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BOYLE

Former Mine Workers Head Tony Boyle - who a few days ago apparently attempted suicide with an overdose of barbituates - was removed from the critical list at a Washington hospital today. Boyle faces Federal and State charges in the violent deaths of his former rival for union leadership Joseph Yablonski, and wife and daughter - at the Yablonski home some four years ago. Hospital aids say the seventy-one year old Boyle is now receiving threatening telephone calls - and the Justice Department wants the courts to revoke his fifty thousand dollar bail and place him in the custody of U.S. Marshals; do it for Boyle's own safety.

GRAPES

The A F L - C I O says an agreement has been reached that will bring labor peace to the farms and vineyards of Central California - scene of a decade of strife between two unions who sought jurisdiction over harvest workers. Only legal details by the two rival unions - the Teamsters and the United Farm Workers - remain to ^{be cleared up} ~~solidify the agreement~~ [^] say officials. During the long controversy, the farm workers union - headed by Mexican-American Cesar Chavex - received nationwide support from many consumers who boycotted California lettuce and grapes - while the Teamsters received staunch support from the growers. Under the settlement, Chavez' union will have jurisdiction over the field workers - the teamsters over the canning operations.

PRICES

It's possible - but only just possible - that high prices for food are heading for a slow down. The Agriculture Department says the average price of raw farm products dropped by eight percent for the month ending September Fifteenth. This mainly because of declines in the prices for cattle, soy beans and corn. Even so, average farm prices remain at the second highest level in history.

The Cost of Living Council today relaxed its ceiling on retail gasoline prices. The prediction is that gasoline will increase by between one and two and a half cents per gallon at the pump.

PAYROLL

The Senate handed President Nixon a ^{minor} defeat ~~of sorts~~ today by voting to over-ride his recent order ~~which~~ ^{to} delayed for two months a pay raise for more than three million federal employees ~~and~~ and military personnel. ^{So,} ~~Now~~ the four-and-seven-tenths percent pay hike goes into effect October first as originally scheduled.

Vice President Spiro Agnew today asked a Federal judge to bring a halt to a grand jury's investigation of his record in Maryland. Agnew charging that he is the victim of a "deliberate campaign" within the Justice Department which seeks to drive him from the Vice Presidency and assure his conviction.

The Justice Department says Agnew's lawyers are making "patently ridiculous charges." As he faces grand jury action in connection with alleged irregularities in contracts, Agnew's lawyers' contend that "the U. S. Constitution forbids that the Vice President be indicted or tried in any criminal court." After hearing the bid to halt grand jury action, Federal Judge Walter Hoffman announced that the hearing of evidence against the Vice President can continue in Baltimore pending a decision on today's suit.

GROMYKO-BRANDT

Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko was a two hour visitor at the White House today - where President Nixon assured him that Congress will be urged to make trade concessions to Russia - do so # despite the continuing controversy over Soviet restrictions on Jewish Emigration. The President gave these assurances only a day following action by the House Ways and Means Committee which denied trade concessions to any Communist country that restricts emigration of its citizens.

At Aspen, Colorado, West German Chancellor Willy Brandt was receiving an award from the Aspen Institute of Humanistic Studies, where he made an obvious reference to Jewish emigration from Russia. Speaking in the outdoor coolness of the Colorado Rockies, Brandt said the free world nations have a right - and a duty - to speak out against repression wherever it may exist.

BOMBS

Today was a day when bombs were exploding on both sides of the Atlantic. In New York, San Francisco, London, and Rome - with bomb threats also reported in Chicago and over in Dublin. One blast ripped through the ninth floor headquarters of the I T & T's Latin American Department on Madison Avenue in Mid-Town Manhattan. The explosion, early today, injured no one, but was followed by an anonymous phone call warning that the outlawed Weathermen Organization had planted a time bomb in the building. At about the same time, over in Rome - a smaller bomb shattered a window in the I T & T office there.

HOSTAGES

Two armed Palestinian guerrillas today halted a Moscow to Vienna express train in Austria seizing three Russian Jews as hostages - and demanding a plane to fly out of Europe, presumably to the Middle East or North Africa. After taking the three hostages from a train which was carrying Jewish emigres to Israel by way of Vienna, the guerrillas and their captives drove to Vienna in a ~~six-seater~~ station wagon. There at Vienna's airport, they made their demands for a plane - threatening to ~~kill~~ kill themselves and their captives if it was not forthcoming.

DESERT

The Greening of Arabia - does that strike you as being a bit far-fetched? Maybe - but wait.

The United Nations has a plan to change the shifting sands of the world's deserts into farm lands, capable of producing food for a world already in short supply. Leader of this ambitious project is Maurice Strong - the U N's environmental program director - who says that "theoretically, ~~at least~~, almost all the world's desert lands can be reclaimed through modern

~~technology.~~ We have long been hearing of an ocean of water - under the Sahara. So, I wonder if the same is true in Arabia - the Rub al Khali - 'Land of Emptiness' as it has been known for many centuries.

CHAMPION

In Chicago, twenty-four year old Mike Bandini has proclaimed himself the chewing gum champion of the world. Mike - six-foot-one, ~~and~~ two-hundred-eighty-five pounds - called a Chicago news reporter to stake his claim which ~~was~~ was this - two-hundred-seventy-nine sticks of chewing gum - all rolled up into a wad within his mouth - and he has the wrappers ~~and~~ and the ~~big~~ whopping big ~~wad~~ wad of gum to prove it, Mike - a carpenter by trade - did it on a dare while he and his wife were entertaining another couple in their home. After

— if that's proof!
chewing his way to ~~fame~~ fame - Mike now ~~admits~~ admits ~~that~~ that what he really wants to do is play football for the Chicago Bears.

Bill
he *he'll* *all that*
line *he* can't plug with my body, ~~he'll~~ plug with ~~my~~ *all that*

Anyhow they call him the
of gum, " ~~so says newly crowned~~ chewing gum champion --

Mike Bandini's the name.

SEXTUPLETS

In Denver, the five surviving sextuplets
of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stanek are, ^{reported} in good condition
tonight - though it ^{will} be another month or so before
they ~~doctor~~ ^{be allowed to} will ~~let them~~ leave the hospital. Apparently,
the ~~five babies~~ ^{remaining five} four boys and a girl - have ^{won out}
^{over the} lung disease that killed their baby sister. Mean- ^{while}
their father, Eugene, ^{Stanek,} - a Denver accountant, ~~is still~~
adding up the ^{or} weights, ^{finds} ~~with~~ little Catherine heading the
list at three-pounds-nine ounces. *End - 1 - May!*