

PEKING

Tues. Oct. 5-'71.

From Washington - from Peking - a joint announcement today that Henry Kissinger - the President's chief foreign policy adviser - will return to the Red Chinese capital later this month. Purpose - as Kissinger himself put it - to "zero in" on a date for the President's projected visit to Red China; or - as the Chinese put it - "to make concrete arrangements" for same.

Kissinger also stressing - on his own - that this has nothing to do with current reports of internal trouble in Red China. "There is nothing unusual or unforeseen - that has produced this announcement" - said he. Adding: "It had always been planned - at the appropriate stage in preparations for the President's visit."

WASHINGTON

Senator Muskie of Maine - one of the many Democratic Presidential hopefuls - under attack today from a black member of the Democratic National Committee. Washington attorney Hobart Taylor - demanding that Muskie "remedy the harm" he did by ruling out the possibility of a black running mate. If not - said Taylor - "I must report that Senator Muskie can look forward to severe and sustained opposition to his nomination - and, if need be, to his election."

On the political front - President Nixon's political opponents pledged today to fight his reelection & before the House Committee on Government Operations - Chair Hubert H. Humphrey - that body's scheduled October 1974 confirmation of the bill. As for President Nixon's health - he was proceeding full speed ahead for his new inaugural year - 1974 - 1975 - that President's health - and -

VIETNAM

In Vietnam - government forces ~~were~~^{are} claiming ~~today~~ their greatest victory ~~of the~~^{of the} year. This - along the southern Cambodian-South Vietnamese border; where the enemy launched a major offensive last week - just prior to the South Vietnamese ~~Presidential~~ election. Saigon troops not only turning back this attack - we are told - but then completely routing the Communists; at last report, having killed more than three hundred and ~~sixty~~^{sixty} enemy troops - and still in hot pursuit of fleeing survivors.

On the political front - President Thieu's political opponents pledged today to fight his reelection ~~4~~ before the ~~South Vietnamese~~ Supreme Court; hoping thus to prevent - that body's scheduled October Twenty-Fifth validation of the balloting. As for President Thieu though - he was proceeding full speed ahead with plans for his new inaugural; ~~amid reports in Saigon that President Nixon might send Vice President Spiro Agnew as his personal representative.~~

DRAFT

Here at home - the U.S. Selective Service System made it official today; confirming previous speculation that lottery number one-twenty-five - would be the tops for draft calls during the remainder of this year. Selective Service Director Curtis Tarr adding, what's more, it could well be as late as March of next year - before the last of ^{affected} ~~the~~ men are actually inducted.

At any rate, South African Premier Vorster - promptly ordering his security forces to hunt down the guerrillas Vorster saying: "If terrorists come onto South African soil and attack South Africans - then South Africa has a right to follow them wherever they go." The Premier adding that he was issuing this statement - as had "friendly countries you may note" for "no country" - will allow "South African commando forces to enter its territory - and shoot its people."

CAPRIVI STRIP

In a piece of land called Caprivi Strip - in a remote corner of South-West Africa, which is governed by the Union of South Africa - an incident today that could well have grave repercussions. Black African guerillas there - planting a series of land mines; which later killed one policeman - and injured four others; by which time - the guerillas had already fled into the bush; taking refuge presumably - in nearby Black-ruled Zambia.

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NEW YORK

Here in New York - Secretary of State ~~William~~

Rogers met today with Jordan's Foreign Minister - Abdullah

Salah; attempting to find a way to implement the ²~~new~~ six-

point U.S. Mideast peace plan ~~mentioned only~~ ^{mentioned} yesterday at

the U.N. At the same time, U.S. Mideast trouble-shooter

Joseph Sisco - who was also in New York - saying the U.S.

is "cautiously optimistic" - about the possibility of arranging

at least an "interim agreement."

TEL AVIV

The view from Israel - a little bit different though. Indeed, Israeli newspapers, without exception - condemning today the new U.S. peace plan; charging that the U.S. - had thereby forfeited its right to act as an honest broker in the Arab-Israeli impasse. And Tel Aviv's influential Yedioth Aharonoth - adding that U.S. and Israeli relations have now reached their "most dangerous state - since the confrontation between Israel and President Eisenhower in ~~1956~~ Nineteen-Fifty-Six."

ALGIERS

A related item - from Algiers; where visiting Soviet Premier Kosygin - conferred today with Algerian President Boumedienne. Observers reporting that Kosygin received - an "exuberant welcome." But he also saw numerous banners strung on public buildings - urging all-out support of the Palestinian guerillas. This in sharp contrast to Kosygin's stated objective - that ~~of achieving~~^{for} a "peaceful accommodation" in the Middle East.

LONDON

For Emperor Hirohito of Japan - a royal welcome in London; topped off by a state dinner tonight - attended by the Royal Family; including ~~even~~ Prince Charles, ~~the~~ heir to the ~~British~~ throne, who was granted special leave from his naval ~~officer~~ training course.

~~But one of those~~ ^{One} who was not there - Earl Mountbatten of Burma - the Supreme Allied Commander in Southeast Asia during World War Two - the man who accepted Japan's surrender at Singapore - the only Allied commander who kept the sword of a surrendering Japanese leader. Montbatten's staff explaining that he had made "prior engagements" that would keep him out of London all three days of Hirohito's visit - and beyond.

BOSTON

From a Federal judge in Boston - an order today, in effect, abolishing the traditional "death row" in Massachusetts' Walpole Prison. Judge Francis Ford Junior ruling that condemned prisoners may not be kept in segregated quarters - or denied normal visitation rights - except for a maximum period of ten days; as compared with some who stayed on "death row" in the past - up to ten years; this the result, of course - ^Vexhaustive appeals. In any event, observers noting that Massachusetts hasn't executed any prisoner - since Nindeen-Forty-Seven.

BERKELEY

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This next - from Berkeley, California; telling of the founding of a new "women's history research center" - by a young women's lib leader who calls herself Laura X. Why "X"? Because - says Laura - "our maiden names are not ours - they are our fathers'."

Anyway, Laura's new research center - in effect, a fledgling library; already containing hundreds of books - as well as voluminous clippings from newspapers, magazines, newsletters and so on; all by - and/or about - women.

~~Needs to the ladies,~~ what would we do without them?
In the words of at least one male chauvinist ~~Evans~~
Bill, let's join the ladies!
~~His history center~~ turning this story into her story!!

NICE

At Nice, France - a verdict of guilty today in the case of Mohamed Libdiri - accused of killing a Nice taxicab driver; Whereupon he was promptly sentenced - to death by the guillotine; ~~and~~ a crowd of ~~additional~~ cab drivers jammed into the courtroom - bursting into applause. Mohamed Libdiri - the first man sentenced to the guillotine since Nineteen-Sixty-Seven. "Law and order," ~~in the~~ French-style ~~off with their heads.~~ "off with their heads." *Ande l-4-t-m.*