

WASHINGTON

Mon. Oct. 16th. '72.

For President Nixon - a surprise visit today to a Washington meeting of the families of American P O W's. The President there saying ~~that~~ negotiations aimed at ending the war - have been "very intensive," over the past year. Refusing, however, to give any specifics - on the grounds that it might jeopardize future progress. "I would not want to raise false hopes" - said he.

And then - an indirect swipe at George McGovern's peace plan - the President saying: "We shall under no circumstances abandon our P O W's to the good will of the enemy." And he stressed "when I use the word abandon - I speak quite deliberately in the same vein, the President saying: "It would be the most immoral thing I could think of - to give amnesty to draft dodgers and deserters."

The President further telling the prisoner families: "I know it's been a long long vigil - I know how much you suffer - I know how much your children suffer." Adding, you've never been away from my thoughts - you've never been away from my prayers - there's nothing I want more than to bring your loved ones home."

Finally pledging: "I will never let you down."

The President's remarks - interrupted frequently by loud applause and at the end - a standing ovation.

LOS ANGELES

On the Democratic side - Senator McGovern was campaigning in Los Angeles; there attempting to assure a group of aerospace workers - that they would not lose their jobs under a McGovern Administration.

The Democratic nominee also accusing the Republicans of hiring "at least fifty people - at substantial salaries - to sabotage and corrupt" the Democratic Party.

VIETNAM

In Vietnam - heavy fighting southwest of Hue.


Farther South - government troops - retook the village of

Xuan Loc; thereby reopening - vital Highway One into

Saigon. In the air war - American jets blasting a

Communist airfield - far to the North of Hanoi.

PENTAGON

Here at home - at the Pentagon - General Abrams was sworn in today as the army's twenty-sixth Chief of Staff. Also, receiving the Distinguished Service Medal  for "exceptionally meritorious service" while serving as U S Commander in Vietnam. His first assignment now to return to Vietnam - for an on the spot appraisal of the current situation.

DALLAS

Lord Louis Mountbatten, Earl of Burma, Last Viceroy of India, Admiral of the Fleet, one of the ablest , most adventurous, and glamorous personalities of our time, is on a brief tour of America.

At present he is devoting his talents and enthusiasm to creating a string of international colleges. I heard him tell about this at a banquet in Dallas. He was in Texas as the guest of Ross Perot and his wife - Perot the Electronic Data - computer genius. Yes, the same man who has been heading the one-man project to get our Vietnam prisoners released.

The plan announced by Mountbatten is to establish two year colleges, for boys and girls in their late teens. One is already in existence, in a spectacular castle in Wales. There is another at Singapore. A third is soon to be launched in Vermont; with more to follow in Germany and Italy; also they hope in Asia . The youngsters to attend are from all

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over the world. The idea is to break-down international differences, and hopefully prevent a Third World War.

STATE

*Reaction to Israeli air strikes - against
Palestinian guerrilla bases in Syria and Lebanon. A State
Department spokesman saying: "We intend to speak to the
Israeli government about it;" and after that - to "the
Lebanese."*

JERUSALEM FOLLOW STATE

~~More on the same - from Jerusalem;~~

This while

~~where~~, Israeli premier Golda Meir was calling the

weekend raids ~~~~~ the start of a new policy of

preventive rather than reprisal strikes. ~~This -~~

in a speech to the Israeli parliament, Madame

Meir ~~saying~~ ~~adding that~~ Israel's ultimate goal - is simply

"to stamp out ~~the~~ terrorist organizations," whenever

and wherever possible."

OTTAWA

~~You may not have noticed - what with~~
~~all the rhetoric down here - but~~ ^{Were you aware that} Canada ~~is~~ also is
engaged in a nationwide political campaign? ~~Along~~
~~the way~~ - Prime Minister Trudeau ^{is} lashing out at
so-called "corporate welfare ^{bums.} ~~bums.~~" "Unemployment
insurance bums - and now "medicare ~~bums~~ bums."
The latter - said he - those who "have chosen
to be sports spectators rather than participants -
to drive instead of walk - to use our increasing
leisure time in passive activities - rather than
active ones;" with the result - ^[Pr. Min. Trudeau] ~~said he~~ - that
Canadian health care costs - are as high - or
higher - than in any other western nation. Trudeau
adding: "The implication is obvious. Hard working
Archie Bunker who would never go on welfare but
who wouldn't jog around the block either is a bum
just like the others."

NEW YORK

~~New York city - in the midst of a long~~

~~involved anti-trust case -- a government call today~~

Will there be a
~~for the~~ break-up of ^{I.B.M.?} ~~giant international business~~

~~machines.~~ A government brief saying³ this is

necessary - to dissipate the enormous market power

of the current I B M computer manufacturing

and marketing structure."

Government attorneys adding that, ideally

-- I B M should be split "into several discreet,

separate, independent and competitively balanced

entities;" each -- "capable of competing successfully

in domestic and international markets ⁴ with one

another and with ~~other~~ other domestic and foreign

competitors."

*This is a salute to one of the most
dynamic and prolific newspaper columnists of our
time. I understand Henry J. Taylor has written
one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four columns
for the Scripps-Howard chain of papers. In all that
time he never missed doing a column, and never
failed to meet a deadline. ~~This is indeed a~~*

*What a
~~spectacular~~ record, Bill.*

ASHEVILLE

Let's conclude with a welcome to station

*W K K E - Asheville, North Carolina - today becoming
the newest member of the CBS radio network. Asheville,
North Carolina, one of the beauty spots of the South. Here's
to W K K E, and so long until tomorrow.*