

WHITE HOUSE

Fri. Apr. 19 - '74,

At the White House - a flourish of trumpets today; marking the arrival of Ashraf Ghorbal - Egypt's first Ambassador to the U.S. ~~and~~ since Nineteen-Sixty-Seven; ~~and~~ This is the start of an elaborate ceremony - in place of the usual perfunctory presentation of diplomatic credentials.

Ambassador Ghorbal getting a personal escort into the White House Oval Office - where he was warmly greeted by President Nixon. The President saying: "This is a day I have looked forward to - since the day I came into office." Adding that "together" the U.S. and Egypt "have worked out problems" - and together "we can move forward."

Ghorbal, in turn, praising the President - for having "done tremendously" well in easing Mideast tensions. Also calling today's ceremony - "the beginning of a continuing process" toward peace. Adding that he hoped the President would visit Egypt - "very soon."

MIDDLE EAST

In the Middle East - Israel and Syria fought a full-scale air battle today over the Golan Heights.

Damascus later claiming to have shot down - seventeen

Israeli aircraft. The Israelis claiming it was only two -

both of which were said to have been quickly avenged. Moshe

Dayan adding: "The war" with the Syrians "is not over" -

and could be resumed at any time ^{as he put it} "in its fullest scale."

MOSCOW

Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts - a guest speaker today at the Soviet Institute of U.S. Studies in Moscow, ^{was} urging the Soviet Union to abandon its official policy of strict secrecy - with regard to the building and testing of new missiles. Adding that "secrecy on intentions and doctrines in nuclear arms - can only cause difficulties - and dangers - for everyone."

~~Senator Kennedy also urging the U.S. and Russia to ban all nuclear tests, and then to try and bring France and China - into nuclear arms talks.~~

~~Reverse side -~~ ^{The} Kremlin ^{adviser} Georgy Arbatov, ~~who~~ said he agreed "in principle" - with much of what the Senator had said, ^{but} ~~he~~ stressed, ~~however,~~ that the U.S., too - must "give some explanation of its intentions." Adding that, indeed, U.S. officials themselves - have sometimes promoted deliberate misconceptions about Soviet policy.

PARIS

~~In France~~ Today ^{was} the official start of the French Presidential campaign. The three major candidates ~~were~~ touring the provinces. Each attempting to demonstrate how he alone ~~is~~ is best equipped to succeed the late President Pompidou.

Meanwhile ~~Each~~ in Paris ~~thought~~ the candidates were all condemned today by the French Women's Liberation movement; for allegedly helping ~~to~~ perpetuate ^a ~~the~~ "patriarchal system based on the oppression of women." The French Women's Libbers also urging a nationwide strike of women - for June Ninth; to help bring an end to "women doing free housework ^{— doing it} alone - bringing up ~~their~~ children, alone - and receiving education that prepares them only for feminine skills."

STATUE OF LIBERTY

It has happened again.

A band of ^{*some*} ~~about~~ twelve persons calling themselves
the Attica Brigade--~~today~~ seized the Statue of Liberty
in New York Harbor. ^{*This*} ~~is called~~ they said--a protest
against President Nixon and the American rich.

SAN JOSE

Here at home again - at San Jose - Governor Reagan of California was stumping today for his own brand of election reform. The Governor claiming that the Watergate case has spawned an "ugly growth" of cynicism - that must be removed by surgery. Therefore, urging a virtual ban on political activity by ^{both} business and labor - a prohibition on campaign donations by lobbyists - and an end to what he called "on-the-job" political activity by public employes.

About four months ago, you may recall - a mass escape from a Brazilian prison at Rio De Janeiro; with twenty-seven prisoners - fleeing into the night. And now - it's happened again. Some forty prisoners escaping early today - from the same prison. Apparently with the help - of so-called "outside elements."

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~~Eight~~ of the latest escapees - quickly recaptured.*

The rest being hunted down - by a search force made up of more than fourteen hundred policemen.

McGEE MEMORIAL

There was an impressive memorial service here in New York today, for Frank McGee. Eighteen years with NBC as a news man, and in recent years the key personality on the morning "Today" show, he was known and much admired by millions of his fellow countrymen. The tributes paid to him at this service were impressive - indeed deeply moving.

His son Michael, a young man in his twenties, the final speaker, said he knew his father was a truly great man. Then he added two sentences I'll never forget. Said the young man: "I didn't know my father. He was too busy."

I wonder if this isn't a poignant commentary on the pace of life for most of us? "I didn't know my father. He was too busy." At any rate it's good to know, Bill that he knew what so many of us knew that Frank McGee was a most impressive American.

ELMIRA

America's oldest working policeman - Lieutenant John Devlin of Elmira, New York who was first appointed as a "flat foot" back in Nineteen-Ten. Throughout the years - spurning desk jobs and cars in favor of foot patrol. Still quite a physical specimen, at age seventy-five he tackled and subdued a would-be troublemaker. Vowing he would never retire.

At age eighty-nine - a policeman for sixty-four years - Lieutenant John Devlin now turns in his shield, saying: "I've put in a lot of years of service, now I guess I'll relax! " And so long until Monday.