

Mon, Feb. 18-74.

HUNTSVILLE

~~For~~ President Nixon--~~en route home from Key~~
~~Biscayne--a brief stop~~^{off} today at Huntsville, Alabama,
where he joined a crowd of ~~about~~ ^{some} 40 ~~thousand~~[—]--in
celebrating "Honor America Day."

The President met by Governor Wallage of Alabama--
who promptly assured him: "You're among friends here."
And so it was. The President and Governor Wallace--
sharing the podium with Republican Governor Dunn of
Tennessee and Democratic Governor Waller of Mississippi.
Many in the crowd ^{were carrying} ~~bearing~~ signs such as "We Love Nixon."

In a speech that followed--the President ^{said} ~~saying~~ it
was a relief to get away from Washington. "In the
nation's capital"--said he--"you hear more than any place
in the world--that America is sick." But "here in the
heart of Dixie"--he continued--"we find that the heart
of America is good--the character of the nation is
strong--and we're going to continue to be a great
nation." Whereupon he was all but mobbed--by a throng
of cheering ^{supporters.} ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

WASHINGTON FOLLOW GASOLINE

~~Meanwhile,~~ In Washington--Secretary of State
Kissinger ^{met today} ~~was meeting~~ with two Arab foreign ministers.
Ismail Fahmy of Egypt and Omar Sakkaf of Saudi Arabia ^{were} ~~the~~
^{the} ~~bearing~~ ^{ers of} a message from ~~that~~ ^{the} Arab summit last week in
Algiers; a message--apparently dealing with the Arab
oil embargo against the U.S. ~~But~~ ^{so far} The contents ~~not~~
disclosed. ^{two} The ~~Arab~~ diplomats saying they wanted to
meet first--with President Nixon.

Fahmy stressing, however, ^{that} the message from
Algiers ^{does} ~~tells~~ of "a very positive decision;" one
that will be--"good news to the President." Fahmy
adding that "everything--is moving in the right
direction."

NEW DELHI

At New Delhi ^{*there was a*} ~~the~~ formal signing of an agreement between the U.S. and India--wiping out an Indian debt of more than Three Billion. This the sum total of U.S. economic aid to India--over the past two decades. An amount equal in value--to nearly twenty per cent of all Indian currency. Now officially forgiven--in the interest of improving U.S. and Indian relations. *A gift from Uncle Sam to India of over 3 billion dollars!*

LONDON

In Western Europe--the price of gold continues to soar. On the big London bullion market--today hitting a record high of One Hundred and Fifty-Two Bucks an ounce. In Paris--a Hundred and Fifty-Eight an ounce. This partly due to rumors that the ceiling price on gold held by central banks--will soon be lifted.

HILLSBOROUGH

In the ~~Hearst~~ kidnaping case--~~an attempt today to~~
~~meet the ransom demands of the so-called Symbionese~~
~~Liberation Army.~~ Newspaper Publisher Randolph Hearst--
arranging a massive distribution of free food; as a
gesture of goodwill. *This expected to cost about*
~~procedure said to involve substantial amounts of~~
Two Million.
~~money.~~ *But* The fate of young Patty Hearst, *still uncertain,*
~~we'll have to wait and see.~~

GENEVA

At Geneva, Switzerland--U.S. and Soviet negotiators met informally today; ~~thereby setting~~ ^{to set} the stage for a resumption of SALT talks--~~set to begin~~ tomorrow.

America's U. Alexis Johnson saying ~~that~~ both sides will "do the best they can"--to reach a new strategic arms limitation agreement.

MOSCOW FOLLOW GENEVA

At the same time, an announcement today from the Kremlin--telling of plans for three weeks of mid-Pacific missile tests. The Russians said to be testing "multiple and independently-guided nuclear warheads"-- such as we here call MIRVs. ~~If any was needed, still another reason--for speeding up the Geneva talks.~~

LAHORE

From Lahore--a report today that Pakistan has finally agreed to recognize Bangladesh, ^{formerly} ~~which, as you know, was once~~ East Pakistan. The formal announcement-- expected to come "within forty-eight hours;" thus permitting both to attend an Islamic summit conference-- ^{to begin} ~~starting~~ Friday in Lahore.

WEST GERMANY

A new study of cats--is reported today from the Max Planck Institute of Behavioral Physiology in West Germany. Ethologist Paul Leyhausen declaring that cats rather than apes--are the mammals most closely related to men. Dr. Leyhausen observing that: "Man had to hunt, like cats--and built many instincts and habits on hunting--where primates never did."

The doctor's observations--calling to mind an old Chinese legend. It says that cats once ruled the world --but decided one day it wasn't worth the effort; so they turned over the task--to the next highest form of animal life--namely, man. The legend adding ^{— Bill —} that cats--have been retired ever since.

CROTON-ON-HUDSON

From the famed Institute for Motivational Research at Croton-on-Hudson, New York--a report today assessing the mood of the nation. Behaviorist Ernest Dichter saying the current economic squeeze--had apparently led many to "overreact, overcompensate;" to the point where there is suddenly a boom--in the so-called "luxury market."

Ernest Dichter adding that this seems to be especially true--with regard to women. The latter said to feel that in times of stress--diamonds are, indeed,

a girl's best friend--^{along with}~~also~~ rubies, sapphires and pearls,
pearls.

And s-l- ^{tomorrow!} ~~Monday~~

Tuesday, February 19, 1974

WHITE HOUSE

President Nixon had a lengthy session today with the two Arab diplomats, Ismail Fahmy of Egypt, and Omar Sakkaf of Saudi Arabia; they supposedly bearing good news with regard to the oil embargo. But, so far not disclosed.

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