north of Saigon - communist guns kept up their pressure on a government ranger camp now surrounded for more than a month.*

*And in the West German Capitol of Bonn, South <sup>Vietnamese</sup> ~~President~~ Thieu's stopover visit touched off a battle between police and several thousand left wingers who stormed city hall. Fourteen police injured in the violence.*

## **MIDEAST**

*Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir addressed the Israeli Parliament in Jerusalem - calling the just completed Israeli Commando strike into the heart of Beirut "a very marvelous" achievement. "Shining pages will be written about this" she said - in referring to the dark of night raid into the Lebanese Capitol during which three top Palestinian guerrilla leaders were slain. Meanwhile, in Damascus, the guerrilla leadership charged the attack was planned and carried out by "American Intelligence Agents in Beirut" - a charge vigorously denied by the U.S. Embassy.*

Excerpt from Lowell Thomas Broadcast

Astor - Sykes, I

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How many Americans will remember the name Sir Mark Sykes? I wonder. He was an able British diplomat once well known because of the Sykes-Picot Treaty which had much to do with post-World War One events in the Near East. Perhaps you are more familiar with the name of his son - Christopher Sykes, a distinguished British author.

And of course there's magic in the name Astor. The vast Astor fortune as you know originated with the fur trade in the Pacific Northwest in the days when our forefathers were opening up the Western half of the continent. One present day monument to the Astor family is New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel which may still rate as the world's number one caravanserai.

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But, many many Americans, perhaps most of them, will associate the name with one of the most colorful Americans who ever lived. One of the most unusual and interesting women of our era or any era, the "Gibson Girl" from Virginia who married an Astor, and some years later was the first woman member of the Mother of Parliaments. Christopher Sykes has written a biography telling the fascinating, often humorous, and



**dramatic story of Nancy Astor. It's one of the important books of the year. The fascinating, electric, explosive, witty Lady Astor!**

## PICASSO

*Pablo Picasso was laid to rest today in a medieval Sixteenth Century chapel crypt in the snow-covered French Chateau of Vauvenargues, - a chateau haunted and "full of old mysteries." Picasso bought the chateau (for one hundred twenty thousand dollars) some fifteen years ago - and visited it only once or twice. But, true to his non-conforming life, asked to be buried there. There was no religious funeral. Picasso was an avowed communist so not even the village priest was invited. Only his forty-six year old widow Jacqueline - his son, Paolo - and a few relatives from Spain were present when Picasso's body was placed in the stone crypt.*

## MEAT

*Business was brisk today at Carlson's Meat Market in Westbrook, Connecticut, where - as we said last evening - plans were set to legally sell horse meat for human consumption. "It's been unreal," says store owner Ken Carlson. "We've more business than we can handle." Meat hungry housewives and others thronged to his store, which advertised such items as "top equine sirloin" at eighty five cents a pound. The price of horse meat, it seems comes to about half that for beef, veal or pork. Remember - remember when they used to call them hamburgers? Do they now call them horse burgers.*

## TRAVELER

*Around the world traveler Harry Cooper of Chicago paused in London today just long enough to dash off a couple of "wish you were here" cards to President Nixon and Vice President Agnew - then boarded an airliner for Moscow. He's trying to circle the globe on airliners in thirty seven hours and four minutes - which would beat the current record by more than four hours. Cooper - who's President of The National Greeting Card Association - says he'll send more cards from Moscow. Why? His round-the-world jaunt is to commemorate the hundreth anniversary of greeting cards in America. Whether he's financed by the Hall people I don't know. But they should be involved.*