

Tuesday, April 24, 1973

KEY BISCAYNE

After a long solitary weekend at Key Biscayne, President Nixon was heading back into the storm today - heading back to Washington - there to face the burgeoning Watergate scandal. Aides to the President - saying he was most anxious to confront the situation. Adding that he may act within the next few days on the results of his own investigation.

Earlier the White House denying emphatically that the President had ever offered executive clemency to convicted Watergate participant - James McCord. Deputy Press Secretary Gerald Warren saying: "There was absolutely no discussion with the President on this matter - nor was there any offer from the President.

The White House also confirmed today - that the President made personal phone calls over the Easter holidays to some of his key aides; those whose names have

cropped up in recent days in connection with the Watergate investigation; among them John Dean-the-Third - H.R. Haldeman and John Erlichman. The White House further stressing: "There has been no change in the status of any staff member."

MITCHELL FOLLOW KEY BISCAVNE

Meanwhile, former Attorney John Mitchell - was testifying before a federal grand jury in New York. This in connection with a secret contribution to the President's re-election campaign in the amount of two hundred thousand dollars. Mitchell later ~~admitted~~ telling newsmen: "I answered all questions fully, freely and frankly."

STATE

From Hanoi - a charge last week that the U S was violating the Vietnam cease fire agreement - ~~was~~ doing so by sending reconnaissance planes over the Communist North. Now - an official response.

The U S State Department calling Hanoi's charge -- ~~utterly~~ "utterly groundless." Adding that "indeed, North Vietnam itself -- is guilty of "direct and inexcusable violations" of the cease fire. This by sending vast quantities of men and materiel/into South Vietnam - while at the same time - conducting a campaign of terror-[^] assassination and political obstruction.

The State Department adding that the U S has decided - therefore - "to suspend its mine clearance operations". Further noting that a ~~has~~ breach of an international agreement by one party - entitles the other party to suspend the agreement in whole or in part."

SAIGON

In spite of this - or perhaps because of it - a three month old deadlock was broken today in Saigon. The North and South Vietnamese - finally agreeing to exchange nearly fourteen hundred civilian prisoners ~~to~~^{do} so ~~^~~ just ahead of the deadline set by the Paris peace treaty.

SUPREME COURT

From the U S Supreme Court - another
This one
five to four ruling today; the latest in a series of
verdicts ~~it~~ redefining the rights of the criminally
accused. The high court asserting that a defendant
may not claim entrapment ~~it~~ even if an enforcement
agent provides the means for carrying out his offense.
Associate Justice William Rehnquist -- who wrote
the majority opinion observing "there are circumstances
when the use of ~~honest~~ defeat is the only practical law
enforcement technique available."

DETROIT

In the nationwide battle against drug abuse - for once, some good news; ^{This} ~~coming~~ today in a Detroit speech # by the President's top advisor# on drug abuse. Doctor Jerome Jaffe citing figures showing that the majority of addicts now entering treatment - were actually hooked prior to nineteen sixty-nine; which indicates ~~we~~ said he - that ~~it~~ fewer people have become addicted in the past four years.

Dr. Jaffe going on to say: "With an estimated two hundred thousand addicts getting some treatment each year - even a modest recovery rate of ten percent could eventually put us in a position -- where more heroin addicts leave the pool each year than enter it. And he added: "At that point - we will have reversed a ten year pattern."

WASHINGTON

At Washington - the one-hundred and tenth annual meeting of the National Academy of Sciences. Dr. Albert Sabin whose oral vaccine they hope will help toward the solving of cancer was again the center of attention. Dr. Sabin reporting the discovery of new evidence - linking the viruses that cause cold sores and fever blisters with at least nine types of cancer in humans - these - said he - including cancers of the lips, mouth, oropharynx, nasopharynx, kidney, bladder, prostate, uterus, cervix and vulva.

FORT HOOD

At Fort Hood, Texas two army helicopters collided and crashed today during war games. The mishaps leaving seven dead - and six injured. This on the first day - of operation Gallant Hand-Seventy-Three; an exercise in the reinforcement of overseas troops - by Army and Air Force units based here in the Continental U.S.A.

BELFAST

In Northern Ireland this to many was hopefully to be a gala occasion marking the two-hundred-and-eighty-second anniversary - of The Battle of The Boyne, when the Protestants got the better of the Catholics.

As usual there was a big parade of Protestant Orange men. By the many thousands they marched through the streets of Belfast, all wearing their orange sashes. The parade ending up with a seaside outing at Bangor, some ~~ten~~ miles east of Belfast. Police at first reported all quiet, no incidents. But later there was a Donneybrook and forty rioters were jailed.

PALM DESERT

At Palm Desert California - the death of a well known political figure - the fabled George Allen - once a confidante of Harry Truman and later of General Eisenhower. His memoirs published just a few years ago were entitled: "Presidents ~~Who~~ ~~Have~~ Known Me!" Jovial George Allen, age seventy-six.

SUMNER

In a rural school house near Sumner, Mississippi -- a special tornado drill was given today but just a little too soon. While the students and ~~as~~ teachers were getting settled again in their classrooms -- a sudden tornado ripped through the school grounds; tearing off the roof of the school gym and knocking down an outside wall. A later report indicating ^{at least} ~~some~~ thirty ~~ja~~ injured. -- ~~but luckily -- apparently none too~~ seriously.

PARIS

Due mainly to the U.S. - to you and you and you - the worldwide demand for champagne has doubled over the past ten years. At a press conference today in Paris, a spokesman for French champagne saying: "There is a shortage! The land for them is limited in France - we can't fill all our orders." So, what are they doing? They are buying land in California's Napa Valley - where they now intend to produce a new sparkling wine.

This to mark the first time for the French Champagne people to set up shop here in the U.S. on the theory - I guess that if the mountain won't come to Mohamet, then Mohamet must come to the mountain."

ENERGY

With an energy crisis in the offing this next is worthy of special note. We hear that oil shale in the western U.S., mostly in Colorado, may hold up to forty gallons of petroleum per ton of rock; enough to multiply many times over our present known reserves. The only problem - as I have mentioned in previous broadcasts - how to get it out; economically - and without ruining thousands of square miles of land.

Speaking of energy, our friends at the National Geographic tell us how walking at four miles an hour - consumes about one tenth of a horse power of energy while bicycling two-and-a-half times as fast - uses up only half again as much energy. The bicycle adjudged "the most efficient means of human transportation." So Bill, climb down off your high horse, get on your bicycle and give us your message.

ROCHESTER

From Rochester, New York - the story of a young girl of Polish descent. A Miss Mary Martin - filing a legal writ with a local court, saying she had "developed a strong feeling of pride in the land of her parent origin. Adding: "I would like to carry the name that my father was known by in the native land. Motion quickly granted.

Miss Mary Martin - becoming, henceforth, Miss Mary Strzyzewski; spelled out - STRZYZEWSKI. For her a proud Polish name. So here's to Mary Strzyzewski and so long until tomorrow.