

Friday, August 30, 1974
Colorado Springs, Colorado

COLUMBUS

President Ford at Ohio State made his first public appearance outside Washington - since taking over. In a commencement address he pointed to the motivation of Chinese youth as an example and a challenge to American youth; also, calling for a new partnership between labor and education to make American schools more practical and industry more productive.

But more important perhaps - the warmth of his reception and the way he responded. The President noting how he had become the nation's "first instant vice president" and then suddenly the "first instant President." Adding: "The United States Marine Corps Band is so confused - they don't know whether to play 'Hail to the Chief' or 'You've Come a Long Way Baby!'"

WHITE HOUSE

Earlier, in Washington - the President facing a newly passed four and a half million dollar Public Works Appropriation bill called it troublesome in view of his intentions to cut Federal spending. Signing it he said he hoped Congress will agree to defer spending at least some of this money to avoid fanning inflation.

SEATTLE

Admiral Hyman G. Rickover, "father of the atomic submarine" - age seventy four today. We celebrated in a Seattle with a speech - bitterly condemning the present state of the U. S. Navy. "In my opinion" - said Admiral Rickover - "there has been no period in the past fifty years where the fleet has been in as poor condition as it is today." One of the main reasons, said he - the growth of a "new bureaucracy" of Pentagon Admirals; a group of men "who believe technical training is not essential - that they can rely on management techniques to make decisions." An extreme case - said he - that of a line admiral who issued a directive stating: "There will be no more rust."

YUCCA FLATS

The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission today triggered another underground nuclear device - at its Yucca Flats, Nevada, test sight. The resulting blast, as usual, felt as a slight tremor - in the high-rise gambling casinos in Las Vegas, eighty miles away.

BUCHAREST

The World Population Conference at Bucharest today approved what is called a world plan of action, calling for -

one: a reduction in birth rates in developing countries -

by nineteen-eighty-five; two: family planning advice and

services for all who want them; three: greater assistance

from industrial nations for developing states; and four:

measures to upgrade the status of women.

SAXBE

Attorney General Saxbe sent identical telegrams today - to the governors of thirteen states; telling them their state lotteries may constitute illegal gambling. Saxbe also "inviting" the governors to come to Washington next Friday - to discuss the matter.

TOKYO

The death toll in the latest Tokyo bomb blast - is now set at seven - possibly more - with another three hundred injured, in serious condition. The bombing ripping through the headquarters of Japan's giant Mitsubishi Company. Police saying it was set off either by left wing extremists - or possibly a maniac.

MOSCOW

Remember Simas Kudirka, the Lithuanian seaman who sought asylum aboard a U.S. Coast Guard cutter - four years ago. Anyway, Seaman Kudirka we hear was released this week from a Soviet prison. As the son of a U.S. citizen - a fact confirmed last May - presumably eligible now for immigration to the U.S. - well, maybe.

CLEVELAND

The president of the New York Yankees, Cleveland industrialist George Steinbrenner - pleaded guilty today to a charge - involving illegal campaign contributions. He could have gotten six years, but was fined instead fifteen thousand.

HEMET

California's worst forest fire of the year - spread today to two new locations said to be nearly inaccessible, - the Black Mountain area - near Hemet, California. A spokesman for the U.S. Forest Service - predicting the fire will be contained - by late today.

SENIORS GOLF

As for the world's championship Seniors golf out here in Colorado at the Broadmore, the tournament in which Two-Hundred-Fifty men from Twenty-Seven countries took part, there was an all-American finish today. The winner a sixty-one year old long hitter from Glendale, California - Larry Pendleton. Defeating sixty-two year old "Red" Nelson - from Denver. Four up three to go.

ATLANTA

The Miss National Teenager Pageant - is now in progress in Atlanta, from whence a report today - on the teenagers' choice - as "greatest living American."

Number One - Comedianne Bob Hope - Number Two - a dead heat between Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and evangelist Billy Graham. Amen.

And now this message...

THRONTON, COLORADO

From Thornton, Colorado - the story of burglars who bit off more than they could chew. The perpetrators swiping a TV set - from the home of Mrs. Linda Miller, loading it in their van and then racing off, when Mrs. Miller returned home unexpectedly. Quickly alerting a neighbor she took off in hot pursuit. She caught up and forced the van to pull over to the side of the road. When the burglars gave her back the TV set she managed to delay them long enough for the police to arrive.

Said Mrs. Linda Miller "Anyone who deprives a woman of her soap operas is asking for trouble."

And this is Lowell Thomas for CBS News, saying so long until Monday.