

Wednesday, April 10, 1974
DENVER

THE UNITED NATIONS

At the United Nations today President Boumedienne of Algeria - who asked for this special session - urged the developing nations to emulate the recent actions of oil producing countries by nationalizing their natural resources - and then raising prices to industrialized countries; and thereby help pay - for their own industrial development.

Boumedienne says "this has already begun in Africa, Asia, and Latin America; with such raw materials as copper, iron ore, bauxite, rubber, coffee, cocoa, peanuts" and so on. There go our peanuts right thru the roof!

SIMON

From Energy Czar William Simon came an assurance today that our gasoline supply is now "near normal." Also "encouraging us to take a normal summer vacation; not postpone going to New England, down to Florida or out here to the Rockies where I am.

Wherever you go you'll be able to fill'er up. Only - don't overdo it!

TEL AVIV

In the Middle East - Israel's Golda Meir calls it quits. The seventy-five year old lady Premier plans to resign, tomorrow; an action coming in the midst of a Cabinet squabble - precipitated by Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan.

Madam Meir however says her decision is hers and hers alone "I have reached the end of the road. I can go on no longer" - said she. Adding: "This has nothing to do with Moshe Dayan - only with myself."

BAD AXE

President Nixon - back on the campaign trail. The President today stumping through upper Michigan - in behalf of Republican Congressional Candidate James Sparling Jr.; jaunty and smiling with voters responding the same way.

At Saginaw there was an airport welcoming crowd of some five thousand. A few boos - but mostly cheers. The President there blaming a "bottle neck in Congress" - for holding up vital economic legislation; noting that seventeen such measures he has introduced - are still pending in committee.

The President then taking a helicopter to nearby Bad Axe; where he joined a motorcade wending its way through a string of small towns. The crowds turning out in droves - applauding and cheering wherever he went. The President's first campaign swing since Nineteen-seventy-two evidently a smashing success.

NEW YORK

Former Attorney General John Mitchell testified in his own behalf today - at his conspiracy trial in New York City. Mitchell denying that he ever did anything - to impede a Federal investigation of fugitive financier Robert Vesco.

VATICAN

At the Vatican the Pope today canceled two of his Holy Week engagements. He is said to have been left in a weakened condition - taking flu antibiotics.

However today the Pope proceeded with his regular weekly general audience; also praying for peace in the Middle East, Viet Nam and Northern Ireland.

TOKYO

Private railway workers in Japan today joined their colleagues in the national rail system - in a nationwide rail strike; plunging Japan into its worst transportation crisis - in peace time history. All this on the eve of a general strike which may idle about six million workers throughout Japan.

DERRYLIN

A band of IRA gunmen today invaded a primary school - at Derrylin Northern Ireland, near the Irish border. The principal - a chap by the name of George Saunderson, a retired military officer taken into the school kitchen and shot. Victim number nine hundred and ninety-two - in the four and a half years of continuing strife.

CHARLOTTE AMALIE

In the Virgin Islands - two more racial murders this week; now leading to the passage of a new law in the Territorial Legislature at Charlotte Amalie. Penalty for first degree murder, henceforth - mandatory life imprisonment, without parol; where before - there was a minimum sentence of twenty-five years.

WASHINGTON

California's Lieutenant Governor Ed Reinecke was arraigned today in Washington - on three counts of lying to a Senate Committee. Pleading - "absolutely not guilty." He requested a speedy trial - if possible prior to the June Fourth date of the primary in California, in which Reinecke is one of the leading Republican contenders - to succeed Governor Ronald Reagan. With Reagan vacationing in Arizona, the President Pro Tem of the State Senate, Democrat James Mills - is acting Governor. But even he is not in Sacramento. He's the leader of a bicycle caravan currently now en route from Sacramento to San Diego. Purpose of this to call attention - to the need for more mass transit and pollution control. So the seat of government of the nation's most populous state tonight is - a bicycle seat, Bill.

WEATHER

The calendar says it's spring - and Easter is just around the corner - but as often happens ole man winter just keeps "hangin' in there." In the northeast - an overnight storm with brought snow up to eighteen with all roads leading to Stowe, White Face, Wild Cat, while record lows; eighteen at Youngstown, Ohio, twenty-one at Pittsburgh - and thirty-four at Tallahassee.

Out here in the Rockies and Wasatch up to two feet of new powder, with all roads leading to Vail, Aspen, Park City, ^{Alta} Snowbird and other ski resorts - with ~~the~~ this storm also heading east.